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A RESEARCH INTO RHYTHM

RESearch is often a very rewarding occupation, and usually an amusing and instructive pastime. From the latter point of view, I have recently re-read last year's 'Ringing Worlds' on every matter connected, immediately or remotely, with Rhythm and its interpretation. Before discussing my findings, it would be advantageous to quote Chambers' Dictionary: 'Rhythm.—Regular recurrence, especially of stresses or of long and short sounds: a pattern of recurrence.'

The first significant contribution was from Mr. Desmond Painter, who said: 'In ringing, however, the rhythmical effect is to emphasise the bells striking in the odd places at the expense of those striking in the even places (except for the 678's and 748's . . .).' The following week he said: ' . . . there is no possibility of varying the dynamics or the tone-colour of bell music, and, *pace* John Morris, almost no possibility of rhythmic variation. . . .'

Mrs. H. Y. Price then wrote a letter disagreeing with Mr. Painter's 'emphasis in the odd places,' and suggested that emphasis usually falls on bells striking in the even places, as, for example, in the nursery rhyme 'Upon Paul's steeple stands a tree'—1/2345/6781/3572/468. So up to this point, two opposing views have been given.

A third opinion was expressed a fortnight later by Mr. Harold Chant, who said: 'I should have thought that, owing to the predominance and regular spacing (in rounds on six) of the tonic triad (2nd, 4th and tenor), the accent would have tended to fall on the second of each pair, the whole 12 blows being equivalent to a musical phrase that really begins with an anacrusis. A mental rhythm begun in rounds would, I imagine, tend to continue during the changes. Of course this grouping is only, after all, a mental process, and it is interesting to note that while Mr. Painter prefers the grouping strong, weak, strong, weak, strong, strong, many will think of the accent as being on the second of the pair, and some no doubt think of the 12 blows as being continuous with possibly a final accent made prominent by the pause.'

I must record at this point that an excellent article on 'Teaching Rhythm' was contributed recently by W. F. M., but it contained nothing controversial.

Which of these views is correct, if any? I believe that all three writers have hit a half-truth.

Referring again to the definition, it is obvious that, as far as bells are concerned mechanically, rhythm is 'regular recurrence: a pattern of recurrence,' and therefore that any stress is imagined. My suggestion is that patterns of recurrence are produced in three ways, viz.:—

- (1) By good, even striking.
- (2) By the audible coursing pattern of the heavy bells which recurs in succeeding changes.
- (3) By the open lead.

Points (1) and (2) obviously conform to the definition and need no elaboration, whereas point (3) is of particular interest. In the first place, it is dependent on even striking (point 1) in order to produce its effect. Secondly, it occurs only once every two changes. Thirdly, its duration is *exactly* that which would accommodate one extra bell at the same spacing as the others. Thus, on eight bells, we can represent sounds as—

1234567812345678 (P) 1234567812345678 (P)

where (P) represents the open lead pause. Now I believe that just as it is possible to put mental emphasis on the even or odd beats of any change, so it is possible to put mental emphasis (or otherwise) on this missing 17th blow (P). As the usual tendency is to group beats in pairs, emphasising one of the pair, (P) will alter the place-emphasis of the succeeding pairs.

My conclusion is that the points of emphasis (odd or even places) are shifted after each pair of changes, irrespective of the changes themselves. For me, at least, this is no theory, because I actually hear the bells in this fashion whilst ringing.

DAVID ATKINS.

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TEN BELL PEALS

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

ALAN A. ELSMORE Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
DEREK J. TRANIER 2	ERNEST STITCH 7
HOWARD HOWELL 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 8
HARRY GRIFFITHS 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES 9
HARRY BOSWELL 5	ERIC E. SPEAKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight and in appreciation of his many years of service in St. Peter's tower and for the Society.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	SYDNEY FOSKETT 6
JAMES R. TAYLOR 2	ROBERT L. KIPPIN 7
RONALD J. SHARP 3	ROBIN A. HODGSON 8
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON 9
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
In memoriam Geoffrey Carter.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.	
*JOHN FAITHFULL Treble	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 6
REGINALD A. REED 2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN 7
TOM CHAPMAN 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 8
ADRIAN J. TUMBER 4	R. ROGER SAVORY 9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First 10-bell peal. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a welcome peal to the new Rector, the Rev. Roy Chamberlain, M.A., whose induction took place the same day.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wulfram,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

RAYMOND F. SMITH Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 6
*MARGARET A. SWANN 2	*GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
*NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JOHN WALDEN 8
*STANLEY E. BENNETT 4	*DENIS A. FRITH 9
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5065 STEDMAN CATERS

*KATHLEEN M. YEO Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM T. COOK 7
*DENNIS A. HEWITT 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 8
ERNEST J. LADD 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 9
THOMAS E. SONE 5	JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

TREVOR TAYLOR Treble	NORMAN SMITH 5
KENNETH D. PERKINS 2	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 6
JOHN H. FIELDEN 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD 4	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
First peal in the method for all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. S. Mills.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.	
*MARGARET A. WESTCOTT Treble	*ANDREW D. GRANT 5
†DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH 2	JOHN D. ROCK 6
†GILLIAN NEAL SMITH 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
*CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. First of Major as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5024 EARLHAM COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
ARIHUR G. BASON 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Believed to be the first peal in the method, C.C.C. of Plain Major Methods, No. 151.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5152 WILLESDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.	
C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	*DENNIS KNOX 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	†ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
†ALICK CUTLER 4	*JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal on these bells. ‡ 450th peal. The 350th peal for the Association on the bells.

BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.	
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY Treble	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
*LESLEY HAWES 3	ANTHONY AGER 7
JOAN BERESFORD 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise. The conductor's 400th peal.

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BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Cambridge, 1,472 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 101 changes of method, and including all the work of the four methods for each bell.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
NEIL D. LOMAS 2	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. . 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
DEREK TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones on his 90th birthday.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*FLORENCE C. BROWN .. Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. . 5
*EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. 2	*J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. 6
*ANGELA GRAINGER 3	NIGEL J. MAGGS 7
JOAN GRAY 4	*LAWRENCE M. WHITTARD Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Triples 'inside.'

Rung to mark the completion of 25 years in the Ministry of the Vicar, Canon E. C. Davey.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE COUSSINS .. Treble	HOWARD OGLESBY .. . 5
RICHARD E. DEAN 2	*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. . 6
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. . 3	GORDON W. LIMMER .. . 7
*RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by the late T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in the Oxford variation.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15½ cwt.

KENNETH TIMBURY .. Treble	HENRY L. BISHOP 5
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 2	CLAUDE CORDEROY 6
JAMES S. GODMAN 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
JAMES P. BLOND 4	WILLIAM J. FULKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	DERMOT ROAF 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 2	DONALD F. MURFET .. . 6
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. . 7
GEORGE E. CRISP 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN .. . 5
AVRIL THACKRAY 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 6
PAUL J. RIGBY 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. . 7
STELLA HUGHES 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

PETER BERESFORD .. Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
RODERICK J. LEES 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. . 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. . 4	EDMUND A. MALIN .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the seventh on his recent marriage to Miss R. A. Payne, of Carmarthen.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

*E. MARION KEY .. Treble	*BRIAN DAWSON 5
*JOHN K. SMITH 2	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 6
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	ALAN G. FOSTER 7
*ERIC EDGINTON 4	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Major.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT RAINFORD .. Treble	JAMES W. METCALFE .. . 5
STANLEY ANDERTON 2	ROLAND F. ECCLES 6
PETER CROOK, SEN. 3	ALAN CAPSTICK 7
WILFRED BOLTON 4	RICHARD P. DAVIS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Metcalfe and Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Davis.

STREATHAM, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JAMES W. REA .. Treble	R. JAMES COOK 5
JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. . 2	*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. . 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. . 7
JOHN W. EUSTON 4	REUBEN SANDERS .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. Treble	REGINALD TUCKWELL .. . 5
J. H. R. FREEBORN .. . 2	FRANK ABSOLOM 6
BRIAN R. WHITE 3	FRANK A. BARRETT .. . 7
FRANK GODDEN 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLAWTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings.

CHARLES SANGWIN Treble	GEORGE SKINNER 4
FREDERICK WREFORD 2	REV. J. G. M. SCOTT 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells, and the first since their restoration in 1954.

Rung for the Patronal Festival of the Church.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE COUSSINS Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 4
MICHAEL HAICHEIT 2	HOWARD OGLESBY 5
MALCOMBE CHOWN, R.A.F. 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

In memoriam Geoff. Carter, S.R.C.Y.

MEMBURY, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 120's (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells.

NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 12 extents of Grandsire Doubles with one Pitman's 240.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER BEYNAM .. Treble	*DAVID PIKE 4
*MELVYN EDWARDS 2	BRYAN J. JOHNS 5
*JOHN RICKARDS 3	*PHILIP SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN J. JOHNS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*CHERRY WITHELL Treble	TOM H. SMITH 4
ALEC GAMMON 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 5
HARRY W. BADGER 3	REG BROWN Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK.

* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. D. H. NIBLETT .. Treble	DERMOT J. ROAF 4
*R. RACHEL CORNER 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 5
RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Surprise.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
WALTER AYRE 2	EDWIN J. UPTON 5
BRIAN M. BARKER 3	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

In memoriam our old friend, Geoffrey Carter.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Treble	DEREK W. PARDON 4
JOHN R. SMITH 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 5
HERBERT LASKEY 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*JUDITH M. GWILT Treble	J. THOMAS GWILT 4
†JUDY ROBINSON 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
VINCENT A. HEMMING .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal other than on treble.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Lightfoot, Durham, Netherseale, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

BRIAN M. BARKER Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4
*REGINALD SHEPPARD .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
WALTER AYRE 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Dominey) and Walter Ayre.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Dec. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, CITY (THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL),

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's and St. Simon's Bob, 12 extents of Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

PATRICK J. BIRD Treble	MICHAEL J. AUSTIN 4
JANE K. A. COOK 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 5
ANGELA GRAINGER 3	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

First peal in six Doubles methods by all, and as conductor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
*DENNIS LAUD 2	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 25th peal. † 100th peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents and 240 Morris's arrangement of Grandsire, and 36 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

STANLEY W. COPLING .. Treble	MICHAEL J. STOKES .. 3
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	*RALPH W. BICKERS .. 4

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal of Doubles.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 11 240's (eight callings) and 20 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Treble	*JAMES H. PATRICK .. 3
*JOSEPHINE CROW .. 2	GEORGE F. ROOME .. 4

ALLAN R. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 3
HAROLD STEVENSON .. 2	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 4

MARK W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

BRADFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

BARRY HOLLAND .. Treble	†DENNIS HOLLAND .. 4
RONALD BIRCH .. 2	TOM W. SENIOR .. 5
*MICHAEL KING .. 3	OWEN A. OVER .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Single Oxford Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

DIANA M. LAWLESS .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 2	ROY W. SPENCER .. 5
*FRED A. GINNS .. 3	*RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal in more than one method. First as conductor in more than one method.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 4
*FRIEDA A. FROST .. 2	H. JOHN LARWOOD .. 5
PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 3	TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the St. Nicholas' patronal festival.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Norfolk, Old, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury

Pleasure, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID TAYLOR .. Treble	ALAN C. COZENS .. 3
PATRICIA A. NEESHAM .. 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 4

ROBIN V. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cozens on the birth of a daughter, Sharon Elizabeth.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Bob, Lytham, College, Wavertree,

Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Single Court.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

PETER A. SHARP .. Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. 5
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

PASSENHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents Stedman and ten each St. Martin's, St. Simon's Plain

Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK C. CASE .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3
*WILLIAM A. YATES .. 2	†WILLIAM F. EYDEN .. 4

*GEORGE E. GREEN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* 150th peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung in memoriam Harry Ridgway.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 4
FRANK T. LONG .. 2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 5
J. HARRY COOK .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cotter, of Croft. Mrs. Cotter is a native of Whissendine.

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VOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.

A. WILLIAM BIRD Treble	ALAN R. BRIDGES 4
WILLIAM T. DUNCAN 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	PETER S. BEDFORD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

Rung as a wedding compliment and farewell to the Rev. R. Knight-Parker, at the same hour as he was being inducted to his new parish, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Willesden, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate (4ths place Delight), College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk (Treble Bob).

*BRIAN A. COLE Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 4
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Dec. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN K. SMITH Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
ERIC EDGINTON 2	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 5
E. MARION KEY 3	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING (15).

First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the second has 'circled the tower.'

SYMPSON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob.

MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 2	CYRIL H. KINCH 5
DENNIS C. BOWEN 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Thomas.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Dec. 12, 1958, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being a 240 and 40 120's (ten callings).

ALAN G. FOSTER 1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY 3—4
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E. MARION KEY 5—6

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours,

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
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PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4	JOHN A. ACRES 7—8
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Composed by F. H. DEXTER (No. 1 variation).

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, and hearty congratulations from the band to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, on their diamond wedding anniversary.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 13th, 2,640 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hall 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, D. J. Barnett 3, T. J. Milsom 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, S. Carter 6. First half peal for all. Longest length for 1, 2 and 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Shirley Crouch 1, R. A. Eggleton 2, Enid Roberts 3, C. H. Bagot (cond.) 4, B. R. Cox 5, I. A. Harnstorf 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Confirmation service.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Lavender (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Winchester 2, Miss E. Cooper 3, F. E. Darby 4, D. Parsons 5, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 6, F. Jennings 7, L. Reece 8. For Evensong.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Gainsborough L.B. Major: Jean Addicot 7, J. Salter 2, R. Jackson 3, J. Pusey 4, R. Elliott 5, D. Darby 6, N. J. Maggs 7, D. R. Marshall (cond.) 8. For the 21st birthday of D. Darby.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. T. Rodgers 1, J. E. Brown 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, G. C. Jackson 5, J. J. Marshall 6. A wedding compliment to Lynda Mary Booth and Kenneth Earl Wencker.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary's Church, Redcliffe, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Gillett 1, F. E. Leaker 2, E. F. Hancock 3, C. D. Mann (cond.) 4, J. Stalliard 5, A. A. Hillier 6, F. Hansford 7, F. Wedlock 8. Rung by the St. Mary Redcliffe Guild as a first birthday compliment to Jane Mann, daughter of the ringer of the fourth.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): W. H. Yates 1, R. A. Vickers 2, F. C. Case 3, W. A. Yates 4, C. Gough 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6, H. Jenkins (first quarter) 7.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Morris 1, H. N. Tembey 2, Miss V. C. Bell 3, G. Tembey 4, Miss E. Birney 5, C. Kirkby 6, H. Wilson (cond.) 7, M. Blackburn 8. First in method 5 and 6. Rung on the middle six for Evensong.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—At St. Michael's Church, Stoke, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Hayne 1, Pamela Wright (first in method) 2, R. Robinson 3, D. Ellender 4, E. Sibley 5, H. Folwell 6, N. Haille (first as cond.) 7, W. Stote 8. For Confirmation service. In view of the large number of candidates, the Bishop of Coventry decided to hold two services. The quarter of Stedman for the afternoon service was lost in the last course, but the evening attempt was successful.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Clarke (first quarter) 1, F. Walker 2, Mrs. D. Hall 3, N. North 4, H. Audsley 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, R. Rayfield 7, D. Hall 8. For Confirmation service.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Brand 1, A. W. Cansdale 2, Evelyn R. Cansdale 3, J. B. Morley (cond.) 4, R. E. Lester 5, W. D. Bailey (first on eight) 6, F. H. Erith 7, B. W. Fairhead 8.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 14th, 1,289 Grandsire Caters: G. A. Halls 1, Patricia A. M. Forster 2, E. Walklate 3, C. W. Walklate 4, J. B. Stennitt 5, S. Walklate 6, H. Taylor (cond.) 7, Vivienne M. Horton 8, P. J. Rigby 9, M. R. Bloré 10.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, R. Laming 2, J. Sims 3, K. Small 4, W/O2 G. B. Beebe 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, F. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8. For Evensong; also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. R. Laming, who will shortly be leaving for Southern Rhodesia, and as a birthday compliment to P. Clarke.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): G. Peck 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, J. W. Paul 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, H. Fuller 6, H. Ivings cover bell. For Evensong.

EUSTON, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Ivings (first quarter) 1, J. E. Ivings 2, H. Ivings 3, E. Bishop 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Ivings.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, P. Treble (first of Minor) 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, P. Murgatroyd 4, J. Basher (first of Minor) 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Elizabeth Starmier 1, F. W. Bird 2, E. Tidy 3, Myrtle Groves 4, F. Dumbrell 5, T. H. Bird (cond.) 6, A. Wood 7, H. Starmier 8. First quarter 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8. For Confirmation service.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (900 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire): C. O. Lean (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Marshall 2, Mrs. R. G. Corby 3, Deborah Hopkins (first 'inside') 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, A. Lumbis 6. For Confirmation service.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 St. Andrew's Doubles: Miss P. Curtis 1, R. G. Chater 2, M. R. Bennett 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, R. S. Roberts 6. For Evensong on the patronal festival of St. Andrew.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Clark 1, R. Parish 2, J. Collins 3, F. Whitby 4, G. Miller (first in method) 5, J. Aley 6, W. Wheeler 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): C. Hinton 1, J. Linnell 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Roger Jonathan Shellard, who was born on November 4th.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss W. Picton 1, Miss M. Erik (first as cond.) 2, B. M. Barker 3, R. W. R. Picton 4, R. V. Wallis 5, D. J. Goodman 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bentley (first quarter) 1, F. Benfield 2, T. Jennings 3, J. Payne 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, B. Hamilton (first quarter) 6. Specially arranged for Mr. T. Jennings (aged 78 years), who learned to ring at this tower in 1896.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Claire Dillamore 1, Mary C. Fayne 2, Margaret A. Swann 3, H. A. Chambers 4, J. F. Pearson 5, R. Applewhite 6, S. L. Pask (cond.) 7, L. Wilders 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 6 and 8.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 14th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Harvey (first on 10) 1, A. W. Coles 2, G. Parsons 3, W. Hewett 4, P. Coles 5, M. Williamson 6, W. Wilson 7, H. Clark 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, R. Sanders 10.

LYDD, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, H. S. Humphrey 2, Linda M. Southerden 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, D. C. Jackson 5, S. J. Boulden 6, R. Swift 7, A. L. Terry 8.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bean 1, H. Jeffery 2, C. Jeffery 3, H. A. Burton 4, J. M. Burton 5, W. R. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Hill.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. G. Pickering 1, W. C. Budd 2, L. Whewall 3, A. G. Gram 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5. Rung on the major five of the ring of six.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Dec. 13th, at the Cathedral, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: G. S. Deas 1, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 2, B. Pattison 3, K. Arthur 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, R. A. Gofton 6, C. N. Lea 7, E. P. Crowdy 8, K. Lawson 9, E. N. Harrison 10, R. Park 11, W. N. Park 12. Rung at the conclusion of St. Nicholas-tide.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Starmier 1, Nancy Kempell 2, W. Dunn (first of Minor) 3, V. Griggs (first of Minor 'inside') 4, F. W. Bird 5, G. Oliver (cond.) 6. For Choral Communion.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob and 1,020 Grandsire): J. Eaton 1, T. H. Smith (cond.) 2, Miss A. Mellor (first 'inside' in two methods) 3, E. Parsons 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, R. Brown 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalene Church, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Cameron (first quarter) 1, Rachael Corner 2, E. Venn 3, R. A. Jackson 4, D. J. Roaf 5, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Mundy (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, Mrs. P. Cracknell 3, Miss F. Hankey 4, G. West 5, F. E. Roberts 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Mr. R. G. Bennett, for 21 years headmaster of St. John's C. of E. Boys' School, and for many years a diocesan lay reader.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer L. Parkhurst (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Southerden (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, J. Small 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, S. Skinner 6, R. Chadwick 7, T. Longley 8. For Evensong to mark the association of the above church with the Parish Church of Rye, New York (commemorated annually).

SEELY OAK, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Cox 1, A. L. Westwood 2, J. L. Boylin 3, Miss E. Yardley 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, H. J. Turner 6, J. Pinfold 7, N. J. Goodman (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Bob Major by 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

STAINES, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, R. I. Shepherd 4, A. D. Grant 5, M. G. Lane 6, M. J. Palmer 7, J. R. Boyd 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 6 and 8. First in method 5 and 7. Rung for the birthday of the conductor's mother.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Judith Coggins 1, B. Coggins 2, M. Journeaux 3, D. Woodward 4, B. J. Coggins 5, B. Costar 6. Conducted jointly by 3 and 5. For Evensong, and for the christening of John, grandson of tenor ringer.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Original, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Leah 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, A. Sharples (cond.) 3, Margaret Wheat 4, G. Gee 5, H. M. Breary 6. First quarter in seven methods by all the band. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to Brenda Wells and Kenneth Heyes on their engagement; a birthday compliment to D. Leah.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. B. Holloway (cond.) 1, Miss J. Elliott (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, R. Purnell (first 'inside') 4, A. Profit (first 'inside') 5, C. Butcher 6, F. Penn 7, J. Lucas 8.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 7th, at All Hallows' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Elizabeth Hill Brown 1, Ann Muir 2, Jill Barron 3, R. T. Goodman 4, W. A. Lewis 5, A. J. Muir 6, D. J. Neal Smith 7, D. Hill Brown (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 6. To mark the Confirmation service held earlier in the day.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles: S. Birch 1, A. Armstrong 2, Edith Sharp 3, F. Orchard 4, V. Adams (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to John Sturges, churchwarden for a number of years.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Foster (first quarter) 1, N. Wilcox 2, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Callow 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, F. G. Sparks 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6.

WHITTEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, J. Linnell 2, A. Mansfield 3, W. F. Evden 4, W. A. Yates 5. First of Stedman Doubles by 2, 3 and 4.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson (first quarter) 1, G. W. Holland 2, F. C. Case 3, A. Mansfield (first in method) 4, G. E. Green 5, W. F. Eyden 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Advent carol service.

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While we await a detailed commentary on the Christmas Day broadcast, a correspondent informs us that she was deeply impressed by the ringing at St. Clement Danes' and also that at Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

BELFRY

There is great enthusiasm in the West Lindsey Branch of Lincoln Diocesan Guild for their dinner and social evening. Already 117 tickets have been sold.

Ringing friends of Mr. John R. G. Spicer, of Huntingdon, will be pleased to hear that he is making fine progress after his operation and he is now home again, although it will be some time before he gets hold of a rope.

The Christmas card of Mr. Victor Sheppard, of Woodstock, Capetown, is a pictorial map of Africa with the location of the four ringing towers in the continent marked in.

From New Zealand we have heard this week from that old Brighton veteran. Mr. George Baker, with his good wishes to all ringing friends. His address is 82, Mount Pleasant Road, Christchurch, New Zealand.

The following appears in 'Woman,' of December 18th:— 'To "James," Nottingham: The answers to your question depend very much upon individual circumstances. I advise you, therefore, to seek the help of a solicitor.' Any comments from Mr. James Pailing, of Nottingham, Master of the O.U.S.?

Regarding the peal at Sandal, Yorks, on November 29th (see page 821), we are informed by the tower secretary that the two ringers mentioned in the report shared the second bell throughout the peal, i.e., they rang half a peal each, one man taking over the bell from the other, not affecting the changing of the bells.

GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. R. Laming, members of the Eltham, Kent, band, are leaving shortly to take up teaching posts in Southern Rhodesia. A farewell quarter was rung on the bells on December 7th.

Correction.—The ringer of the sixth bell in the peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Darlington on November 29th was Mr. W. Norman Park.

Mr. James M. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, has been put out of action following a knock on his ankle, which broke a blood vessel. His friends send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. John A. Acres rang his 150th peal on the bells of Loughborough Bell Foundry on December 8th with the peal of Uplyme Surprise Royal, reported in our last issue.

For the annual carol service of Hyde County Grammar School, Cheshire, the bells of St. George's, Hyde, were rung by seven members of the school, the band being completed by Mr. T. Wilde, of Hyde.

The peal rung at Trumpington, Cambs, of Yorkshire Surprise Major (see page 803) was of 5,088 changes and not 5,056, as submitted for publication. The composition was by N. J. Pitstow.

The bells of St. Paul's Church, Wokingham, were rung to rounds and Grandsire Doubles for the service of Nine Lessons and Carols of Holt Grammar School, held in the church. Girls of The Holt who rang were: Jane Huckings (All Saints', Wokingham), Sandra Sargeant (St. Paul's, Wokingham), Dorothy and Linda Gibbs and Sylvia Castle (St. Nicholas', Hurst). They were assisted by Mr. W. Brooks and Mr. H. Weaver. After the service Miss Whitlow, the headmistress, and her staff visited the ringing chamber to see the ringing in progress.

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Terms are not available. Inquiries and bookings for these direct to the hotels. Further details later.

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Association secretaries are reminded that subscriptions of 10s. per member are now due.

E. A. BARNETT,
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CHRISTMAS DAY RINGING

Mr. W. F. Stenson, of Crewe, has sent the following letter to the Producer, Christmas Ringing, B.B.C., Broadcasting House, London:—

'According to our journal, "The Ringing World," last week, it announced that the B.B.C. hoped to broadcast from 9.20 to 9.30 a.m. the bells from seven churches in the Home Service.

'Not including the bells of Bethlehem, which are not hung for change ringing. I wonder whether the B.B.C. or the public realise what this will entail.

'It will necessitate 59 change ringers; and, "allowing two whole seconds in which to look round, to see which bell you are to follow," makes something like 30 half-pulls per minute; that is one pull at hand stroke—or two pulls, hand and back stroke, which works out at something like 20 whole pulls, hand and back strokes from each of the six towers.

'Comment needless; speaks for itself.'

THE RINGERS' MAGAZINE

The autumn issue of 'The Ringers' Magazine' is another good number. Michael Hatchett's views on the Sunday ringing survey is a pertinent contribution. Ernest Morris delves into the past with 'Ringing for Hallowmass,' and Leonard Stilwell tells the story of Samuel Lawrence, the biggest man ever in the Exercise (he weighed 32 stone). William Birmingham's article on 'Tune Ringing—a simplified system of handbell ringing' is also appropriate in view of the interest in the subject. Technical articles are contributed by C. Kenneth Lewis, Wilfrid G. Wilson and A. James Glass (rope splicing).

TRY HANDBELLS WHERE THERE IS NO TOWER

The Vicar of Edensor, the Rev. A. F. Sargent, believes that handbells could be the answer for those churches which for one reason or another cannot have hanging bells, states 'The Staffordshire Sentinel.'

His views are contained in a letter which Mr. Sargent wrote to the Diocesan Advisory Committee following a recent Consistory Court concerned with an application for permission to use recorded bells.

The committee have published his letter in the Lichfield Diocesan Magazine for January because they are 'very impressed' by the views put forward.

'SOON TAUGHT'

Mr. Sargent says handbells would do away with the charge of artificiality, and at the same time encourage the growth of ringing and ringers.

He points out that young people can be taught in a very short time to ring handbells well and efficiently and 'in all the traditional methods peculiar to this ancient art.'

Saying that a full set of handbells (in chromatic scale) can be bought for about £50, he adds: 'This need only be a temporary measure.'

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'After a year or so a parish with a keen band of young handbell ringers could make representations to the Parochial Church Council to build a tower.'

No Parochial Church Council, he says, is going to spend hundreds of pounds on a tower and bells unless they have some guarantee that there will be ringers to ring them after they are installed.

RHYTHM, MUSIC

In a later letter to the committee, Mr. Sargent says that many ringers give the youngster the impression that campanology is a fearfully complicated mystery that he will never solve until he is as old as the instructor.

'We ought to approach our youngsters and show them that ringing has rhythm, music and can be learned under bright, warm conditions,' he continues.

This is where the handbell scores, he adds. The technique of ringing them can be learned without any danger, and they can be rung in a hall or room round the fire or stove—and one can always sugar the pill by finishing up with a few catchy tunes.'

'Why, for instance,' Mr. Sargent asks, 'should not bellringing be taught as a normal activity in a youth club, whether the club belongs to a church or not?'

'Youth clubs have choirs. In this way we can get the many recruits the art needs from the youth of our church and country.'

The diocesan magazine comments: 'Mr. Sargent is willing to help and we hope use may be made of his offer to do so.'

STORY BEHIND A PEAL

When, in July this year, the Rector of Acton invited the choir of St. Matthias' Church, Richmond, to sing Evensong and give a choral recital at his church, he was not aware that he was also asking a band of ringers, too. As soon as he was told, however, he extended a cordial invitation to the band from this bell-less church to ring Acton Parish Church bells before the service. A quarter peal attempt was not successful, but St. Matthias' ringers were allowed from that time to have a regular practice at Acton, and the bells were rung again after being comparatively silent for two or three years.

In early December the Rector arranged a musical celebration for St. Cecilia's Day, his own church choir doing the singing on that occasion. He thought, however, that it would be an excellent idea to mark the festival by a peal on Acton bells, and he once again asked the band from St. Matthias' to arrange the peal. Accordingly an attempt was made for a peal of Plain Bob Major, but this was brought to an unforeseen conclusion by the breaking of a rope.

The Rector was as disappointed as the rest of the band and asked them to make another attempt a fortnight later. With the help of two experienced Surrey ringers, the band successfully rang a peal of Plain Bob Major, conducted by the organist of St. Matthias', Dr. D. J. Neal Smith. In view of the connection of the peal with the music and choir of St. Matthias' the band felt that the peal should be rung for the Surrey Association and they hope their Middlesex friends will understand and forgive the ascription.

The band wish to thank the Rector of Acton for his encouragement and practical help—for example, he agreed to replace all the ropes to make certain there would be no repetition of a broken one during the peal. This is the first peal for three and a half years, and the Rector is hopeful that it will revive interest in Acton's bells.

PINCHBECK RINGERS' DINNER

A company of 56 from all parts of Lincolnshire attended Pinchbeck ringers' dinner on December 13th, when the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Corley) presided, supported by the tower captain (Mr. Roy Withyman).

Reviewing the year, Mr. Withyman said they had lost a few of their more experienced ringers and appealed for young men to come forward with a view to handling the heavier bells after some experience. The nucleus of their team comprised young ladies, who had made remarkable progress. It could not, however, be expected that they could manipulate the heavy bells.

The Pinchbeck ringers were toasted by Mr. F. B. Chapman, and Miss Judith Wells replied. Mr. R. C. Noon proposed 'The Visitors' and Mr. Norman Harding replied.

The entertainment started with carols and other popular tunes on handbells, rung by Mrs. M. Bennett, Messrs. S. E. Bennett, R. C. Noon and M. Bennett.

An amusing and clever display was given by six girl members—Judy Bagley, Sally Burton, Ann Dearnley, Shirley Guy and Carol and Judy Wells. They were dressed in 'sack-line' dresses—real, labelled potato sacks—and their self-composed songs and dances were loudly applauded. The evening concluded with games and dancing.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Miller 1, R. E. Lester 2, R. Rose 3, E. Nice 4, C. Snowden 5, H. A. Mitson 6, E. A. Cracknell 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

A NORTH HERTS OUTING

Although December is not a very popular month for outings, a very enjoyable visit to North Hertfordshire was made on the Saturday before Christmas by a party of 11 ringers. At Welwyn we were joined by Audrey Bailey and her father for a ring, on this light, odd-struck ring of eight. After a short ring at Codicote (6), a pleasant drive through country lanes brought us to Kimpton, where we were warmly welcomed by some of the local band and the recently-inducted Vicar.

Evidence of disinterest in ringing was apparent at King's Walden, where a stage—presumably for a Nativity play—had been erected in the ringing chamber, so that some of the band stood on the floor, some on chairs, while others had to kneel on the stage. At Offley the Vicar (Rev. H. Senar) rang some call-changes with us: Beverley came round successfully on the pleasant old six. Our last call before lunch was to the fine Church of St. Mary, Hitchin, with its equally fine heavy Taylor eight. Michael Orme and Philip Mehew kindly stood in a course of Yorkshire here.

After lunch we rang at the out-of-the-way village of Pirton, where an anti-clockwise five hangs in the central tower. A long run then brought us to Walkern: as we raised the bells in peal we thought this would be a grand six, until the tenor sounded; however, when changes were rung the flat tenor was not so noticeable. After a pull at Ardeley we were able to see the fine rood loft. Oswald Delight, a new method for some, was rung at Wallington, and Sandon (5) enabled one member of the party to claim to have rung in every tower in the county.

A short break for a cup of tea in Buntingford, and then a touch on the good Mears six at Great Horstead. Another anti-clockwise five was available at Westmill, but the 'go' here leaves a lot to be desired. Mr. Phillips was waiting at Little Munden and rang some Oxford T.B. with us. Two more eights followed: first the pleasant 22½ cwt. ring at Ware, and finally Hunsdon's odd-struck ring, where Double Norwich finished the day.

We extend our thanks to all those who helped to make the day so successful, and in particular the local ringers at Kimpton for their kind hospitality. I. H. O.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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

Personal.—A. Cutter £1 1s., A. E. Barlow 2s. 6d., R. H. Bullen 2s., L. W. Bullock 5s., A. Hill 2s., G. S. Mills 2s., W. Boshier 2s., E. J. Chapman 2s., Anonymous 2s., F. W. Lewis 2s., C. F. Sayer 2s., D. Edwards 2s. 6d.

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Quarter Peals.—Lydd 2s., Nettleham 10s., Euston 2s., West Lydford 3s.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Wykes (first quarter) 1. G. Wykes 2. Jill Putnam 3. J. Griffen 4. W. Brown (cond.) 5. Ring half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. L. Shaw, Vicar's warden for many years.

REDEDICATION

WONERSH, SURREY

Augmented from a ring of six to an octave and recast, the bells of St. John's Church, Wondersh, were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Surrey (the Ven. A. J. de C. Studdert) at Evensong on December 21st.

The dedication took place after the second lesson. Mr. Douglas Hughes, representing the bell-founders, handed the ropes to Mr. P. M. Rees, churchwarden, who in turn handed them to the Archdeacon for the dedicatory prayer. A similar procedure was followed for the rededication of the six recast bells.

Finally the Archdeacon, in handing the ropes to the Vicar (Rev. H. G. B. Anthony) said: 'Receive these bells, which have now been solemnly set apart from profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

In his address the Archdeacon said from many Surrey hilltops one could glimpse a church steeple ever pointing upwards and turning our thoughts to God. If the steeple was the church's finger, then the bells were the church's tongue. They had many things to say to them.

Bells had rung out for many occasions, both 'great and simple': for the success of our troops in North Africa, for the Coronation, for simple village weddings, and in solemn tones when the passing bell was tolled. It was the duty of the church bells to call, and each man who heard must answer. Some might answer 'Yes' and some 'No,' but all knew what it meant when church bells rang at the time of worship.

During the service the choir sang the ringers' carol, 'Ding Dong, Merrily on High.' After the service the bells were rung by local and visiting ringers who were impressed by their tonal qualities. The sum of £50 is still required to complete the cost. Contributions would be gratefully received by Mr. W. E. Enticknap, Redlands, Poplar Road, Shalford, near Guildford.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Although arranged at short notice, a very successful meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held at Cowbridge on December 13th. This very good ring of eight bells was going early in the afternoon, with Mr. G. I. Lewis (Branch Master) seeing to all standards of ringers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. O. T. Lewis), assisted by the Rev. Philip David, and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge (Cclr. and Mrs. Glyn McNeil) and the Deputy Mayoress (Miss Jennifer McNeil).

Tea was taken at the Town Hall, given and prepared by the local ringers' wives and friends. The ladies were thanked by Mr. F. Hannington. During the tea, the Mayor welcomed the Branch to Cowbridge and remarked how pleased he was to see that of the 71 people present most of them were very young. Five new members were elected from Radyr, Sully and Newton-Nottage.

For the next meeting, the Branch annual, Pontypridd was selected.

OBITUARY

MR. GEOFFREY F. CARTER

The Exercise has lost one of its most lovable characters with the death of Geoff Carter, a popular member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the University of London Society of Change Ringers. Until his removal to Welwyn about a year ago, he had been a member of the St. Stephen's, Hampstead, band for many years, and they, in particular, have lost a very good friend and colleague.

Unpredictable in his ringing, he was often the target for exponents of belfrymanship at meetings, but in a peal attempt on some spliced occasion he would ring as well as the next person. Geoff on a practice night, grinning amiably at an exasperated conductor while continuing to do the wrong thing, and G. F. Carter in a peal, were two entirely different persons. Nevertheless, in whatever circumstances one met Geoffrey, one could not help but like him: he brought an atmosphere of friendliness and good fellowship with him that none could equal. The Hampstead ringers called him their ambassador at large, and it was a very fitting title, for there was never anyone quite like Geoff for cementing good relations.

Visitors to Gospel Oak or Hampstead will recall the 'Rat' or the Railway and Geoff discoursing on cricket or his journey behind the Iron Curtain, or telling some story against himself of some incident or other that occurred to him—as things could only happen to him.

The funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on December 3rd was attended by (besides relatives and colleagues from the I.C.I.) Miss Janet Mattinson, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thirst, Mr. Peter Forte and Mr. R. Clouston (of the London University Society), Messrs. T. Bevan and A. Butler (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) and Mr. J. Hawkins (Ancient Society of College Youths). A. W. J. B.

AN APPRECIATION

It was indeed a great shock when I opened my 'Ringing World' on December 5th and read of Geoffrey's death.

One week later we read that grand appreciation by J. and P. M. J. G.: how true, every word, a fitting tribute to a wonderful character.

He was well known to ringers in the Huntingdon area: for the past nine years he had always spent a day on tour with us, usually being last to board the coach at stops. How he will be missed!

On December 15th a few of his old friends met and rang a peal to his memory at Huntingdon. God bless, dear boy. H. S. P.

MR. H. WILLOWS

We regret to report the passing of Mr. H. Willows, who learned to ring in Lincolnshire and came into Nottinghamshire to join the staff of the Rampton Mental Hospital, chiefly to supervise the patients during their periods of gardening. In the 1914 war he served with the Coldstream Guards. When he retired from Rampton, with the rank of deputy charge nurse, he joined the East Retford ringers. Learners were told to watch and copy Mr. Willows, who appeared to ring the tenor with the proverbial bit of string. J. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RANG PEALS 71 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir—In wishing you and all ringers I know and all those I only know by name through the columns of 'The Ringing World' a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I recall that it is 71 years ago on Dec. 1st I rang in the first two peals at Beenhams, Berks. It seems quite a long time ago. My father and I joined the Oxford Guild with that little band in 1887 and 1888. Now it is a job to get a 720 of Bob Minor. Rope sight and one other sight are missing.—Yours faithfully,

Henley-on-Thames.

H. H. ATTO.

P.S.—All the old friends are gone from Caversham, like Mr. Tom Hibbert, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon Coleridge and many more one could mention.—H. H. A.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD—CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating those members of the Cambridge University Guild, who have now shown the Exercise how to score two peals for the price of one, I should be interested to know when they are taking Mr. Cannon in hand, so that he may then attempt 14 peals in a day.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

TWO PEALS SIMULTANEOUSLY

Dear Sir,—Reading of the Cambridge University novelty peals. I recall 30 years ago trying to persuade an old friend to stage two peals of Cambridge Minor on a ring of 12 tower bells. Although I promised him bucketsful of music and the chance to call both peals and only ring in one. Harold was not keen on the idea.—Yours, etc.,

A FLAT.

Nuneaton.

THE PEAL AT BOW

Dear Sir,—Judging by the correspondence in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' it appears that a certain E. J. Rowe is one of those characters with a finger in every pie.

His comments about the peal at Bow are typical of those made by a non-ringer and it is hard to believe that they are the views of a responsible member of a Christian body.

With regard to Gospel Oak's bells, I am not the least bit surprised that they became dormant at the Vicar's wish, as I understand that E. J. Rowe was so rude to him that he was glad to see the back of him and his ringers.

In conclusion may I say that, having read the correspondence between the Vicar of Bow and Mr. R. G. Leale, the former's letter to 'The Ringing World' is scandalous, a complete misrepresentation of the truth and nothing less than libellous.

Mr. Leale will, I hope, publish all the correspondence in due course, and readers will be able to judge the facts for themselves.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK R. SCOTT.

Slough.

LITTLE HEATH BELLS

Dear Sir,—While scanning through an 1883 copy of 'The Bell News' I came across two rather interesting queries regarding the following peal:—

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION LITTLE HEATH

On Saturday, August 4th, 1883, in two hours and 42 minutes

At St. James' Church

5,040 CHANGES, BEING 42 6-SCORES OF DOUBLES

Being without repeating the calling in the same order: 4 Bob Double Extremes, 4 Hudibras, 4 The Dream, 4 London Dream, 4 London Singles, 4 Grandsire Singles, 4 St. Dunstan's, 3 The Dreamer, 2 London Doubles, 2 Sunshine, 2 Old Doubles, 2 Old Double Extremes, 1 Antelope, 1 Westminster and 1 Grandsire.

Robert Gillingham treble Alfred Pye . . . 3
John Pye . . . 2 Benjamin Keeble 4

Arthur Porter tenor.

Conducted by Benjamin Keeble.

This is the first 5,040 rung by the above Association upon five bells, and is the first in which the band has not included members of one or both of the metropolitan companies, and is believed to be the first by any local band upon five on record in the county.

Firstly, what became of the bells at Little Heath? The church, I believe, stands near the London North Circular road between Romford and Gant's Hill. It appears that they were quite popular about that time, one or two peals and quarters being rung.

Secondly, was this peal recognised by the Essex Association, then only four years old? If so, it would be, as claimed, the first, and, incidentally, the most Doubles methods rung to a peal for the Association, the record at present being 10 methods. In the report book for 1953 it is stated that the first peal of Doubles was rung on December 19th, 1899, at Roydon, in five methods, conducted by I. Cavill.

I would be interested to know if someone could throw some light on this performance, which seems quite a creditable effort for a local band in those days, and also the fate of Little Heath bells.—Yours sincerely,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

BLUE LINE SYSTEM

Dear Sir,—When I advertised the Blue Line system of F. C. H. on March 21st, 1958, there were 53 applicants, and the total number is now about 150.

The remainder of my stock has been sent to Mr. R. F. B. Speed, who has kindly arranged to distribute them on the same terms as before, free in return for a stamped addressed envelope.

Will all interested readers please note that they should not now apply to me.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

Retford.

RINGING IN VANCOUVER

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that we have frequently, during the last few weeks, had the pleasure of the company of Mr. George Hatfield, of Hugglescote, Leicestershire.

Apart from ringing with us two or three times each week, Mr. Hatfield was fortunately able to visit both the other towers in British Columbia, Victoria and Mission City. At the monastery at Mission, George also discovered that he had a partiality for a Canadian speciality—'Pumpkin Pie.'

We are sorry to see him leave us but, nevertheless, wish him and the band of ringers at his home tower every success in their struggle to collect together a band of regular ringers in the coming New Year.—Yours truly,

A. J. M. COLLINS.

President and Ringing Master,
Vancouver Society.

EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL ANIMOSITY

Dear Sir,—I was grieved to read in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' sentiments expressed that savoured of the bad old days of the 'Bell News' and were out of keeping with the general good tone of the paper.

I refer to the remarks about Mr. A. P. Cannon in Belfry Gossip and, more especially, to one of the letters about the 'Bow furore.' It may be argued that these were not meant to be taken seriously, but in that case they ought not to have appeared in print.

Concerning the former, I must say that in my own experience I always look forward to a day spent with A. P. C., because although sometimes shocked or exasperated by what transpires, there is plenty of good fun and backchat to compensate, whereas A. P. C.'s critic has sometimes caused actual annoyance over peals.

About the Bow peal, it grieves me to read a correspondent's desire that actual physical harm should befall the ringers. This is not only uncalled for but in fact unlawful. It seems that many Londoners are becoming very intolerant and over-conscious of 'their rights,' and certain hooligan elements too fond, too, of physical violence as a means of expressing their sentiments: we don't expect this sort of thing encouraged in our ringers' paper.

What are the facts? A peal was rung: dozens are rung weekly taking quite as long. The tower is in a congested urban area: so are many other towers where peals are frequently rung, without complaint. It was a 'first': is this the real cause of our correspondent's annoyance? It finished at 9.30 p.m.: late enough, but not objectionably so on the odd occasion. I suspect the Vicar knew full well what was contemplated before a start was made, and is now only trying to appease the more vocal objectors. If a dance band session was playing till midnight keeping the neighbourhood awake I don't suppose there would have been any objections, but because it was a noise from the House of God we hear of all this furore. Let us keep a sense of proportion in such matters.—Yours faithfully,

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CHANGE RINGER MARK II

By E. A. BARNETT
(Continued from page 845)

A tape and two plugs give the regular course, hob and single for any method, and conducting may be done either manually or by means of a second tape. Any number of bells up to eight can be used. The order and the changing of the bells can be viewed in lights on the front panel. Besides ringing changes, Mark II can ring Nine Tailors (for a man—six for a woman), followed by one bell for each year of the departed's life, all rung by the tenor. The bells are not in tune; this is an authentic aspect of the machine, since in England the bells in a church were often cast many years apart and were not in tune. Bells usually have names and inscriptions, and so do those of Mark II. In announcing a peal in 'The Ringing World,' it is common to give the weight of the tenor in cwt. Here are the weights of Mark II's bells, with their names and approximate pitches:—

- 1.—Salvation, .0024 cwt., E.
- 2.—Edgar, .0024 cwt., D sharp.
- 3.—Wallie, .0030 cwt., C.
- 4.—Lisl, .0029 cwt., B.
- 5.—Paul, .0046 cwt., A.
- 6.—Walt, .0039 cwt., G sharp.
- 7.—Easter, .0034 cwt., F sharp.
- 8.—Beauregard, .0068 cwt., E.

In conclusion, it may be of interest to note that this project does not represent the first interest in change ringing at Cornell. On looking up the subject in the Cornell library, one finds many books, some of them quite old and rare (according to Mr. Barnett); they were brought back from England by no one but Andrew D. White.

R. J. W. and J. K.

Among the books referred to are a copy of the third edition of 'Campanologia Improved,' by J. D. and C. M., published in 1733, and two editions of the 'Clavis,' Andrew D. White, by the way, was the first President of Cornell University.

In a footnote to the foregoing 'Note,' the writers give the inscriptions on their bells. No doubt some of the more erudite readers of this journal will fare better than the writer, who has been able to connect only numbers 2 and 6 with the names given to the bells, although he has not tried very seriously:—

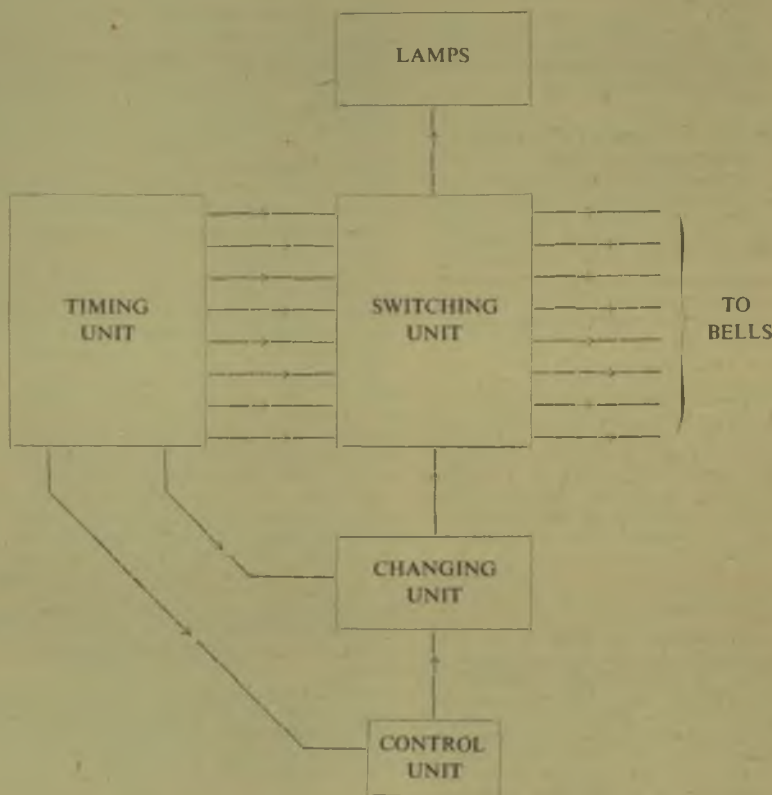
1. For you and not for me.
2. A sort of runic rhyme.
3. Silence that dreadful bell.
4. Built in such a logical way.
5. We shall all be changed.
6. Exult O shores.
7. A terrible beauty.
8. I do not know. Ask not.

A control panel fixed to the machine, in what appears to be a parody of the verbose kind of title-page common in 18th century literature (and hence in the old books referred to above), reads:—

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(We can forgive the slight inaccuracy in the last line—the niceties of such matters must be rather baffling to our American friends—for in the early days of the machine, or its forerunner, it rang many loud, clear and merry peals (of rounds) in honor of the Queen's Coronation and of the successful climbing of Mount Everest, back in June, 1953.)



The technical details which the 'proprietors' have supplied include a schematic diagram, and photographs of the controls and programme unit and a number of other photographs, none of which can be reproduced here. The description, however, is as follows:—

1. COMPONENTS.

A. *Timing unit.* This unit, based mainly on a 'stepping switch,' provides an evenly timed series of pulses of electricity. The rate is about eight pulses per second, but this can be adjusted with the knob N. Every other pulse rings a bell; the intermediate pulses are used for operating and changing mechanism. The ringing pulses are sent out in cyclic order along eight wires (assuming Majors are being rung) into the switching unit.

The pulses on the eight wires also light, in succession, the eight lamps forming the row above the 8-by-8 matrix of lamps on the panel.

B. *Bells.* The eight bells are rung by pulses coming over eight wires from the switching unit.

These pulses also light up the lamps in the column to the right of the 8-by-8 matrix on the panel.

C. *Switching unit.* This is an elaborate electrically-operated switchboard, composed of 40 13-pole relays. It can connect the eight wires coming from the timing unit (the input wires) to the eight wires going to the bells (output wires) in any chosen order. The chosen order can be changed by pulses entering the switching unit along wires from the control unit.

The switching unit also has 64 wires running to the lamps of the 8-by-8 matrix on the panel. These do not carry pulses but steady currents, and are so connected to the relays that if, for example, the third input wire is connected with the sixth output wire then the sixth lamp (counting from the top) in the third column (counting from the left) will be lighted. Thus when a change is about to be rung the positions of the

lights in the consecutive columns, from left to right, tell the order in which the bells are about to be rung.

D. *Changing unit.* This is another collection of relays, which operates in a certain cycle on receiving a pulse from the timing unit. The effect of the cycle is to interchange the connections of a pair of adjacent input wires. For example

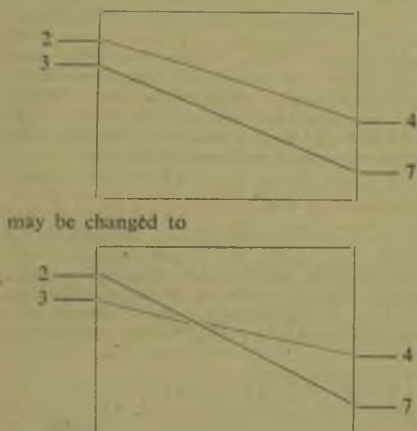
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Change-Ringer Mark II—cont.



The particular pair of adjacent input wires which can be affected by the changing cycle is determined by the timing of the pulse which starts the cycle; the pulse which immediately follows the ringing-pulse on input wire N can interchange the connections of input wires N and N-1. Thus the change in a bell's position for the next round is prepared for as soon as possible after the bell is rung.

The changing cycle involves the successive operation of seven relays, and is completed in about a quarter of a second.

E. Control (programme) unit. This consists primarily of two strips of paper tape, punched with holes through which electrical contacts can be made. These contacts control the operation of the changing unit, deciding whether or not a changing cycle shall be executed at any possible instant. There is also a mechanism for moving the tapes so as to vary the contacts, from one change to the next for the method tape, and from one lead to the next for the peal tape.

There is a separate control unit for ringing the 'Nine Tailors.'

2. RINGING A PEAL.

Suppose we wish to ring 768 Kent Treble Bob Major, with bobs at leads 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24. We first load the appropriate method and peal tapes in the control unit. The number of bells to be rung is set on switch M. If it is desired to count the leads the counter T is set to 000.

Switch A turns on the power. Pushing button F sets up straight connections in the switching unit so that input 1 is connected to output 1, etc. Flipping switch B will then cause the

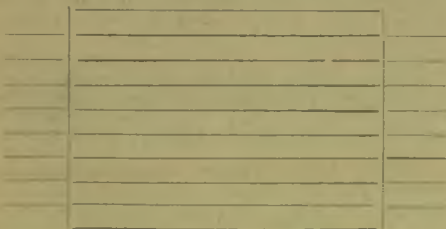


Fig. 1

machine to ring rounds. At this time holes in columns 1, 5, 7 of the method tape are under the contact brushes, but the changing unit is not in operation so the switching unit remains unaltered. The stepping switch emits cycles of 17 pulses, of which pulses 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 ring the bells in rounds.

We now push button K. This closes a relay, causing the following sequence of events to occur, beginning with pulse 4:—

4. The changing unit is set in operation. Input pulse 2 goes in as before, ringing bell 2.

5. The circuit through the hole in column 1 of the method tape starts the changing cycle, changing the connections of input wires 1 and 2.

6. Input pulse 3 rings bell 3.

7. Pulse to change connections on input wires 2 and 3 is stopped by lack of hole in column 2 of method tape; no change in switching unit. An attempt is also made to send a pulse through column 12 of the method tape. If there is a hole in this column this pulse will advance the peal tape one position and will advance the counter (T) one unit. This occurs only at the end of a lead; i.e., after the method tape has advanced 31 times.

8. Input pulse 4 rings bell 4.

9. No hole in column 3, so no change in switching unit.

10. Input pulse 5 rings bell 5.

11. No change.

12. Input pulse 6 rings bell 6.

13. Since there is a hole in column 5 the changing cycle starts, changing connections of input wires 5 and 6.

14. Input pulse 7 rings bell 7.

15. No change.

16. Input pulse 8 rings bell 8.

17. Changing cycle changes connections of input wires 7 and 8.

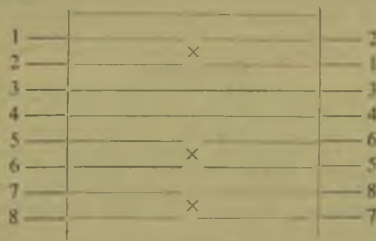


Fig. 2

At this point the switching unit looks like Fig. 2, and the panel lights. (The operation of the machine will halt at this point if switch B was flipped at any time after pulse 1. Flipping B again will continue the operation just as if there had been interruption.) The operation continues as follows on the next cycle of the stepping switch:

1. The method tape is advanced one position, thus bringing holes in columns 1, 3, 5, 7 under the brushes.

2. Input pulse 1 rings bell 2.

3. An attempt is made to send a pulse through column 8 of the method tape and through columns 4 and 5 of the peal tape. If this pulse gets through holes in these positions it will re-route the changing pulses away from the method tape and through the bob plug-board P. This will occur for the first time at change thirty on lead four.

4. Input pulse 2 rings bell 1.

The cycle now continues as before, with the appropriate variations due to the changed position of the method tape.

There are various modifications and complications of this basic operation.

(a) At any time a bob or a single can be called by pushing button I or J (whether or not there is a peal tape being used). Pushing I has the same effect as introducing punches in columns 4 and 5 in the peal tape; it turns on light P and sets the stage for a bob. The bob is made when the hole in column 8 of the method tape comes under the contact brush; at this moment P goes out, R goes on, and the control of the changing unit goes to the plug-board P instead of the contact brushes on the method tape. Light R goes out as soon as the bob is made.

(b) A relay automatically disconnects the changing unit when rounds is rung, so that rounds will continue to be rung until button K is pushed again.

(c) A pause can be introduced after every round or after every other round by flipping switch D.

(d) The bells can be turned off by switch C, leaving only the lights to follow the changes.

(e) When ringing fewer than eight bells any of the bells can be selected by switch H and button G. H and G can also be used to set the bells in any desired order; i.e., to set the switching unit in any desired condition. In particular, Queens can be rung.

3. *The Nine Tailors* are rung as follows: Turn on power (A) and put bells in rounds (F); set M for 8 bells. Flip switch D up for man, down for a woman. Set counter T at 999 minus the age of the deceased. Flip C to turn bells off. Push L.

The machine will then ring (on the tenor bell) nine tailors for a man, six for a woman, will toll the age, and then stop.

4. *Firing* could easily be managed as far as the circuitry is concerned, but our power supply is not strong enough to ring all eight bells simultaneously.

5. *Spliced methods* would require additional method tape units. The peal tape mechanism could easily be modified to do the switching from one method to another at appropriate times.

(To be continued)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Visitors from Aldbourne, Bradford-on-Avon, Hilberton, Ottershaw and Pinner attended the annual meeting of the Swindon Branch at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 13th. Ringing preceded the usual service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. W. Thomas), and those present were entertained to tea by the Christ Church ringers. The Master of the Association (Mr. W. H. Trueman) presided for the first part of the business meeting, and on Dr. H. Craig being re-elected chairman, vacated the chair. The other officers were also re-elected, and St. Mark's, Swindon, Rodbourne Cheney and Stratton St. Margaret were proposed for the first three meetings in 1959. A collection realised nearly £3 and this was divided between the Church Hall Fund and the Association Belfry Repair Fund. Further ringing followed the meeting, methods up to Stedman and St. Clement's Caters and Cambridge Royal being rung. W. B. K.

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WHAT A SURPRISE!

MONDAY, November 3rd, 1958—a day for ever engraved upon my memory! For one thing, it happens to be the day before my birthday, but that is immaterial. It is, in fact, the day on which I eventually plucked up enough courage to go to a ringing practice at Dlaew Worrah.

I knew there was a practice there, and I'd known it was on Monday nights for about eight months. Someone had said to me: 'You ought to go to Dlaew Worrah—they ring Spliced Surprise': to which I replied that there was no point in my going, as I couldn't even ring Surprise Unspliced, except for Cambridge, through which I could just about scramble. In the end it was the envy of a friend who lives 50 miles away and longs for the chance to get some really good ringing that drove me to go.

As the train drew nearer and nearer I began to feel distinctly nervous. I felt as though I were about to sit for a stiff examination, which was ridiculous when in fact I was going to learn more about the thing I prefer doing best on earth—ringing.

I arrived at the church, and with rather shaky knees walked up the path and climbed the belfry stairs. And lo and behold! the first thing I saw was a beginner learning to handle a bell! I don't quite know what I had expected—a little group of earnest-looking experts, I think, who would be engrossed in long touches of Spliced Surprise, and who would not be at all keen to stop for a mere learner like me. The relief was tremendous!

Someone asked me what I could ring, and I mumbled, shyly: 'Well—um—I can ring the ordinary methods—and I have staggered through Cambridge—but I'm only a beginner really, and I want to learn to ring Surprise.'

I was immediately made to feel welcome and at home, and was put in for a touch of Stedman Triples. After that came a course of Cambridge, and though I didn't ring it perfectly I don't think I entirely disgraced myself. The rest of the band followed with a course of Yorkshire, after which the captain, Mr. Enyam (whose name I knew well by hearsay, and who turned out to be the complete opposite of what I had imagined), told me how to learn the method and gave me a lesson on Superlative.

I went away that first evening with my heart singing and my head full of all the wonderful possibilities stretching out before me, and cursing myself, too, for my utter stupidity in not venturing to Dlaew Worrah months before!

Since then, thanks to the kindness and patience of all the ringers (I might add here that they are nearly all regular peal ringers and regular Sunday service ringers), I have learnt and rung Yorkshire, Superlative, Rutland, Bristol and London, and have even tried some Spliced Surprise, though with rather disastrous results! If anyone had suggested eight weeks ago that I should ever reach such dizzy heights, I should have laughed and said: 'Rubbish! That's only for the experts!'

I can never begin to repay this band for all the pleasure they have given and are still giving me; and especially Mr. Enyam, who has not only shown me easy ways to learn the most difficult methods and given me numerous hints on ringing them, but who has also been so thoughtful and kind in seeing that each week I got the chance to ring the method I have particularly learned. I appreciate this more than I can say, and I hope that if anyone happens to realise where and who I am talking about he (or she) will not be offended but will take this as an expression of my most sincere gratitude to all at Dlaew Worrah for opening up to me the many, varied and wonderful fields of Surprise ringing.

A SURPRISED LEARNER.

P.S.—A knowledge of backslang will provide missing clues.—Ed.

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The engagement is announced between Brian, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. J. Winter, of Exeter, Devon, and Gillian, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. A. Turner, of Hauxton, Cambs. 3596

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POSTPONEMENT

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Owing to B.B.C. work in the church on Saturday, January 3rd, meeting at Newcastle-under-Lyme postponed until Saturday, Feb. 7th.—E. G. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3625

APPEAL

ST. ALDATE'S, OXFORD.—Donations towards the retuning and rehanging of these well-known bells are urgently needed and may be sent to J. Venn, 233, Banbury Road, Oxford, or to the Rector. Great or small, gifts will be very gratefully received and acknowledged. 3560

MISCELLANEOUS

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—Practice cancelled first Wednesday in every month. Other Wednesdays usual practice at 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—B. L. Marks, Sec., Wayside, Swangley's Lane, Knebworth. 3611

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3572

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Drew. 3622

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Town Hall.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3568

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Goudhurst, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. 3583

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Joint meeting with the Loughborough District, Leicester Diocesan Guild, at Loughborough, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. 3573

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, Loughborough. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. 3590

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Clement Dances, Strand, Sat., Jan. 3rd, 2.15 to 4.30. Service 4.45, followed by business, including nominations.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL3921. 3561

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Church Hall, 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 3rd. St. Martin's bells available afterwards.—G. E. Fearn. Phone: SPR 1025. 3587

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. St. Marie's bells 3 to 5.30 p.m., Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Hurst, 23, Carver Street, Sheffield, 1.—J. Seager, Sec. 3565

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Crawley (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3614

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Jan. 5th, at 7 p.m. 3613

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 3607

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting, Halifax Parish Church (12), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.15 to 5.15 p.m. only. Business meeting in tower afterwards. It is hoped to arrange further ringing at another tower later. 3615

BARNSELY DISTRICT.—General meeting, St. Mary's, Barnsley, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tea and meeting, Rectory Rooms. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (4s.) 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. Eric Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley. 3628

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Timberscombe, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tea for number notified by 7th.—A. R. Tudball, West Close, Dunster. 3616

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business to follow. Please attend.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3610

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 3601

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 3589

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Meeting 6 p.m. Ringing after meeting. Cafés near church.—John Worth, Sec. 3627

DEVON GUILD—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Feniton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Ringing after meeting at Buckereil. Names for tea by Jan. 7th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 3575

DEVON GUILD—North East Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 3559

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Meeting, Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, Jan. 10th. 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 3595

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells: St. Benet's 3 to 4 p.m., St. Andrew-the-Great's 3 to 4.30 p.m., with service at 4.30 p.m., Great St. Mary's 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall.—E. W. Bullman. 3597

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting, Brentwood, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 3466

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 3617

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. M. Town, Zephyr, Heath Road, Linton. 3588

LADIES' GUILD—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting at Southover, Lewes, Saturday, Jan. 10th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Mrs. Elphick, 37, St. John Street, Lewes. Ladies, please support—gentlemen cordially invited.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 3591

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland (St. Andrew's), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, please.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors Ltd., Leyland. 3624

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party, Saturday, Jan. 10th. St. James', Milnrow. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by ticket only) 5. Business 6 (election of Ringing Master). Dancing 7.30. Whist 8. Moorside Handbell Ringers at 7.30 p.m. and later. Tickets from me (5s. 6d. inc.). Whist and dance only 2s. 6d., children half price.—Hodson, Sec., 67, Belfield Lane, Rochdale. 3609

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th. St. John's (Deptford). Lewisham Way. Buses 36 and 69. Bells 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business follow immediately. Further

ringing, St. Alfege's, Greenwich, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Powell, 45, Tremadoc Road, S.W.4. 3602

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. John-at-Hackney (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing on the new bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to R. Edwards, 29a, Lesbia Road, Clapton, E.5. Many bus routes pass church.—C. F. Neal, Asst. Hon. Sec. 3586

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD—Annual general meeting, Repton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All visitors welcome.—J. Cotton, Overseal 264. 3579

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Giles', Norwich, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. St. Peter Mancroft (12) after tea. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 7th to Mrs. Golden, 26, Brabazon Avenue, Hellesdon, Norwich.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 3558

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ambrosden on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 6th to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 3619

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. P. Chapman, 2, Primrose Hill, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 3593

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—North Notts District.—Annual meeting, Retford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) available. Short service in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Cafés in town for own tea arrangements. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 3598

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Goring (6), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3618

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Michael's and St. Mary's available after tea. Notify by Jan. 7th, please, J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton. 3584

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 8th to Mr. Elsdon Metcalfe, 14, Ingram-gate, Thirsk.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3626

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Quarterly meeting at Bulkington, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The Vicar, who is resigning in March next, has expressed a wish to meet the ringers of the diocese before he leaves. A good attendance is requested, please. Names for tea by Jan. 14th to Mr. A. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, Winlaton, St. Paul's Church, 2.30 p.m. Names essential to Mr. W. C. Bennett, 35, Gibside View, Winlaton, Co. Durham. 3606

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3557

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Oatlands, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., Oatlands 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park. 3605

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to Mr. M. M. Milner, 374, London Road, Upper Deal, Deal.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3594

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Lea and Gainsborough bells 2 to 5 p.m. Business meeting. Ackland Street School, 5.15. Service (Gainsborough) 6 p.m. Dinner and social evening, Lea Women's Institute, 7 p.m. Archdeacon of Lindsey will preach and propose the toast, 'The West Lindsey Branch.' Something of interest to all! Tickets still available from Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 3623

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Kettering (10), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 5 p.m., then tea and meeting in Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by previous Tuesday—outside caterer.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec., 13, Station Road, Kettering. 3600

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Wessex Restaurant. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 3621

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS—Annual general meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 6 p.m. Tea, Fellowship Hall, 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 13th, to A. W. J. Butler, 24, Roderick Road, London, N.W.3. Bells available: St. Martin's 3 to 5 p.m., and St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. 3608

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Dorking (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Church Hall. Please send names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking. 3612

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS—South West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Plympton St. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3603

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District.—Meeting, Flookburgh, Jan. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 3630

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles', Lincoln, Jan. 17th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 3632

STEPNEY, E.—On Dec. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Hutton 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, M. Bland 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, H. Weedon 6, L. Fox (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8, C. E. Willmington 9, A. Gargrave 10.

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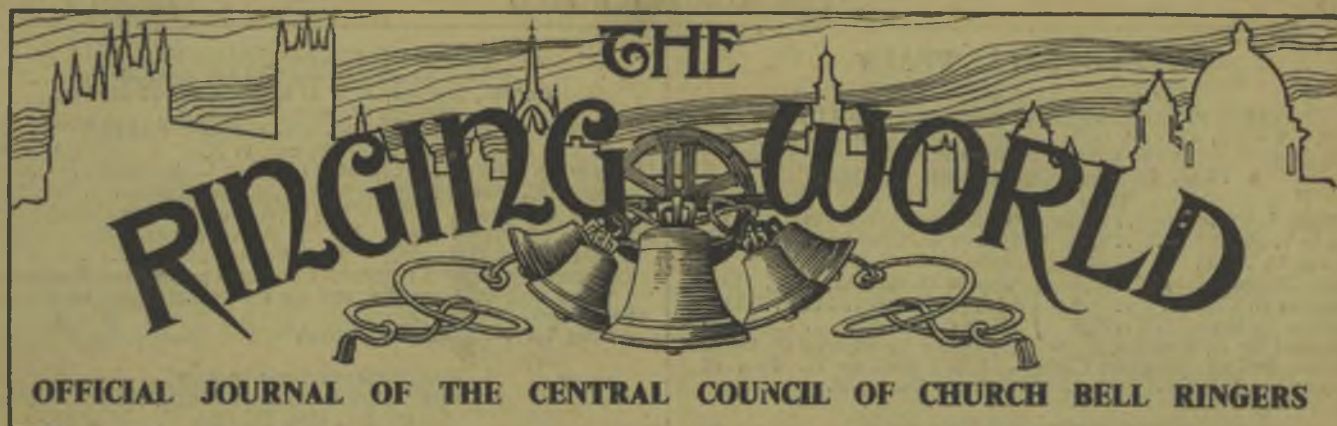
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A STORY OF 1925

A FEW months ago mention was made in the 'R.W.' of Leyland May Festival which, alas, is no longer held. It was always a colourful event, the teams of male Morris dancers making a grand display along the streets.

Most ringers in Lancashire knew that there was some trouble over ringing for this festival, but the facts are set out for the first time. It has taken over 30 years to get over this squabble, and of course there are not many 30 years in a lifetime.

The Parish Church of St. Andrew had a really good band of ringers as far back as 1907 up to being broken up in 1925. They rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples for service, and after being joined by the late B. A. Knights in 1910 they progressed to Treble Bob and Double Norwich. They had always rung for the May Festival and the Vicar was ex-officio chairman of the festival committee, although the Urban District Council shared the work of organisation, etc.

In 1924 came a vicar who, after accepting office, made it plain that he intended to make some sweeping alterations. These were not acceptable to the committee, so after a Chancery Court action to see who really owned the funds, it was decided to have two festivals, viz.: one for the church and one for the village (as it was then).

The Vicar ordered the ringers to ring for the church festival only. They asked for time to consider the matter and in due course they informed the Vicar that if they could not ring for both festivals they would not ring at all. Still, they did not wish this trouble to interfere with service ringing. The Vicar's answer was: Either absolute loyalty to him or finish.

The church festival was held first and no bells, also no bells for the village festival. In the parish magazine the Vicar said that all the ringers had now finished, and this was keenly felt by the older members. Only one migrated to another church, the rest gradually dropped out of ringing and only one is now living.

Meanwhile moves were being made behind the scenes to end the deadlock; Canon Elsee, the Lancashire president, tried his hardest, and the late Wm. Taylor boldly went to interview the Vicar. He made such an impression that the Vicar asked him to come again, and then an un-

foreseen incident happened that upset any hope of reconciliation. Queen Alexandra was dead, and there was no muffled ringing as was customary at such events. The dismissed ringers talked amongst themselves, but the Vicar was away so they could not ask him. They therefore went to the local Superintendent of Police and put their case to him. He advised them as follows: That as all were members of the Church he could not see they were doing any wrong in going up to ring. Everything had to be put back as they found it and no damage must be done to Church property.

This was carried out to the letter, but shortly after the Vicar's return each ringer received a solicitor's letter. It said that unless an apology was received for gross trespass and wilful damage by ringing on a specified date legal proceedings would follow.

So back to the Police Superintendent with the letters, and his advice was to do nothing. Time went on and no proceedings were taken; eventually the Vicar formed a new band. He also appealed for money, and the bells were overhauled and made into ten. Owing chiefly to the perseverance and enthusiasm of the present leader things are now flourishing. The ten are rung most Sundays and a good supply of learners is available.

The writer considers that 'the sack' for ringers is no good at all, however useful it may be in industry. It always results in stopped bells, and there are three silent towers not far from Leyland all through 'sacking.' This does not mean that vicars or anyone else should accept an intolerable position: things should never be allowed to get to the stage of 'either and or.' The good of the belfry and the continuation should be the chief consideration of both ringers and clergy. 'LANCASTRIAN.'

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
*ALLAN J. FROST .. 2	†DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 8
†DAVID W. JAMES .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 9
*BRIAN AUSTIN .. 4	*ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 10
†SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 5	†ARTHUR GIBBS .. 11
RONALD C. NOON .. 6	†HARRY WOODING .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Grandsire Cinques. †First peal on 12. First of Cinques as conductor. First 12-bell peal for the Guild.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*FREDERICK LEECH .. Treble	*ROGER KING .. 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	*FREDERICK A. H. CATELL .. 8
BESSIE A. CARTER .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 9
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 4	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 10
*ROBERT W. HINDE .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 11
JOHN F. BUTLER .. 6	†ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

*First peal on 12 bells. †First of Maximus. First of Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*W. ARNOLD MORLEY .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 7
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 8
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. 9
ROGER BALDWIN .. 5	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by GORDON A. HALLS and DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

*First peal on ten bells. First in the method on the bells. The composition contains eight 'tittum' courses with the sixth home throughout.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*ANTHONY A. UPTON .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 7
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	ANTHONY A. AGER .. 8
HENRY H. FEARN .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
PETER BERESFORD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

*First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, to mark the occasion of their diamond wedding.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. Treble	PERCY J. SPICE .. 6
HILDA OAKSHETT .. 2	*†EDWARD J. JENNER .. 7
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 3	†ERNEST J. LADD .. 8
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4	*†STANLEY JENNER .. 9
*DAVID J. KIRBY .. 5	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

*First peal on ten bells. †25th peal together. ‡First of Plain Bob Royal, and first of Royal as conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ALLEN D. RIVERS .. Treble	†JANET L. ADAMSON .. 6
JEFFERY C. BIRT .. 2	ALAN R. PINK .. 7
FRANK C. PRICE .. 3	†A. JAMES GLASS .. 8
*PAMELA M. JERVIS .. 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 9
*LINDA J. KEW (13) .. 5	†JOHN T. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.

*First peal of Grandsire, and on ten bells. †First on ten bells.

*First peal.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19½ cwt.

AIDAN ST. J. N. BOYACK .. Treble	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 2	LEONARD J. FOX .. 7
DENNIS HEWITT .. 3	MICHAEL D. FROST .. 8
*BRIAN R. DOWNES .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON .. 9
†FREDERICK W. SYKES .. 5	THOMAS HAWKINGS .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

*First peal of Stedman, and on ten bells. †First peal (aged 15).

A 17th birthday compliment to Peter D. Chapman, a local ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL BLORE .. Treble	DAVID H. HOLLAND .. 5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by G. E. FREEBREY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ROGER BALDWIN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Hubbard's.		
JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. Treble	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5	
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 2	FRED BROWNLOW .. 6	
LAWRENCE CLEMENT .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 7	
ARTHUR RIGBY .. 4	DAVID YOUNG .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

First peal in the method for all the band.

Rung to mark the closing of the Lourdes centenary year.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Bruerton's Twelve-part.		
*H. DEREK LEES .. Treble	E. ARNOLD MOORE .. 5	
ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. 2	ALBERT LAWTON .. 6	
HAROLD ROBERTS .. 3	WILLIAM TALBOT .. 7	
ERIC YOUNG .. 4	WILLIAM WATKIN .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. ARNOLD MOORE.

*First peal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3	*RALPH BIRD 7
*†IAN H. ORAM 4	*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

A wedding compliment to Terence Barton and Patricia Evans, married at Tunstall on December 6th.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
*HAROLD F. WHITE .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
THOMAS PRICE 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major 'inside.'

Rung on the eve of the choir festival, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Ten-part, No. 1. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 6
*†PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	HARRY TURNER 7
†PIETER J. EVES 4	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 25th peal together. The conductor's 200th peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALLAN SMITH, JUN. Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5
MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON .. 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 6
*KEITH ABBOTT 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
ALLAN SMITH, SEN. 4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.

Rung for Ringers' Sunday.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 2). Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN VICKERY Treble	RICHARD OLIVER 5
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 6
*J. GEORGE WALL 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
WILLIAM TYSON 4	†NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Rung as a 67th birthday compliment to J. George Wall.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 6
*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	*DEREK P. JONES .. 7
*ROLAND BENISTON .. 4	GORDON A. HALLS .. Tenor

Composed by GORDON A. HALLS.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 each Bristol and Superlative, 1,280 London and 1,248 Cambridge, 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of 4-Spliced.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES A. BYSOUTH .. Treble	*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
*JILL MAYES 2	*EDWIN G. BUCK .. 6
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	*JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PAUL J. RIGBY Treble	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 6
CYRIL RUSBY 3	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* 50th peal together.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

GORDON T. PETERS Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 6
ALAN J. SMITH 3	ALBERT HARMAN .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 4	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* 400th peal.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
CYRIL RUSBY .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	PAUL J. RIGBY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb.

*MARY MADDISON .. Treble	†THOMAS SPIGHT .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 6
CHARLES H. MOORE .. 3	PETER M. ADCOCK .. 7
WILFRED SAUNDERS .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK .. 7
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. 5
EDWIN R. GOATE .. 2	*MICHAEL STOKES .. 6
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. 3	RALPH W. BICKERS .. 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

* 25th peal.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
JOHN S. DEAN .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
*ROGER KING .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
GEOFFREY PARTING .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 5
*JOHN H. FIELDS .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. 6
*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 3	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	*BRIAN WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BRIAN WOODRUFFE.

: First peal of Superlative. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

DR. C. G. ROWORTH .. Treble	CHARLES JONES .. 5
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 2	FRANCIS G. WILTON .. 6
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	ERIC SUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. Rung to herald the Christmas Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4
FRANCES A. SECKER .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 3	HUGH NEILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE A. HURD .. Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 4
*MRS. M. I. PAILING .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 5
†F. NEVILLE PAILING (13) .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor.

CLAYHIDON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 18 240's and six 120's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANCIS TAYLOR .. Treble	RONALD TRICKEY .. 4
EDWARD SUMMERS .. 2	WILLIAM WEBB .. 5
FRANCIS PARR .. 3	LESLIE MORELL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

ORDSALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 each of Killamarsh T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 7 cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	*RICHARD HOBBS .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	GEORGE CHALLANS .. 5
HAROLD DENMAN .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Oxford (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

MARTIN J. ROOTE .. Treble	J. JULIAN PAWLEY .. 4
H. LESLIE WYKES .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
ROYSTON WILMORE .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A 'coming-of-age' compliment to Miss Nancy Wykes, a local ringer and daughter of the second ringer.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MICHAEL J. DYER .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET .. 4
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

Rung to the memory of Geoffrey F. Carter by a few of his friends of the Ely Association.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
*PAUL J. DYE Treble | PHILIP A. CORBY 4
ARTHUR E. WENBAN 2 | ROY T. PANKHURST 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 3 | ROBERT COLLINS.. .. Tenor
Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Wenban, captain of the local band, on his 50 years' membership of the Association, and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. G. Acott, secretary of the local band.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. Treble | HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2 | PETER DAWSON 5
JOHN RHODES 3 | FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor
Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*BERNARD W. PANKHURST Treble | ERNEST J. LADD.. .. 4
*MARGARET A. LADD.. .. 2 | EDWARD J. JENNER 5
STANLEY JENNER 3 | BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. W. Pankhurst, who has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
JOHN D. ROCK Treble | FREDERICK R. SCOTT 4
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2 | DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3 | ROBIN G. LEALE.. .. Tenor
Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BOTTISHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.
GEORGE E. THODAY.. .. Treble | DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 3
*WILLIAM J. OSBOURN .. 2 | ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. 4
DEREK E. SIBSON Tenor
Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.. Treble | DONALD F. MURFET 4
GEORGE E. CRISP 2 | HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
*ARTHUR YARROW 3 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor
Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS and DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.
*DOROTHY E. ATRILL .. Treble | REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 4
†JOHN F. TAGG 2 | †TED WILLOWS 5
SAM SCATTERGOOD 3 | *CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES Tenor
Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt.
LEONARD J. MINNS Treble | †JAMES B. MORLEY.. .. 3
*ROGER L. WHITTELL .. 2 | ††JOHN L. GIRT.. .. 4
§C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.. Tenor
Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. †† First in the method. § First of Doubles in the method.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM Treble | GEORGE CHALLANS 4
*JAMES T. ROOKE (15) .. 2 | †HAROLD DENMAN 5
RICHARD HOBBS 3 | †DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor
Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells, and 25th peal of Surprise Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 WATH DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*JAMES T. ROOKE Treble | HAROLD DENMAN 4
†JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM 2 | *HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
*DENNIS SMEDLEY 3 | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor
Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' 50th peal as conductor, and first in the method as conductor.
Rung to mark the 23rd anniversary of the induction of the Rev. C. M. I. Salt to the living of Gamston.

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BRAMSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. in G.

*GERALD M. BATTERSBY .. Treble	†ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 4
†ANGELA J. MARTIN .. 2	*PETER G. SMART .. 5
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON.. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. † First of Minor. ‡ 50th tower for a peal. First peal on the bells since 1932.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM CHILVERS Treble	LEONARD J. MINNS 4
L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMORE .. 5
ERNEST WHITING.. .. 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Chilvers.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	*RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 4
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	*DEREK P. JONES .. 5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	*HAROLD E. CLAYTON.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. CLAYTON.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county, and for the Association.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 14 six-scores each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS Treble	*WILLIAM TALBOT 4
ERIC YOUNG 2	HAROLD ROBERTS 5
G. ARNOLD MOORE 3	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in three methods.

NORTON-IN-HALES, SHROPSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire (rung on the front six). Tenor 14 cwt.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE 4
HAROLD ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM TALBOT 5
ALBERT LAWTON.. .. 3	*GEORGE SIMON Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal. First in two methods by all the band.

Rung to celebrate Archie Harrison's 52 years as a ringer at this church.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Dec. 17, 1958, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

*GRAHAM T. BALL 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
JOHN VERNON 3—4	MICHAEL VERNON 7—8

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Elaine Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Roger Hayward, of Hinckley.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: C. M. White 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, Miss M. P. Coffin 3, K. Jacobs 4, M. L. Northway (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. First half peal for all.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivings (first of Minor) 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, P. R. J. Lester 3, J. E. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Richins 1, J. Bagnall 2, R. Wilton 3, H. Barnes 4, F. H. Crawley 5, J. E. Burles 6, Rev. A. F. L. Lofthouse covering. For midnight celebration.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 2 covering): D. Massey (aged 9, first quarter) 1, Frances Massey (aged 12, first 'inside') 2, Hilda Massey (first of Doubles) 3, G. W. Massey 4, E. E. Bray (cond.) 5, Teresa Jones 6, G. C. Grant 7, H. Vennell 8. For Matins.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Crutchfield 1, E. J. Smith (cond.) 2, H. Hatfield 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, F. Sharpe 6, C. H. Kinch 7, F. Keeves 8. For the Christmas festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. B. Aldridge 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, P. Corderoy (first of Stedman and away from treble) 8.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Sweet 1, R. D. Short 2, M. J. Stone 3, G. R. Marchant 4, E. Chapman 5, C. T. Clarke 6, D. J. Gay (first as cond.) 7, H. Webber (first quarter) 8.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. Benet Conlon 1, Rev. Paulinus Angold 2, Rev. Oswald Mowan 3, Rev. Christopher Delaney 4, Rev. Paschal Dowlings 5, Rev. Anthony de Guingand 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. First 'inside' 3 and 5. First quarter by the Community band. Rung on the back six of the front octave.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Boor (first quarter) 1, T. Padbury (first 'inside') 2, L. Penfold 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, A. Berry 3, J. R. Hough 4, A. Jackson (first as cond.) 5, R. Turner (first quarter) 6. For Christmas.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. R. Hough 3, A. Berry 4, J. Martins (first as cond. in three methods) 5, A. Jackson 6. A wedding compliment to Miss B. Fox and Mr. D. Stapley.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Tyson 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, J. Vickery 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6. To welcome the arrival of Ian Geoffrey, son of Mr. E. Oliver (ringer at this tower) and Mrs. Oliver. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. C. I. McN. Smith 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, E. Oliver 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, W. E. Tyson (first as cond.) 6. Run: half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ECCLESTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Bonchill (first in method) 1, T. Barker 2, J. H. Garside 3, P. Dunderdale 4, P. T. Gardner 5, S. Walmsley (cond.) 6. For St. Thomas' Day.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Mallett 1, A. Truman 2, W. Howe 3, Mrs. N. Mallett 4, F. Wreford 5, W. Wills 6, E. Biffin 7, R. Truman 8. For Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,958 Doubles (being 480 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob, 518 Stedman): J. Fray 1, Monica Horseman 2, Mary Powell 3, J. Brain 4, M. Horseman 5, D. Jeanes 6. A date touch.

QUARTER PEALS

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Austin (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. R. Hough 3, Miss V. Godderidge 4, A. Berry 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, A. Jackson 7, J. Wellard 8. First quarter by a local band since 1947. Rung for the installation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Hough) as an Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Y. Parker (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, J. Gentleman 3, R. Palmer 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5, Rung in memoriam Mr. J. E. Levitt, uncle of the conductor.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, R. W. Steward 2, D. Brand 3, H. A. Mitson 4, H. D. Lister 5, E. E. Davey 6. For the wedding of Miss Airey and Mr. Buck.

GREENWICH, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Plain Bob, 1,140 Grandsire): Kathleen Walker (first quarter) 1, Susan Brown 2, Freda Cannon 3, I. M. Parry 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, J. Macchell 6. First quarter in two methods for 2, 3 and 6.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Harrabin 1, Miss Diana J. Perrins 2, A. R. Crump 3, M. F. Hall 4, R. H. C. Johnson 5, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 6. For the Feast of St. Thomas.

HARLAXTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 20th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, P. A. Hill 2, H. Grocock 3, E. A. Cole 4, P. E. Parry (cond.) 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. L. Nichols 3, A. J. Davey 4, L. G. Cowley (first quarter) 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Smith (first quarter) 1, P. Ruch (cond.) 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, P. Bettridge 4, W. A. Lewis 5, A. Grant 6, G. W. Golding 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. W. Seymour (first of Stedman Triples) 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Mrs. Hall (first of Stedman Triples) 3, J. Hill 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, M. J. Palmer (first on eight as cond.) 6, N. D. Robinson 7, A. R. Turley 8.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. V. Edwards 1, Caroline Howlett 2, Christine Lansey 3, Mavis Wright 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, P. S. Gaisford 6. Average age of the band 17. Rung after carol service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, R. W. Green 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Y. Price 1, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 2, R. L. Arnold (first of Minor) 3, J. G. Cull 4, D. C. Price 5, F. W. Ellis 6. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Lawrence), inducted on December 8th.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Turner 1, H. W. Pearce 2, M. D. Bishop (first quarter) 3, S. W. White 4, H. D. Bishop 5, A. W. Dyer 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, R. P. Selway 8.

LIVERPOOL, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 28th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: L. L. Gray 1, K. Hesketh (15 years) 2, E. L. Humphriss 3, T. W. Hesketh 4, A. Sandford 5, W. E. Court 6, D. Lyon (16) 7, J. F. Groves 8, J. N. Brown 9, E. C. Birkett 10, J. Ridyard (cond.) 11, S. H. Bailey 12. Longest length on the bells. Rung for carol service by service ringers at the Cathedral.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Pearson (cond.) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, L. Mannering 3, Olive D. Couchman 4, F. A. Leeson 5, L. Head 6, J. Wallis 7, H. S. Wickens 8, B. F. Baker 9, T. Cullingworth 10. For evening service.

PETERBOROUGH, HUNTS.—At St. John's Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cowling 1, G. Bush 2, H. Goakes 3, M. J. Dyer (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, F. Roval 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6, H. S. Peacock 7, P. Simmonds 8. For morning service.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lane 1, Mrs. G. Simmonds 2, Monica Horseman 3, R. Williams 4, D. Cobb 5, A. Gould 6, M. Horseman (cond.) 7, R. Gale 8. In honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Irefreday W. L. M. Coombes (Rector); also a birthday compliment to two local ringers.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, C. J. Gould 3, H. Springate 4, A. Wrigley (first of Triples) 5, T. Beaumont 6, R. E. Norris 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. For carol service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hobbs 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, C. White 5, A. Fry 6, J. Page 7, K. Jacobs 8. First in method by all. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hobbs 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, C. White 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, D. Greenlaw 8. For Advent.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On Dec. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Bains 1, F. Lord (cond.) 2, R. J. Lord (first 'inside' on tower bells) 3, Mrs. J. Finn 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, H. Judd 7, J. R. Joyner 8. For Evensong.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Lewis 1, E. Townsend 2, P. Meecham 3, M. Kemp 4, G. Pitaway 5, Miss D. Clifford 6, B. Lewis (cond.) 7, B. Izod 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering for carol service.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, Ruth Dickenson (first 'inside') 2, W. Dickenson 3, F. A. Adams 4, H. Paddison 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, J. Saxton 7, A. B. Cooper 8. For the 70th birthday of Lewis G. Palmer, who has been a member of the Staveley company for 54 years.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): J. Swain 1, G. Johnson 2, B. Day 3, W. H. Wittering 4, D. L. Gullick 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, W. Munson 7, R. Leeson 8. For evening service.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. T. Ball 1, G. Vernon 2, J. Hill 3, R. Richardson 4, M. Lindsey 5, J. H. Bailes 6, J. Vernon 7, M. Vernon (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. Joseph Herbert, a ringer and chorister at this church for over 60 years, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. M. Harrop 1, Miss J. Porter 2, H. Rodmell 3, C. R. Robinson 4, I. G. Glenton 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. L. Reynolds, M.A.), on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Doubles (St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): June Sinfield 1, I. Knox 2, A. J. Smith 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, P. Webster (first quarter) 6. For midnight Communion service.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. M. Steele (first extent of Kent Treble Bob 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Steele 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkins 7, C. F. Neal 8. For Midnight Mass.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Mavnard 1, P. D. Chapman (17th birthday) 2, H. Rumens 3, A. L. M. Shepherd 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, E. E. Holman 6, F. W. Sykes 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8, D. A. Hewitt 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For Evensong.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Whetherly 1, B. Davis 2, T. J. Miskom 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. S. N. Brown 6.

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After several weeks of careful practice on tower and handbells at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, it is pleasing to be able to state that a change ringing band has been established there amongst the Abbey ringers. In this direction they have had a certain amount of assistance from a few members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild. The efforts of the Abbey ringers were recently rewarded when six of them rang, entirely without outside help, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles, the striking being good throughout.

The initials of the writer of the article on Quex Park should have been B. J. L.

The peal at Ashted on Boxing Day was Mr. F. Oakshott's 40th anniversary of his first peal. Much-travelled Mr. A. P. Cannon, who conducted, informs us that it was his 25th peal of Grandsire Triples, all rung in 25 different towers.

The band who rang the peal at Tanfield, Co. Durham, thank Mr. and Mrs. George Wall for the sumptuous supper which awaited them after the peal and wish George a happy retirement. He retired on Boxing Day after a lifetime of work in the mines.

With sincere regret we learn that Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, who is now living at Christchurch New Zealand, has had trouble with his eyes and is now unable to read. The sudden death of his son-in-law, with whom he lived, has also been a sad blow.

When nearly at the end of an attempt for a quarter peal of Kent Royal on Christmas Eve at Huddersfield Parish Church, an Irishman, who appeared well under the influence of drink, became entangled with No. 8 rope in the clock chamber. Fortunately no one was injured as may easily have been, and the fellow was ejected from the tower by members of the Law.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Chocolate Drop Kid, 28-year-old gunman, Stanley Robert Mackins, who at Leeds Assizes was sent to prison for nine years, was arrested after a 100-mile chase across Yorkshire by P.S. Huddleston, who was commended by the Judge. Sgt. Huddleston was a ringer at Driffild until ringing was stopped a year or two ago, following a disagreement with the Vicar. He has now retired from the East Riding Police Force after 30 years' service.

David Massey, aged nine, of Frome, Somerset, is following in the footsteps of his sister Frances, by ringing his first quarter at Beckington, on December 28th. Frances, who is now 12, rang her first peal at the age of 10.

Dickleburgh, near Liss, Norfolk, which has now a ring of six (see dedication report in this issue), has no louvred window towards the main road—the village High Street. It will thus not disturb the locality with ringing.

At last, Sherborne Abbey bells have yielded again to the efforts of peal ringers. The peal of Stedman Triples on Boxing Day put an end to a period during which, it is believed, no less than nine consecutive attempts had failed.

The band who rang the peal at Seal Chart were sorry that the secretary of the local band, Mr. G. Acott, was unable to take part owing to illness, and would like to thank Paul Dye, a young member of the Sevenoaks band, who took part at short notice and rang well to score his first peal.

After seeing their father, the Rev. J. F. Hough, installed as an honorary Canon in Canterbury Cathedral on December 20th, Miss E. Hough and Mr. J. R. Hough returned to Folkestone and rang a quarter peal on the bells of their father's church, SS. Mary and Eanswythe. This was the first quarter by a local band on the bells since 1947.

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CORRESPONDENCE OVER BOW-IN-THE-ROAD PEAL

Dear Sir,—When the Bow-in-the-Road peal controversy reared its ugly head in these columns a few weeks ago, I hoped at first that it might pass substantially unnoticed and soon be forgotten by all but those intimately concerned with it, as do so many other and similar occurrences. However, in view of the widespread comment which the ringing of this peal has since occasioned in the London area, and in view also of the groundless and almost criminally defamatory allegations which have been levelled against my own integrity as a result, I am reluctantly compelled to give an account of the true facts of the matter.

On September 23rd I addressed the following letter to the Rev. Francis Mettrick, Rector of Bow:—

Dear Rector,—I write to ask if it might be possible for myself and some fellow bell-ringers from the Surbiton and Wimbledon areas to come and ring a peal on the bells at St. Mary's, Bow Road, on a weekday evening in the near future.

I was thinking tentatively of the evening of Wednesday, November 5th; this date is, however, purely a suggestion, as almost any other time would suit us equally well. If possible, we should like to ring from about 6.15 until 9 p.m.

I hope that you will be able to see your way to granting us permission to ring.—Yours sincerely,

On October 20th my letter was returned to me with the following reply written on the back:—

Dear Mr. Leale,—Thank you for your letter. We shall be happy to hear your friends ringing our bells on the date you suggest or any other Wednesday. We should like the ringing to cease as soon as possible after 9 p.m.

Best wishes.—Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) F. METTRICK.

A few days later I replied in the following vein:—

Dear Rector,—Thank you very much for your letter and for your kindness in giving permission for my team of ringers to come and ring a peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Church, Bow Road, on any Wednesday evening.

We should like to come on Wednesday, the 19th November. I note that you wish the ringing to cease as soon as possible after 9 p.m.: in order to be quite sure of finishing at about this time we should like to start ringing at six o'clock, and we therefore expect to arrive at the church at about a quarter to six. I hope that it will be possible for someone to meet us at this time and show us the way to the tower.

If I do not hear further from you I shall assume that these arrangements meet with your approval.—Yours sincerely,

WHAT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 19th

On November 17th I sent a postcard to the Rector confirming the arrangements made.

On the day of the peal I arrived at the church at about ten to six and found some of the band already waiting outside, the doors of the church being locked. At six o'clock all of the band had assembled and, there still being no one present to let us in, I went in search of the Rectory, which fortunately turned out to be quite close at hand. The Rector handed me his keys and asked me to return them by way of his letter-box when we had finished ringing.

At five minutes past six we entered the church by way of the main west door, which I locked behind us. Having raised the bells and adjusted the ropes (which hang just inside the main west door) we went into changes at 6.13 p.m.

During the last course of the peal we were disturbed by a continuous and most unholy hammering on the west door, accompanied by loud shouts and whistling from without. Eventually a young man entered the church by way of a vestry and unlocked the main door to admit a police officer. We were by then in the last half-lead of the conclusion. The bells were lowered singly and were all down well before 9.20 p.m.

Our visitors had meanwhile left us and when we came out of the church were nowhere to be seen. Having returned the keys as instructed, we left.

On the day on which the Rector's letter appeared in these columns I called on him in the hope of clearing up any misunderstanding which might exist between us. I was coolly received and during an ensuing discussion the Rector informed me that he had in his possession a letter from myself saying that it was our intention to ring for only half an hour. He was, however, unable to produce this letter when asked to do so, and the interview ended on a highly discordant note.

The above are the facts. Now, it seems that the objections since made to the ringing of the peal are as follows:—

(a) That permission had never been given for a three-hour peal attempt:

(b) That, even if given, permission should never have been sought in the first place.

Anyone who has read the letters quoted above will, I think, agree that point (a) merits no discussion.

With regard to point (b) I would say this. It is my feeling that any ringer is quite at liberty to ask for permission to ring a peal on **any bells at all**, and to accept the decision of the man on the spot as to whether or not the making of such an attempt would be advisable. Neither I nor anyone else can be expected to have expert knowledge of the state of local opinion in any but a minute proportion of the London area: it is therefore the responsibility of the local incumbent, before giving permission for a peal attempt by visiting ringers, to give such a matter his very careful consideration and, if possible, to seek advice from the captain of his own ringers before arriving at a decision.

I hope that my explanation of the facts underlying this regrettable episode will lead to the immediate end of its discussion in these columns. I should, however, be pleased (albeit surprised) to see published apologies, both from the Rector of Bow for his almost libellous misstatements, and from those others who have since followed his somewhat unreliable lead.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

P.S.—The originals of the first two letters quoted above are in my possession and may be inspected by any interested parties. The Rector has, I trust, preserved my second letter to him.—R. G. L.

New Year Reminder

This is the time for new subscribers to join and also to renew subscriptions due without delay. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d., 6 months 14s. 6d., 12 months £1 8s, to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Stonewall Jackson Of Ringers

On Tuesday, December 23rd, in spite of fog and an evening which in normal events would discourage the most ardent traveller, some 40 people gathered at Abingdon in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. Albert E. Lock, Oxford Diocesan Guild (North Berks Branch) secretary.

Tributes paid in turn by Mr. A. H. Webb (Branch Ringing Master) and the Rev. C. F. Cross (Branch chairman) exemplified Mr. Lock's long and loyal service, and particularly of late years the manner in which he had fostered his fold and encouraged beginners. As a mark of appreciation and in recognition of the occasion a cheque was formally presented on behalf of all Branch members.

In reply, Mr. Lock said that he had in his time fearlessly faced the fastest of bowlers, but at no time had he faced up to anything quite so terrifying as this. Elected to office in 1920, he was not certain if anyone now present attended that memorable Hagbourne meeting. It transpired, in fact, that there were three—Messrs. H. K. White, A. H. Webb and W. Corderoy. Mr. Lock said that he had enjoyed every minute of his service and liked nothing better than a gathering of ringers such as this, looked forward to many more and declared himself ready at any time to ring and conduct a peal.

Miss M. Cross, general secretary of the Guild, paid personal tribute and expressed appreciation of Albert's efforts to maintain the ringing strength of her tower.

Handbell ringing and carol singing, in particular an operatic rendering of 'Good King Wenceslas' by the chairman and Miss East, brought the evening to a happy conclusion.
G. W. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Lavenham Ringers' Supper

Another very enjoyable supper and social were held at Lavenham on December 6th. 82 ringers and friends attending, including the District Ringing Master, Mr. Allen W. Cansdale (Bures) and the Rector of Lavenham, Canon H. W. S. Cotton.

The church bells were rung for one hour before the supper, which was served in the Church Hall by wives and friends of the Lavenham ringers. After supper the Ringing Master and Canon Cotton each spoke a few words of welcome and then we settled down to an evening of varied entertainment. The M.C. was Mr. Richard Seabrook (Hartest).

A band of visitors from Danbury, Essex, gave a good performance of tunes and carols on handbells, also part-songs. Various games and dances were organised by the M.C., who also, to the surprise and delight of the company, rendered a song he had composed in honour of the occasion with a topical verse for each letter of the alphabet. A few sample verses are given below:—

B is for Bures—a rare service band,
Les Mills will tell you it's the best in the land.
C is for Cansdale, and also for Clare.
Cansdale's our Master and runs like a hare,
D is for Danbury, oh, what a steep climb,
There are so many ringers they've gone on short time.

O is for Outing we have every year,
Some go for ringing, but more go for beer.

Messrs. Stedman and Maurice Symonds, of Lavenham, gave a 'four in hand' performance of tunes on handbells, and Mr. Stedman Symonds also rang tunes 'single handed' on his 'baby' handbells.

The evening concluded with community singing and our very best thanks to the local company and their helpers for a most enjoyable evening.
R. J. S.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK—A RING OF SIX

Hard by the Ipswich-Norwich turnpike stands the Parish Church of All Saints, Dickleburgh. Its five bells became unsafe to ring during 1957, and on December 21st, 1958, Dr. P. M. Herbert, the 68th Bishop of Norwich, rededicated those bells and dedicated a new treble. A new metal frame has also been provided, the whole contract being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

It was the first day of winter, yet the weather was sunny and springlike. There was a good congregation, and some whose names are often to be seen in the peals columns of 'The Ringing World' were among the ringers present. Unfortunately one who was missing was 'Rowley' (Mr. W. E.) Musk, of Eye, Suffolk, now unable to ring because of his poor health. Had he been able he would have been there; he rang his first 720 there in September, 1901.

The service followed the familiar order. The choir sang very well. The Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Peacock) conducted the service and spoke of how the sad news, that the bells must not be rung again before overhaul, was announced at Harvest Festival in 1957; and how, by Christmas that year, £55 10s. had been raised; then, by Easter, £625; the summer fete brought it to £900, and now, at the dedication service, £1,100 of the £1,200 needed had been received. But the parish could not relax, because repairs to the fabric of the tower and church roof had cost another £200. He also said that some kind person had got the clock going again.

Immediately after the dedication the Vicar said: 'Let the bells ring out!' and rounds were rung by Charles Catchpole (tower captain), C. Snelling, Miss, P. Theobald, F. Clark, T. Lockwood and R. Chenery, while the Bishop, the wardens (Mr. J. C. N. Draper and Mr. A. Lockett) and the clerk (Mr. G. B. Fairweather) stood by.

THE BELL AND THE COMMUNITY

The Bishop, in his sermon, said that the story of church bells was both curious and interesting, throwing a light on English church life throughout the ages. The stowage of bells in a tower belonging to a church was a secular act. In olden days the bell was the most important thing in a community, for it was rung to give warning of the approach of rivals, of enemies and of danger caused by fire. Church bells were used to summon the whole nation to arms when the Spanish Armada threatened our fleet and shores. 'Bonfires were lit and church bells were rung,' it is recorded. And again, the bells of Chester Cathedral were rung for the victory of Trafalgar 'with a deep toll to signify the nation's grief for the men killed in battle.'

Everything depended on the bell because otherwise people were ignorant of disasters which might overcome them. So the question arose, where could one put the bell so that it would be safe and not stolen by a rival community? The answer was, in the church—universally sacred: nobody was likely to go in there with evil intent. But the bell must be high so that it could be heard. This meant a tower being built and attached to the west end, and that is the real reason why the tower does not really belong to the church. However, it has influenced church architecture ever since, and it is important because it ties up

the temporal needs of a community with its spiritual needs.

The Bishop continued: 'Don't misunderstand my words when I say that the church is meant to be the public house of the parish, supplying the general common needs of the human beings of the parish—that's why we call it a "parish" church—it belongs to everybody. It is only those who turn their backs on it that do not appreciate its value and get the help it offers, but it is, merely a dumb witness without a bell—a bell gives it a voice and makes it a living house of prayer and praise to the living God.'

The Bishop's address was very interesting and, although his notes fell from the pulpit to the nave floor two-thirds of the way through the sermon, it made no difference for he seemed to ignore them even when he had them. He concluded: 'Don't forget what you owe to those who have gone before and who have set a church in a village and bells to rouse the people all the time.'

Refreshments in the nearby school, and ringing in a number of methods followed the service.

THE BELLS

Treble.—Weight, 4 cwt. 3 qr.; 1958. Inscription: 'For services rendered to the church and parish of Dickleburgh. A. O. Dent, W. J. Draper, A. R. Woods, G. B. Fairweather.'

Second.—5 cwt. 3 qr.; 1857. 'John Taylor and Son, Founders, Loughborough.'

Third.—6 cwt. 1 qr.; circa 1500. 'Sonitus Egidii Ascendit Ad Culmina Celi.'

Fourth.—7 cwt. 2 qr.; circa 1500. 'Dulcis Sisto Melis Campana Vocor Michalis.'

Fifth.—9 cwt. 2 qr.; circa 1500. 'Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata.'

Tenor.—11 cwt. 2 qr.; 1857. 'For the Honour of God. John Taylor and Son, Founders, Loughborough.' C. R.

NORTH SOMERSET RINGERS IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

On December 13th a party of ringers from Nailsea and district embarked on another Saturday afternoon ringing expedition—this time in South Gloucestershire. The trip was arranged as a farewell to one of the party, who is returning from R.A.F. Locking, to his home territory at the end of the year.

The five at Wapley were first rung to a variety of Doubles and Minimus methods; then, after a preliminary skirmish with the clock hammer, the heavier six at Pucklechurch were enjoyed. Darkness had now fallen and the party made its way to Abson, where the customary picnic tea was taken in the kitchen of a farm near the church. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Symes (formerly of Nailsea) for this. Now warmed and fed we rang on the good six at Abson, the elusive touch of All Saints' Doubles being finally conquered. At Dyrham, where the church is situated on an estate with the 'big house,' nearby, we enjoyed ringing on the fine little six, good in tone but unfortunately a little neglected.

Warmley, with its recently-rehung six, was the final call and a number of the local band turned up to welcome, and ring with, us. The fullest possible use was made of this good-going ring, including a well-struck course of London. M. J. H.

MR. SAM JONES OF ECCLESTON

Longevity among ringers is proverbial, but few are able to take an active part in ringing at the age of 90. December 13th, therefore, was in the nature of a very special occasion in the village of Ecclestone, Cheshire, for on this day Mr. Sam Jones celebrated his 90th birthday. The morning post brought many letters and cards conveying greetings and congratulations, and in the afternoon the bells rang out from the church tower just below the house.

An excellent peal of London formed a fitting tribute to the occasion and the high tea which followed was no less appreciated for, with our veteran in the place of honour at the table laden with good things to eat, the spirit of the day was effectively maintained.

It fell to Mr. F. Dunkerley to propose the toast 'Many happy returns,' a toast which was received with acclamation, for all felt that it was a great privilege to be present and to participate in such a celebration.

After the meal, chairs were drawn to the fire—for it was cold and misty outside—and the customary talk of bells and ringers continued until the lateness of the hour and long journeys ahead compelled the parting to be made. And so with handshakes and renewed good wishes the guests left Sam to his cosy cottage and his thoughts.

Perhaps those thoughts went back to an evening in January, 1885, when he first went into the tower of St. Mary's, Pulford, his native village, where the schoolmaster, Mr. Blezard, was teaching a keen band of young men the mysteries of Bob Minor and Treble Bob. Our friend had to wait for a long time before he was invited to take a rope but eventually, in spite of the fact that he had lost his left hand in an accident, he learned to manage a bell and was soon ringing the treble to Bob Minor.

He accomplished his first peal when he rang the treble to seven Minor methods on November 29th, 1888. The peal was conducted by James Morgan, who later became one of the foremost ringers in the district. The next peal, which was also at Pulford, was rung in April, 1893. This time Sam rang the second to three extents of Oxford and four of Kent Treble Bob.

Shortly afterwards he moved to Ecclestone and joined the band at the old church, but before very long this edifice was demolished to provide stone for the foundations of Bodley's fine new church, which was dedicated on Ascension Day, 1900.

Seven years later, when it was considered safe to begin ringing the heavy eight, Sam became tower keeper, a position which he still holds and one which has brought him into contact with many famous ringers as well as with many who are not so famous.

At 90 he still climbs those 55 steep steps to the ringing chamber to take part in the service ringing, as he has done for over 50 years, and many who arrive at the top somewhat breathless marvel at his apparently effortless ascent.

All who have come into contact with him during the years will without doubt echo Mr. Dunkerley's toast 'Many happy returns.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL ATTEMPT PROCEDURE

Dear Sir,—What sad reading the correspondence concerning the peal at Bow has made.

Dr. Neal Smith, in his very thoughtful letter in the issue dated December 26th, offers some sound suggestions for bringing the present dispute to a conclusion, but I feel that, whatever the outcome of such an inquiry, little good would have been done. The peal ringers would still have the satisfaction of having scored both peal and tower, and the locals would still be irate. I do, however, heartily agree with Dr. Neal Smith that 'the good name of the Exercise' must be protected.

May I, therefore, suggest that where the secretary to the local band is known, and such names and addresses are known to the local Associations if the tower is affiliated, the request for permission to ring a peal or to visit the tower be originally made through that secretary. He should first sound his captain and then seek the necessary permission from the incumbent. Such procedure need not cause undue delay.

The disadvantages of such a system are that the local secretary will not move quickly enough or that the request will be balked by the local band. So far as the former is concerned, incumbents, too, can be tardy, and not always from desire. In the second case, how true it is that the local ringers have to 'face the music' that follows, and so surely it is better to retain the goodwill of the local band than that another tower should be scored.

On the other side, it is up to the secretary to advise the incumbent as to what is being requested, the feelings of the local band, and the possible reactions of those living near to the tower. If, then, permission is given there can be no unpleasantness such as that which has recently marred the columns of our paper. Finally, we must consider the imposition of time that a direct request to the incumbent makes. Many do first communicate with their local band, and if not there is an extra letter, the incumbent having little enough time in any case. True he has the final say, but if there is a secretary, should he not do the correspondence?—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON,
Local Secretary.

Willesborough, Kent.

BETTER MEN IN THE CHURCHYARD!

Dear Sir,—Many years ago we were attempting a peal of London Surprise. I got the idea that Freddy was a bit under the weather and as I was ringing the sixth I decided to nurse him. Sure enough every time we came to 6-5-6 I made a bodge of it. After this happened a few times Freddy says: 'Tommy, there are better men in the churchyard than you.'

Later, on the way home, I said: 'Freddy, you were wrong about the men in the churchyard.' 'How do you make that out?' 'We are going to have a drink and they are not coming.'

A long silence, then Freddy said: 'By God, you're right.'

We never heard any more again about those in the churchyard.—Yours, etc.,

A FLAT.

Stoke Golding.

COLLEGE OR IMPERIAL?

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. W. Griffiths' remarks concerning Goldhanger College Bob Major (C.C.C. 282), he is probably technically correct in substituting 'Imperial' for 'College', but, as method names are meant to clarify and not confuse it is, in my opinion, more helpful to call it a 'College' method because of its obvious affinity to St. Clement's College Bob, only substituting place-making for the 5-pull dodge. It bears little resemblance to the 'Imperial' methods with places in 3-4, etc., which Mr. Griffiths has himself conducted. I have some personal interest in this, because since Mr. Griffiths wrote I have published Method C.C.C. 280 as 'College' also for the same reason (dodges, however, replace some of the Goldhanger place-making). I think there is a precedent for this, e.g., Wavertree College Minor, where place-making is substituted for some of the 3-pull dodge.

More controversially, I venture to suggest that some of the tags attached to Plain method names, especially 'Imperial,' are more cumbersome than helpful.—Yours sincerely,

Burton-on-Trent. D. P. JONES.

'CURATES' STAY-BREAKER' GUILD

Dear Sir,—I noticed your remarks with great interest and amusement re the attempts of the new curate to ring, with the disastrous results! ('Belfry Gossip,' December 26th.)

I am pleased to learn that I am not the only one to learn in such a way, for I did the same thing two years ago, and that was as the visiting preacher in a neighbouring parish!

Perhaps we ought to form a Curates' Stay-Breaker Guild? At least I haven't yet demolished a slider as well, but there's still time—? ? ?—Yours sincerely,

DAVID G. BRUNNING,
Curate of Llantwit Major.

RESIDENTIAL COURSE FOR RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter which appeared in your issue of December 19th, in view of the doubt I expressed about the suitability of a mid-week course, which seems to have been borne out by the poor response, the warden of Dillington House proposes to transfer the course to the period Friday evening, April 3rd, to Sunday afternoon, April 5th. The fee for this would be three guineas per student, and a minimum attendance of 25 would be necessary. Will any ringers who would like to attend under these revised arrangements please let me know by January 30th.—Yours faithfully,

26, Iron Mill Lane. E. A. BARNETT.
Crayford, Kent.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Spiced Surprise Major in three methods rung at Accrington on February 15th last. The composition was a reduction of Cox's 27 courses with each course called YSSCYCY, an arrangement with S. Burton. The second lead (S) is false against the last lead (Y) by the F.C.E. 53624 in several places (treble 3-4).

Unfortunately I was unaware that the composition had previously been withdrawn. My apologies to all concerned.—Yours sincerely,
NORMAN SMITH.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Taking a look through 'Dove's Guide' over the Christmas, I have noticed a few other inaccuracies and omissions besides those I drew attention to in your columns a few weeks ago.

(1). I hope no one will think of writing the Rector of Lamport, Northants, hoping to get a ring on five bells, as Dove gives, for there are only four (there never has been five); true there is a frame for five, and there is a small and very famous Sanctus bell.

(2). Likewise, no one will get a ring on six at Barnack. Up to 1935 this steeple contained a minor five. In 1936 these were immobilised by removing the ropes and sliders, taking away the floor beneath, installing a new sixth bell, hung as a clock bell entirely by itself without wheel or rope, and a chiming apparatus. Dove has the weight of this new bell correct, but they are still only a minor five even if slides and ropes are put back, which is unlikely. The clock bell is in a corner of the tower.

(3). Stanford-on-Avon. — The tenor since 1928 has weighed 11 cwt. 24 lb.: 12 cwt. 6 lb., as Dove gives, was its weight before 1928, in which year Gillett and Johnston retuned the tenor down from F sharp to F and restored the other bells in the old frame.

(4). Arthingworth.—These are (since 1950) unringable. The third has a cracked headstock.

(5). Ryhall, Rutland, bells, stated by Dove to be ringable, have been totally unringable for over 30 years.

(6). Ecton, Northants.—The tenor is between 15 and 16 cwt. It is identical in note and diameter (45½ in.) to Long Buckby. Neither Dove nor Powell were correct in stating it to be only 12 cwt.; nor is local tradition in assuming it to be 19½ cwt.—Yours sincerely,

Weston Favell. P. AMOS.

A STATEMENT OF 50 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I desire to correct a statement contained in 'Belfry Gossip' in 'The Ringing World' of December 26th, 1958.

Referring to the peal of Cambridge Royal rung at Ipswich to commemorate the first peal of Cambridge Maximus 50 years ago. I was not responsible for making the statement 'Who can say that Cambridge Maximus was not rung before Noah went in the Ark?' The fact was, as the band met together, some time before the peal was rung, one of them asked Mr. James Motts, 'If we ring it, will it be the first ever?'

The reply was, 'Of course it will be.' Another member, not in the peal band (Teddy Sherwood), butted in with 'How do you know? It might have been rung before Noah went in the Ark.'—Yours sincerely,

Braintree. LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. M. Johnson 1. Mar. J. Marshall (first of Minor 'inside') 2. D. J. Marshall 3. Hilary M. Johnson 4. S. F. Webb 5. P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. For the Feast of St. Cecilia.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 13th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Kitto 1. B. Cogins 2. E. Townsend 3. K. Adkins (cond.) 4. E. Hill 5. D. J. Smith 6. B. J. Cogins 7. W. Dixon 8. First of Major for 1. 2 and 6.

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THE BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY 1909-1959

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 841)

ARTHUR GILL

His name will always be linked with that of Arthur Gill who, although he never occupied an official position in the Society, was always a staunch supporter of it and was, like his friend, an excellent ringer. Seldom was one seen without the other, with frequently Albert Nash in attendance. Gill came to Wath via Ackworth and New Mill, and became a member of the Wath company before the 1914-18 war, although he could ring many methods before that.

He lost an eye late in life through an accident at work, but this kept him out of ringing for only a few months. On one occasion he removed a splint from a broken finger in order to ring a peal and replaced it when the peal was over. I remember he was somewhat disgruntled when we insisted that he rang at the light end.

He had a grim sense of humour and was seldom ruffled. His remark when we had just rung a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells around the open grave of Arthur Panther, 'Tha knows, he's said "That's all" for the last time!' was typical of him.

He described Superlative Surprise as 'Treble Bob Double Norwich' and confided in me that when ringing Stedman (and he rang quite a few peals of it) he never bothered to remember whether he was going in 'quick' or 'slow,' but waited to see if 'one of the chaps on the front' looked at him so that he knew whether to make thirds or not.

When I pointed out that this system wasn't much good if the 'chaps in front' were wrong he replied, 'Those who get wrong on the front shouldn't ring Stedman!'

Although the basic officials remained unchanged there was a succession of presidents during the next few years. About this time Felkirk ringers began to enter the Society and one of them, Cyril Normington, was the president of the Society in 1921. He was never a first-class ringer and never rang a peal, in fact his aspirations never soared higher than Plain Bob, but he attended the meetings regularly, where he used to appear accompanied by three small boys who were in Felkirk Church choir, of which he himself was a member. These lads could ring Bob Minor and, with his assistance, Bob Major on handbells, although they could not at that time ring tower bells. Great was the delight of ringers like Thackray and Moorhouse, of Armley, and Albert Nash (who reappeared about this time) to be able to join in a course of Bob Major with these 'juvenile prodigies' (as they were once described on a local concert notice).

Cyril Normington also introduced Dan Smith into the belfry and so although he has not rung a bell for over 20 years, the seeds he sowed bore some fruit, as Arnold Cole is now a ringer at Leeds Parish Church and H. C. still rings a little now and again. The third member of the trio does not ring now although I have still hopes of bringing him back into the fold.

Mr. W. Raynor, of Sandal, the president for 1922 and 1923, was a sprightly and energetic dynamo of a man, whose speeches were a delight to listen to. He gave a lecture on bell ringing to the Paxton Society of Wakefield in 1926, which was followed later by the Society visiting Sandal belfry to see the ringers in action. These meetings were fully reported in 'The Wakefield Express.' He was a chorister and bellringer at Sandal for over 50 years.

In 1923 the Rev. (later Canon) H. E. Hone was elected honorary president of the Society, a position which the succeeding rectors, Canon W. E. Wilkinson (1938) and Canon A. P. Morley (1949) have occupied in turn.

'Bob' Thickett, of Horbury, was the president for the next two years (1924 and 1925). A delightful man who, with his no less delightful wife, was a regular supporter of the Society until his death in 1939.

In 1924 the Hoylandswaine company held their first cup competition for towers affiliated to the Barnsley and District Society. This was won by Wath, Albert Nash conducting. In 1925 the extremities of the boundary of the Society were fixed to a radius of 12 miles of Barnsley. The decision brought immediate reaction from the Shelley contingent, who were near the boundary, and they claimed at the meeting following this announcement to be within the radius. They were quickly accepted and I very much doubt whether any complicated mathematical calculations were carried out in order to check their claim, as Shelley is a team which any Society would be proud to have among its members.

RHYTHM BY GRUNTS

Much of the subsequent success of Shelley in contest ringing was due to their leader, Andrew Hoyle, a grand tenor ringer of the old school, who no longer rings. When ringing in the same band as Mr. Hoyle it was impossible not to strike correctly, as he punctuated the rhythm with audible grunts. His cry of 'Bob' used to make the bell frame tremble, and no unsuccessful 'touch' when he was conducting was ever broken down by any ringer who offered the excuse that he did not hear the call!

When I co-judged my first contest with him before the war it was noticeable that any blow on the bells which did not coincide with his grunts was faulted, for he maintained an audible rhythm, whether ringing or listening!

In 1926 Mr. W. Palmer, of Badsdorth, was elected president, a position he retained for one year. His chief, though unfulfilled, ambition throughout life has been to have the four bells at Badsdorth augmented to six. For years he turned up at the meetings, whatever the weather, and an annual meeting without him at the organ at the ringers' service would at one time have seemed strangely incomplete. His role of annual organist appears to have been taken over by the present president, Mr. N. F. Moxon, who is quite an expert at the instrument.

On one occasion the present treasurer made an abortive attempt to fill the gap, but it was obvious that Chopin's Pianoforte Ballades were more in his line than Bach's Organ Fugues!

By the untimely death in 1926 of Mr. George Hill, of Hoylandswaine, the Society suffered a great loss. Virile, excitable and enthusiastic, with a stentorian voice, he was a brilliant ringer and conductor of Minor: the mainspring that moved the Hoylandswaine company and teacher of many fine ringers. His passing left a void that can still be felt in the Hoylandswaine-Penistone area.

It was in this year that after much preparation and discussion the first (shield) contest of the Society took place. This was at Barnsley on September 11th, no less than 11 teams taking part, and the ringing, which commenced at 2.30 p.m., lasted until 9.30 p.m. The judge was Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and Shelley were the winners.

There appears to have been no entrance fee and the cost of the contest, which was rather high, was borne by the Society. 1926 was, of course, the year of the coal strike, and seeing that many of the ringers were miners, the Society quite frequently undertook to pay for the teas of those out of work who attended the meetings. This dual drain on the financial resources of the Society caused some concern and a committee meeting was convened later in the year to discuss the situation. The Society, however, weathered the storm.

Mr. J. W. Moxon, of Sandal, was the president during the next two years, 1927-28. Now the 'father' of the Society, he has always been one of the pillars of it. Joining shortly after the foundation, he will, I should say, have attended more meetings than any other member, living or dead. After his term as president he was afterwards a vice-president and has always been the epitome of that which is vital to any Society—the regular attender.

In 1927 the Society became affiliated to the Central Council and, being allowed one member, Mr. Potter was chosen as the representative.

In 1927 the Wath company rang 119 extents in 92 Treble Bob methods during the course of 12 months, a performance duly noted in the minutes.

It is interesting to note that one of the auditors of the 1927 accounts was Mr. William A. Wooler. This quiet and inoffensive ringer hailed from Wortley, and was a regular attender at the meetings for many years. His name appeared with monotonous regularity in the 'Knights' peals. He suddenly disappeared and I was never able to discover where he went or what happened to him. To all my inquiries the answer was, 'Oh, he went somewhere down south,' as though it served him right! It would be interesting to know what happened to him. I have reason to believe that he had a brother who was a parson, and wondered if the Rev. C. U. Wooler, who was made a member of the Society in 1925, was this person.

BISHOP'S FAREWELL

On July 21st, 1928, an event took place which is described in the minutes by Mr. C. D. Potter as 'the most important meeting hitherto held by the Association.' This event, a meeting and garden party held at Barnsley, was the result of much preparation by the Society in general and by Mr. C. D. Potter and Mr. W. Raynor in particular, and was held in honour of Dr. Eden, Bishop of Wakefield, who was soon to leave the Diocese. The Bishop attended and preached at the service and was afterwards the centre of the entire group whose photographs were taken on the Rectory lawn: a group which contained clergy, ringers and friends. On leaving the Diocese Dr. Eden was presented with a framed copy of the photograph by the Society.

A feature of the day was the display of trophies which included: The Society's Shield: the Halifax Association Challenge Cup: the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Challenge Cup: the Sheffield Parish Church Ringers' Loving Cup; a cup won by Wath in 1836; the Hoylandswaine Cup and also the Sheffield and District's Illuminated Peal Book.

Ringings 'in hand' and tower, speeches and wonderful sunshine were the order of the day. The text for the Bishop's sermon was 'Ye shall be my messengers.'

In the 1928 contest, the Society, realising no doubt that unless something was done the small financial reserves would soon be non-existent, charged an entrance fee of 6s.

Albert Nash was the president during 1929-30 and 1931.

(To be continued)

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 21st. 1.260 Doubles (240 each of All Saints', Canterbury, April Day and Old and 300 Plain Bob): I. Markham 1. Miss F. Curtis 2. H. Curtis 3. A. C. Cozens (cond.) 4. K. D. Perkins 5. For carol service.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd. 1.250 Plain Bob Minor: H. M. Johnson 1. Marv J. Marshall (first of Minor 'inside') 2. D. J. Marshall 3. Hilary M. Johnson 4. S. F. Webb 5. P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. For the Feast of St. Cecilia.

CHANGE RINGER MARK II.

By E. A. BARNETT
(Continued from page 13)

'I am tickled by the names, inscriptions and micro-weights of the bells, but am appalled at the suggestion that as English bells are not in tune they have made their bells out of tune to preserve "authenticity." I prefer to think they are merely excusing a rather poor set of odd-shaped gongs.

'One last impression which this machine confirms, and that is regarding size. In many fields of engineering, jobs previously performed mechanically can now be carried out electronically with much less bulky equipment, but change-ringing machines appear to follow a different order. Carter's machine, the first, almost entirely mechanical, is extremely compact, measuring some 15in. by 6in. by 5in. I believe Woodhouse's machine is quite a bit larger, while Brian Price's masterpiece, almost entirely electrical, weighs, he tells me, some four cwt. Mark II. does not aspire to quite such mammoth proportions because the method storage is contained on punched tapes, whereas Brian's is stored electrically, requiring, I believe, about 130 relay switches.'

This, then, is the story of 'Change-Ringer Mark II.' In August, 1954, Professor Walker paid a fleeting visit to England and heard the Sunday morning ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral. This year Professor Kiefer is coming to Oxford for a 'Sabbatical' leave, and he and his wife will, I am sure, receive a warm welcome from the ringers there once they have made themselves known. It is a pity that 'Mark II.' could not have been brought over as well, but the visitors will be able to see John Carter's machine and perhaps some others. Let us hope that they will go back to America with a good impression of ringers and ringing.

Commenting on the description and the photographs, Mr. Douglas Hughes, one of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine, says:

'... They have unquestionably produced an ingenious machine with which one could have much fun, although it would not qualify as a change-ringing machine if one accepts the precepts laid down by Brian Price in his articles published in the "R.W." a few years ago, as it relies on external agencies, i.e., paper rolls, for producing the methods, and it at present has no means for drawing diagrams. However, I am not belittling the efforts of its constructors, for in any case they are not concerned with the principles laid down on this side but with producing a machine to meet the challenge presented by scientific change-ringing.

'Their way of using two tapes, one for the method and one for the lead-ends and calls, means that the extent could be rung without the operator doing a thing, apart, of course, from saying "go" and "that is all," but I am glad to notice that one can dispense with the call tape and make calls by pushing bob and single buttons. Here they have a great advantage over the Carter machine, as they can press the button any time during the preceding lead, and indicator lights show the call waiting and being made—oh! what luxury.

[Concluded]

Peal Ringers Of 1958

Will those who rang 25 or more peals during 1958 please send the following details to the Editor: Number rung, tower and band; number conducted. An early reply would be appreciated.

FARNHAM RINGER MARRIED



[Photo: 'Farnham Herald']

Mr. Ernest John Wells, former Ringing Master of the Farnham District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, and his bride, Miss Rita Eileen Hall, of Farnham, after their wedding at Farnham Parish Church on December 20th.

The bridegroom, who took an honours degree in mathematics at Sir John Cass College, London, teaches at Woking Boys Grammar School. They are to make their home in Guildford.

NEWARK SOCIETY OF RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers was held in Newark ringing chamber on December 19th. In the unavoidable absence of the president (Canon J. H. D. Grinter) Mr. E. F. Taylor was elected to take the chair.

The Master's, the hon. treasurer's and the secretary's reports were read and confirmed. Thirteen new learners were elected as probationers, namely: Mrs. D. M. Butler, Messrs. Plummer, P. Ferguson, B. Ward, A. Lacy, J. Hallam, J. Smalley and the Misses A. Cove, J. Canner, E. Tutty, M. Chilton and C. Drury.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1959: Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby; Deputy Master, Mr. W. L. Exton; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Stevenson; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; committee Mr. A. E. Chilton and Mrs. D. Butler.

It was decided to hold the annual outing on June 20th. Cambridge being the destination, and the Gopher dinner on the usual Friday, the arrangements being left in the hands of the secretary.

The best wishes of the Society were sent to the president in Sheffield Hospital, and to Mr. W. Stevenson, an honorary member in hospital in Newark.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for taking the chair in the absence of the Vicar.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Peal: Bob Minor: Miss D. Childs (first quarter) 1. A. E. Childs 2. B. L. Marks 3. Mrs. G. W. Crichtley 4. G. W. Crichtley (cond.) 5. Miss P. M. Bourn 6. For carol service.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN Chew Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Nailsea on December 3rd. The meeting coincided with the annual sale of work for church funds and the excellent tea which was provided for the ringers was also a part of this effort.

The Rector (the Rev. W. Russell Davey) conducted the Association Form of Service and gave a short address. Miss Perry was the organist.

After a meat tea, the meeting was held and the following were re-elected to hold office during 1959: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight; vice-chairman, Messrs. L. Derrick and C. Bishop; hon. secretary, Mr. D. G. Yeo; reporter, Mr. M. J. Horseman.

New members were elected from Wraxall, Long Ashton and Kingston Seymour (two). Subject to permission, practice meetings will be held at Chew Magna, Nemnett Thruwell and Ubley for January, February and March respectively, and the quarterly meeting at Wrington in April.

After the usual votes of thanks, the tower was again open for ringing in a wide variety of methods.

M. J. H.

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Handbells At A County Durham School

A highlight of the usual Christmas party, for first-year scholars at Blaydon East Secondary Modern School, was the handbell ringing.

A couple of teams gave a really good account of themselves, playing several carol tunes, each one being preceded by well-struck rounds and Queens.

Both Miss Parton and Miss Vasey are to be congratulated on the way they trained their respective teams in such a short time, and no doubt more handbell ringing will be heard at the school in future.

The tunes published in 'The Ringing World' are noted and will be a great help.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1. Miss P. Drury (50th quarter) 2. Miss D. Gibbons 3. J. Martin 4. B. Priestley 5. H. Kingston 6. For Evensong.

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FRITCHE—DISNEY—The engagement is announced between Tony, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritche, of Leicester, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alban Disney, of Anstey, Leicestershire. 3676

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BELLRINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1959.—We regret that all copies are now SOLD OUT.—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Dinner, Saturday, Feb. 7th, Oxford Union, 8 for 8.30 p.m. Tickets (15s. 6d., including drinks) and details of afternoon ringing from J. Salter, Magdalen, or J. Pusey, New College.—S. Ivin. 3636

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—In future all correspondence to be addressed to Alan F. Lee, 3, New Road Buildings, Twerton-on-Avon, Bath. 3635

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual reunion day, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Ringing: 9.15 to 10.15, St. John's; 10.30 to 11.30, the Cathedral (provisional); 12 to 1, St. James'; 2.15 to 3.15, St. Thomas'; 3.30 to 4.30, St. Mary Redcliffe; 5.15 to 6, St. Michael's. Service 6 p.m. in St. Michael's Church. Dinner 7 for 7.15 p.m. Tickets available at 11s. each from B. J. Wyld, Society of Change Ringers, Victoria Rooms, Bristol, 8. 3646

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Tour: Shrewsbury, Bristol, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 25th, to Saturday, August 8th. Will all those interested please contact Miss Carol Eustace, 26, Vicarage Road, Rugby. Touring and non-touring members' subscriptions are now due. New members welcome. 3659

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Jan. 10th, 6 p.m. Will members please note the following dates for 1959: Saturday, May 2nd, meeting at Worcester; Saturday, July 25th, meeting at St. Albans; Saturday, November 7th, annual dinner.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 3647

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business to follow. Please attend.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3610

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael with St. Paul (8) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath. 3629

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Meeting 6 p.m. Ringing after meeting. Cafes near church.—John Worth, Sec. 3627

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells: St. Benet's 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew-the-Great's 3 to 4.30 p.m., with service at 4.30 p.m.; Great St. Mary's 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall.—E. W. Bullman. 3597

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting, Brentwood, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 3466

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. M. Town, Zephyr, Heath Road, Linton. 3588

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting at Southover, Lewes, Saturday, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please support—gentlemen cordially invited.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 3591

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party, Saturday, Jan. 10th, St. James', Milnrow. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by ticket only) 5. Business 6 (election of Ringing Master). Dancing 7.30. Whist 8. Moorside Handbell Ringers at 7.30 p.m. and later. Tickets from me (5s. 6d. inc.). Whist and dance only 2s. 6d., children half price.—Hodson, Sec., 67, Belfield Lane, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. J. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18.—T. E. Radcliffe. 3669

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District.—Meeting, Flookburgh, Jan. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 3630

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Abergavenny. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—I. S. King. 3648

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, St. John's (Deptford), Lewisham Way. Buses 36 and 69. Bells 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business follow immediately. Further ringing, St. Alfege's, Greenwich, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Powell, 45, Tremadoc Road, S.W.4. 3602

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. John-at-Hackney (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing on the new bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—C. F. Neal, Asst. Hon. Sec. 3586

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Repton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All visitors welcome.—J. Cotton, Overseal 264. 3579

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ambrosden on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 3619

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Goring (6), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. 3618

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3626

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Ringers' Service, St. Bartholomew's Church, Sunday, Jan. 11th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. J. Birch. All ringers welcome. 3637

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Chew Magna, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 3667

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Street, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify before Tuesday, 13th, for tea.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3638

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Arcadian Hall (opposite Oriel Cinema). Names, please, to Mr. H. B. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.—K. G. S. 3640

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Jan. 14th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3671

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stockton, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3660

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Bulkington, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The Vicar, who is resigning in March next, has expressed a wish to meet the ringers of the diocese before he leaves. A good attendance is requested, please. Names for tea by Jan. 14th to Mr. A. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; Huntingdon (St. Mary's) (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, followed by business meeting. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3557

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Otlands, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Otlands 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Otlands Park. 3605

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Hawkhurst. Names to A. H. Kemp, 1, Lillesdon Cottages, The Moor, Hawkhurst. 3678

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. St. Peter's (10) 3–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing will be announced at tea.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 3679

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to Mr. M. M. Milner, 374, London Road, Upper Deal, Deal.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3594

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance requested.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 3642

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting, joint with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Jan. 17th, Town Hall. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Nearby cafés. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3673

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Lancaster Priory, Saturday, Jan. 17th. 2.30–8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to James E. Glen, 56, Rydal Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 3672

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Wigston Magna, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Church Rooms. Names by Jan. 14th, please, to Mr. T. E. Harrold, 20, Manor Street, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 3644

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting, Market Harborough, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen. 3675

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Lea and Gainsborough bells 2 to 5 p.m. Business meeting. Ackland Street School, 5.15. Service (Gainsborough) 6 p.m. Dinner and social evening, Lea Women's Institute, 7 p.m. Archdeacon of Lindsey will preach and propose the toast, 'The West Lindsey Branch.' Something of interest to all! Tickets still available from Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 3623

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles', Lincoln, Jan. 17th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 3632

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. St. George's, Barkingside (8), Woodford Avenue, Gants Hill, Central Line, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Tea—own arrangements. Evening ringing. St. Mary's, Woodford (8) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please.—Bullock, Master. 3657

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual general meeting at Harlington, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3666

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Thame on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 13th. Important business to discuss.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 3651

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 3670

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 3643

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Kettering (10), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 5 p.m., then tea and meeting in Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by previous Tuesday—outside caterer.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec., 13, Station Road, Kettering. 3600

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Wessex Restaurant. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 3621

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, on or before Jan. 15th to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. 3652

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 6 p.m. Tea, Fellowship Hall, 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 13th, to A. W. J. Butler, 24, Roderick Road, London, N.W.3. Bells available: St. Martin's 3 to 5 p.m., and St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. 3608

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Jan. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who notify by Tuesday previous, F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 3634

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Dorking (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Church Hall. Please send names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking. 3612

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Cathedral House 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. W. Burnett, 46, Newcome Road, Fratton, Portsmouth.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 3665

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Kidderminster (12), Saturday, Jan. 17th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. Four cafés near church.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 3656

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting at Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 3653

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Plympton St. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3603

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Borden, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. E. C. Barton, 11, Mount View, Borden, Sittingbourne. 3655

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. J. Brown, The Moat Cottage, Benenden, near Cranbrook.—C. T. H. 3664

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and **THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Beckenham, Saturday, Jan. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3658

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Barrow-on-Humber (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to Mr. A. Crowder, Barrow-on-Humber. 3677

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Midgham (6), on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 19th, to H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury. 3668

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Sherriitt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 3649

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Bradley, near Bilston, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Jan. 21st, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston. 3641

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Jan. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.15, at which a memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston, bell-founder, will be dedicated. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by Wednesday previous. St. John's bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 3645

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitchurch (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells of Whitchurch and Hurstbourne Priors available from 2.30 to 4.30. Service, Whitchurch, 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room. Names, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. J. Clark, 8, Firs Way, Oaklands Road, Whitchurch. 3639

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet in Church Hall at 3.30 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 3662

QUARTER PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Ashby 1, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 2, C. Cook 3, T. Clark 4, T. Norris 5, L. North 6, J. Rootes 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8. Composed by T. W. Haley.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,440 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: Albert Halling 1, F. Hawks 2, P. D. Warren 3, E. W. Penn 4, M. Hawks (cond.) 5, Arthur Halling 6. First in method by all the band.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, F. B. Luffkin 2, A. C. Rye 3, F. W. Lawrence 4, F. A. Rye 5, P. J. Rye 6, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 7, E. A. Dixon 8. For Evensong, also a 2nd birthday compliment to Neil Lawrence.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 21st 1,260 Norwich Surprise Minor: D. H. Rooke 1, R. Lucas 2, Miss F. Robinson 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,322 Surprise Minor (600 Cambridge, 720 Norwich): H. Prout 1, J. T. Rooke 2, R. Lucas 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Midnight Mass.

5,056 RUTLAND SURPRISEBy PHILIP G. K. DAVIES
M B H 23456

— X —	43526
— X —	32465
— X —	42635
— X —	23645
— X —	34625

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— X —	25346
— X —	35426

A 36524

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PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Bowden 1, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, B. Bladon 3, R. J. Bowden 4, D. J. Hunt 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, F. D. Mack 7, E. Goldstone (first of Stedman) 8. The band would like to associate this quarter with Miss Mary Hall, who was admitted to hospital with jaundice during the morning.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1958

A QUIET reflection on the year 1958, as far as the Ringing Exercise is concerned, will reveal a number of highlights, and it could be classified as an interesting rather than a conspicuous year in the advancement of our art.

As in recent years, Leicester and the Midlands have been busy with peals, particularly at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. World interest was focused on the two attempts to ring a record peal of 40,320 on the Foundry bells. Both attempts passed the half-way mark: the first attempt had best be forgotten and the second was abandoned after over ten hours' ringing owing to the conductor being taken ill.

However, the next record attempt of the year was successful, when a band rang five peals in a day in five different towers in Hampshire: the first peal started at 4 a.m. An attempt by the same band to ring five peals of Surprise Major was unsuccessful, only three being scored. Towards the end of the year an attempt was made to ring seven peals in a day, and this shared a similar fate. A midnight start resulted in the police being called out from Andover.

Regarding 12-bell ringing, Leicester maintained its reputation with peals of Surprise Maximus. Another 12-bell tower to appear regularly in the peal columns was Southwark Cathedral, with different 12-bell bands mainly from the London area performing. Some talented young ringers from Hampton, Middlesex, formed the backbone of the band to ring John Carter's Scientific Triples on these bells. This was the first peal in this Principle, which was regarded by the late Maurice J. Hibbert as a method that would never be pealed, and he challenged any conductor to call it to a peal.

The Central Council meeting in Ireland was a great success, and considering the journey was better attended than anticipated. It will be remembered for the most generous hospitality of the Irish ringers and the two successful peal tours, with great welcomes accorded the visitors everywhere. Sunday service ringing was the main theme of the business meeting. As a result Guilds are co-operating in a comprehensive survey, and the report, to be presented next Whitsun at Southport, should be helpful in stimulating ringers' thoughts on their main responsibility.

A number of peal tours were enjoyed. Mr. Wilfred Williams' band were in Scotland and rang 11 peals in eight

counties; Mr. David Hoare's band visited Yorkshire; Cheshire ringers toured Northants; Mr. Tom Locke's band were in Hampshire, and Mr. Brian Woodruffe's band were in Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire. There were more non-peal tours than usual, with Pipe's Pilgrims in Wales.

The University Guilds and Associations had a good year, and figured prominently in the news and peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' Oxford, Cambridge, London and Bristol have all experienced ringers in residence. Southampton made headway and new Guilds have been established at Sheffield, Birmingham and Leeds. The Universities Association's two annual events were full of vitality.

Of individual performances, mention should be made of Mr. Edward Jenkins ringing the 56 cwt. tenor of Wells Cathedral to a peal of London Surprise Royal. Although the tenor has been rung before single-handed, considering Mr. Jenkins' age it was a first-class performance in heavy-bell ringing.

Spliced Doubles reached its peak this year, with three bands taking part in peals of 42 or more methods, under the leadership of Messrs. Frank Blagrove, Brian Woodruffe and Tony Peake. Doubles variations have formed the theme of many letters to 'The Ringing World.'

What can we look forward to in 1959? Perhaps seven peals in a day or the Everest of ringing—the full extent on eight to be completed by a band of supermen. Maybe Mr. Stephen Ivin and Mr. Pat Cannon will make up their differences and ring 50 peals together! For all this we must wait and see.

FATHER TIME.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5280 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK OSBALDISTON..	Treble	ALAN A. POTTS ..	7
FRED DUNKERLEY ..	2	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	9
BASIL JONES ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS ..	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5	PETER LAFLIN ..	11
JOHN WORTH ..	6	BRIAN HARRIS ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method by the Guild, on the bells, and by all the band.

Rung to mark the appointment of the Vicar (Ven. T. Clarke) as Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS..	Treble	JOAN GRAY ..	6
*ANGELA GRAINGER ..	2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN ..	7
†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	3	ALBERT M. TYLER ..	8
MARY H. HALL..	4	REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	9
HARRY BENNETT ..	5	PATRICK J. BIRD..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal.

Rung during the visit to the City of Bristol and to this parish of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

Hudson's.		BRIAN TOMLINSON ..	6
*MARGARET FORREST..	Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY ..	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	8
*DOREEN DUTTON ..	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ..	9
†MRS. PHILIP J. HUDSON	4	†RONALD KENRICK ..	Tenor
PHILIP J. HUDSON ..	5		

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 200th peal

Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ALAN G. FOSTER ..	Treble	GORDON HARRISON ..	6
*JOHN K. SMITH..	2	*DAVID BRUNNING ..	7
*WILLIAM J. LEACH ..	3	*EDWARD J. WHITE ..	8
*E. MARION KEY ..	4	*PETER R. FOSTER ..	9
*BRIAN DAWSON..	5	BARNABAS G. KEY ..	Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Royal. Treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung by members of the St. Paul's Society, Burton, for the Christmas Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE..	5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	6
*IVOR JENKINS ..	3	TERRY EARLE ..	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C. No. 3).

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. SCHOFIELD (King's) ..	Treble	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	5
P. J. SHIPTON (Pemb.) ..	2	M. J. HARBORD (Tr. Hall)	6
M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall)	3	P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) ..	7
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) ..	4	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.		ALBERT H. KEMP ..	5
*JAMES SELLEN ..	Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ..	6
*LILY D. WOOD ..	2	JACK BROWN ..	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	3	EDWARD BAKER ..	Tenor
WILLIAM GORRINGE ..	4		

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.

Rung in honour of the 25 years in the ministry by the Rev. A. S. M. Leese, Vicar of Hawkhurst and president of the Hawkhurst Guild.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

EILEEN FEARN ..	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE..	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	7
BASIL JONES ..	4	BRIAN HARRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Margaret, to Shirley and Brian Harris.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ERNEST PIMLOTT ..	Treble	ALAN J. BROWN..	5
FRED DUNKERLEY ..	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	3	PETER LAFLIN ..	7
BASIL JONES ..	4	JOHN WORTH ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

500th peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Malcolm John Ruel, son of Mrs. Ruel and the late Mr. J. F. Ruel, of Brockley Park, London, and Ann Hilary Low, daughter of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. D. P. Low, of Bowdon Vicarage, Cheshire.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS ..	Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR ..	5
RONALD RUSSELL ..	2	G. HARRY BRAY..	6
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	3	ROGER K. STRETTON ..	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Thomas, A. and M., patron saint of this church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	Treble	ALAN F. THIRST ..	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ..	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	6
ALICK CUTLER ..	3	*STEWART F. KIMBER ..	7
RONALD F. DISERENS..	4	FRANK E. DARBY ..	Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 100th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Washbrook's variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MURIEL R. PAGE .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
PAIRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
*ALICE A. I. LESTER .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 7
WALTER W. MILLER .. 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 4). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung to mark the completion of 72 years' ringing by Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich: also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 7.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
†HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 2	DONALD F. MURFET .. 6
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*SILVIA MARSH .. Treble	MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB .. 6
WILLIAM PARROTT .. 3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 7
MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 4	*JOHN C. DAVIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

* First peal. First of Bob Triples by all the band, and first on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*ALISON M. READ (14) .. Treble	ALAN J. SMITH .. 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. 6
†ETHEL CLEAR .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 4	CHARLES A. READ .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells since 1924.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

E. Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

FRANCES NEWMAN .. Treble	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 5
LEONARD MILLS .. 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 6
GORDON BROWN .. 3	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 7
WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 4	BERNARD HUNT .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

Arranged and rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Newman.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

JOHN G. GIPSON .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
PETER J. SHIPTON .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	HUGH NEILL .. 7
FRANCES A. SECKER .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 2	VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
IAN M. HOLLAND .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal on eight bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Christine Woodward, of Oxford.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

IN THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb.

*ROGER J. FOX .. Treble	GORDON GAYLARD .. 5
ROGER KEELEY .. 2	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 6
HENRY G. KEELEY .. 3	THOMAS J. SETTER .. 7
*TREVOR E. MARKS .. 4	*HARRY HEBDITH .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

* First peal in the method.

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On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester variation.		Tenor 10 cwt.
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5	
*FREDERICK SMALLCROSS .. 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY .. 6	
*DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 3	HAROLD HAMER .. 7	
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	IVAN KAY Tenor	
Composed by H. W. WILD.	Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.	
* First peal of Major.		

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.
*CHARLES H. WEBBER .. Treble	DAVID T. NORTH .. 5	
*IVOR G. HUGHES .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 6	
GORDON WALFORD .. 3	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 7	
*GEOFFREY M. SALTER .. 4	*CHARLES E. BAKER .. Tenor	
Conducted by GEOFFREY J. GAMMON.		

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker on their 30th wedding anniversary.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

S. ARTHUR READ .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
*†ERIC NAYLOR .. 2	VICTOR ROBERTS .. 6
ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 3	†GWILYM SALMON .. 7
MICHAEL ROSE .. 4	*DAVID HOARE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

Rung upon the Feast of St. John-the-Evangelist.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.		Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	WILLIAM F. THOMSETT .. 5	
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 6	
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. 7	
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	DAVID J. KING .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
STELLA HUGHES .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,344 Superlative, 1,248 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 119 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 5
*PAUL J. RIGBY .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING .. 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 4	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WILFRID AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 34 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bagedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.	Tenor 15 cwt.
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	IVOR JENKINS .. 4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	NEIL D. LOMAS .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.		Tenor 9½ cwt.
WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 4	
*JACQUELINE ROBERTS (14) 2	†BERNARD HUNT .. 5	
*PHYLLIS FOLEY (15) .. 3	LEONARD MILLS .. Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal. † First of Doubles and first on an 'inside' bell.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 32 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings).		Tenor 16 cwt.
*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 4	
THOMAS J. GUNDY .. 2	*AUBREY J. PROBERT .. 5	
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. Tenor	

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal in two methods.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*GRAHAM TURNER .. Treble	T REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
†PAUL CATTERMORE .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
†GEORGE THODAY .. 3	JOHN G. GIPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

SHOBBROOKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

		Tenor 12½ cwt.
E. M. ATKINS .. Treble	MICHAEL HOOD .. 4	
*HEATHER HOOD .. 2	SIDNEY SKINNER .. 5	
W. JOHN ANDREWS .. 3	FREDERICK WREFORD .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in four methods.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).		Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb
MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	*REGINALD G. POWELL .. 4	
*THOMAS J. GUNDY .. 2	IVOR G. JONES .. 5	
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS J. GUNDY.

* 25th peal together.

**EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.
*DEREK MARSHALL .. Treble | †FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4
EDWARD JENKINS .. 2 | †BRIAN DOWNIE .. 5
†DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 3 | †ALAN WARD .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ 25th peal.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble | ARTHUR A. JOPP .. 4
*JOHN J. STANIER .. 2 | THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 5
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to J. J. Stanier and G. E. Evenden, and a date for T. W. Lewis.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Woodbine T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK YARROW .. Treble | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 4
GEORGE A. WALKER .. 2 | DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3 | ARTHUR YARROW .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

AND

THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*MARGARET A. WESTCOTT .. Treble | GILLIAN NEAL SMITH .. 4
REGINALD GOODMAN .. 2 | CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER .. 5
*JILL BARRON .. 3 | DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH.

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

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents of Beverley and three extents of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MICHAEL L. J. DYER .. Treble | DONALD F. MURFET .. 4
E. JACK PARISH .. 2 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3 | HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Treble | *RONALD H. DOVE .. 4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 2 | DOUGLAS THORPE .. 5
IRVIN SLACK .. 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 100th peal for the Association.

MARSTON BIGOT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
*KEITH PRIME .. Treble | VICTOR ROBERTS .. 4
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 2 | ERIC NAYLOR .. 5
GWILYM SALMON .. 3 | DAVID HOARE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all.
Rung upon the Feast of St. Stephen.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, 15 extents of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES RANFORD .. Treble | *JOHN CLEMENTS .. 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 2 | THOMAS COOPER .. 5
JAMES WARD .. 3 | FREDERICK MERRICK .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal in five Doubles methods.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor 15 cwt.
*MALCOLM HOLLINGSHEAD Treble | ERNEST CUBBERLEY .. 4
WILLIAM HALFORD .. 2 | JOHN MOULE .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3 | ARTHUR JOPP .. Tenor

Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.

* First peal. First in the method and on six as conductor.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
*GEORGE E. VERNON .. Treble | JOHN H. BAILESS .. 4
*O. STANLEY UNDERWOOD .. 2 | †JAMES A. HILL .. 5
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3 | JOHN VERNON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Vernon, of Stoney Stanton.

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TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.
 *JOHN R. SMITH. Treble | *WILFRED G. SAUNDERS . . . 4
 FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO . . 2 | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD . . . 5
 WILLIAM CLOVER 3 | HENRY TOOKE Tenor
 Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* 50th peal together.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.
 GEORGE SAYER Treble | DORIS W. LIDBETTER . . . 4
 BEVAN W. WILLGESS . . . 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT . . . 5
 STANLEY W. COPLING . . . 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor
 Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.
 A birthday compliment to the Rector.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in the following methods: Plain Bob, Single Court,
 Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford and
 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
 *PEGGY SKINNER Treble | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS . . . 4
 *ELIZABETH ROGERS 2 | PETER F. T. SMITH 5
 *JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR . . . 3 | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON . . Tenor
 Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung to mark the first Confirmation held in the new church, when
 six of the local band were candidates.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT GLEBELAND,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
 PHILIP BARNES 1—2 | JACK BRAY 5—6
 GEORGE E. FEIRN 3—4 | C. AUBREY HARRISON . . . 7—8
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT 6, THE GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 17 in A.
 DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2 | HARRY POYNER 3—4
 B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6
 Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 120's.
 ALAN G. FOSTER 1—2 | BARNABAS G. KEY 3—4
 E. MARION KEY 5—6
 Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT HILL CROFT, TOYSE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.
 ANTHONY R. MANN 1—2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN . . 3—4
 *W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 5—6
 Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.
 * First peal 'in hand.'

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The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham have elected Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd as their Master. Mr. Shepherd has been a member of the Guild for just over 40 years and has been a vice-president for nine years. He was Ringing Master in 1949 and has for many years been Guild librarian.

Rotherham High School handbell ringers raised £50 for the Parish Church by ringing carols on two afternoons in Rotherham Churchyard.

Mr. Herrick Bowley, Ringing Master of the Leicester Cathedral band, never failed to ring for Sunday service (even when on holiday) throughout 1958. Critics of Leicester Cathedral please note.

Apropos the recent Bow peal controversy a correspondent asks if the 'culprits' were in such a hurry to escape the local wrath and indignation that they had no time to readjust the ropes as they found them.

Due to indisposition, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins was unfortunately unable to take part in his 88th birthday peal at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on December 30th. The band look forward to seeing him in the belfry soon.

The Christmas Day issue of 'The Scotsman' had an attractive picture of ringing at St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh. In the picture were Mr. John Newton, Miss Lois Beevers, Miss M. Taylor, Miss Marion Park, Miss A. Whitson and Mr. Rognvald Wilson.

About ten minutes of the quarter peal rung at Sennen (The Land's End) on New Year's Eve was recorded by the Rev. Martin Wilson, of the B.B.C., and was played back to the band afterwards. Just after midnight Mr. Wilson also recorded the bells of Carbis Bay ringing in the New Year. These recordings, with other bells of West Cornwall, will be heard in a programme to be broadcast from the West Region on Sunday, January 25th, at 9.45 a.m.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the Misses Grace and Katherine Burchnall, twins, on ringing their 250th peal, all of which have been rung together. This must surely constitute an unusual record, and it was typical of their unselfishness that this should have been rung in their own tower with almost a local band and no less than four star achievements, including one first peal.

Mr. Michael Elson, who rang his first peal on Boxing Day rang a peal of four Spliced Surprise Major the following day at Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs.

For the annual carol service of Macclesfield County High School for Girls the bells of St. Michael's, Macclesfield, were rung by pupils of the school, including a teacher, Miss J. Brieley.

There is an interesting historical note behind the peal at Weston Favell on December 27th, rung to mark the bi-centenary of the death of the Rev. James Harvey on Christmas Day, 1758. His grandfather, the Rev. William Harvey sen. (Rector for 59 years) had the bells, a minor five, installed, the first four in 1683 and the fifth in 1707.

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast from Newland Parish Church, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, next Sunday at 9.45 a.m. The captain of the ringers is Mr. Leonard Jones. The service will be conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tucker) and the singing led by Coleford and District Choral Society.

The design used for Rotherham High School Christmas card, of which hundreds are sold for charitable purposes, was a symbolic scene of the school's handbell team in action, with the school in the background, and a Christmas message in four languages below. Many of the cards were posted to the girls' pen friends abroad.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION AT BIRMINGHAM

A COMPANY of about 80 sat down at the annual dinner of the Universities Association held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on January 3rd. Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president, was in the chair, and guests included the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Frank Haynes, who is himself a Universities Association member, Mr. and Mrs. George Fearn, the Rev. Canon Allan and the Rev. Peter Vaughan.

During the day ringing took place at Edgbaston (8), Handsworth (8), the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad (8) and at St. Martin's (12), all very pleasant rings. The Association attended Evensong at St. Martin's, which was conducted, in the absence of the Rev. Bryan Green, by the Rev. Peter Vaughan. The organist was Dr. Neil Smith, of St. Matthias', Richmond.

The toast of 'The Queen' was proposed by Mr. Lewis, and then the toast of 'The Church,' submitted by Dr. Denis Layton, with which he coupled Canon Allan and the Rev. Peter Vaughan. He then went on to give a brief history of ringing, mentioning those curiosities known as 'dumb bells' and finished with the story of a pub adjoining the lychgate, kept by a churchwarden and which opened after services, so that the congregation might indulge 'a thirst after righteousness.'

CHESHIRE MEMORIES

Canon Allan, of Edgbaston, replied, telling, in an amusing speech, what bells had meant to him as a child at Mobberley, Cheshire. How, living about a mile from the church, the sound of the bells had been a signal to the family to leave for church and how, as they approached the church, the bells went faster and faster, as though saying 'Hurry to church!' He knew now that they were being rung down. One of the parsons he remembered from those days was named Mallory, one of the last squire-parsons, and his two sons had both achieved fame. One died with Irving near the summit of Everest, while the other, Sir Trafford Leigh Mallory, had died in an air accident after a distinguished war-time career.

Canon Allan then went on to give fascinating glimpses of some well-known churchmen who had influenced him, among them Dick Sheppard and the great William Temple, whose outside surplice had been returned from a laundry listed as 'one bell-tent.' This same surplice was being washed on a tour in the southern U.S.A. when a 'coal-black mamma' appeared and inquired 'Does the black Archangel want his shimmy laundered stiff or floppy?'

The toast of 'The Universities Association' was proposed by Mr. Frank Haynes, deputising at very short notice for Mr. Albert Walker, who was unwell. In his speech he said that at one time he was under the impression that there were only two universities. He now found, however, that there are 22, of which 14 have ringing societies, while all but one have members in the Universities Association. He also stressed the need for co-operation between university associations and local associations.

In reply, Mr. Brian Threlfall, the retiring secretary, welcomed the guests. He then read apologies for absence from several members and asked the company to stand in memory of three members who had died during the past year—David Priestley, Geoff Carter and the Rev. David P. Roberts.

Reviewing the year, he said that the ringing week at Yeovil and Sherborne had been a success, even though he himself had not been there, and he thanked Mr. Lewis for managing the week's finances. Three peals had been rung out of four attempts, although the year's total of four peals was well below the annual average of eleven.

Considering the purpose of the Universities Association, Mr. Threlfall said that it provided some common society for which members of different societies could ring peals ('Look at Pat Cannon!') and that it acted as a 'face-saver' for the numerous married couples who belonged to different universities.

One reason for holding the dinner in Birmingham was that attendances at the previous functions in London had been declining, due to the fact that members appeared to be living further north than they used to. Mr. Threlfall's speech came to an abrupt end after stuffing a parrot with Polyfilla!

NEW SECRETARY-TREASURER

The annual meeting followed with the president in the chair. Financial statements for the years 1956-57 and 1957-58 were read by the auditor, Mr. R. F. B. Speed. They showed a small rise in funds from £28 to £38.

On the proposition of Mr. Threlfall, who had been secretary-treasurer for the past five years, Mr. Dermot Roaf, of Oxford and Cambridge, was elected as his successor. Mr. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Threlfall for his services.

Forty-three new members from several universities were then elected.

It was stated by Mr. Threlfall that arrangements were well in hand for the 1959 ringing week to be held at Pulborough, Sussex, from August 8th to 15th, and that a booking had already been made at Whirlow Grange, near Sheffield for the 1960 week. In view of the success of the dinner it was decided to hold the next annual dinner in Birmingham on January 2nd, 1960.

The meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks. An apology for absence was received from Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton. J. D.

Christmas Day Ringing

We have received the following observations on the Christmas Day broadcast ringing:—

Rotherham: Grandsire Caters. Good. Woodchester: Grandsire Doubles. Poor.

Lurgan, Co. Armagh: Call-changes. Poor.

St. Clement Danes: Stedman Triples. Excellent.

St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh: Stedman Triples. Fair.

Grindisburgh: Bob Caters. Excellent. Gresford: Grandsire Triples. Fair.

JOINT MEETING AT GREASLEY

About 35 ringers representing 15 towers attended the joint meeting of the Sherwood Youths and the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Greasley on December 27th.

Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Felkirk Treble Bob Minor, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Oswald D. Major, with rounds and call changes for the beginners.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. A. Pegler) and local ladies provided tea. The Vicar also presided at the business meeting of the Mansfield District when the District annual meeting was fixed for January 24th at Mansfield, and Messrs. M. Foster and F. Cooke, of Warsop, were elected members. A collection for the bell fund amounted to £1 1s. 8½d. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to the ladies who provided tea.

A WORCESTERSHIRE STALWART

Worcestershire ringers will join together in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid J. Newman, of Hampton, on their silver wedding anniversary, celebrated on Boxing Day with a peal of Grandsire Triples on Hampton bells.

Mr. Newman's association with Hampton Church started as a choirboy at the age of 11. That was 37 years ago and he is still a regular chorister. While still a choirboy he started ringing. His progress was good and his enthusiasm so great that 20 years ago he was elected Ringing Master of the tower. This office he still holds, and he has round him one of the largest Sunday service ringing bands in the area. In addition to 14 fully enrolled members of the Worcestershire Association, he has five beginners, all capable of ringing rounds. Not one Sunday passes without the bells being rung at least twice, and on week-days when there is a special service Hampton never fails in its bells calling the people to worship.

The success of the Hampton band is undoubtedly due to Mr. Newman's infinite patience as an instructor. During the past year he arranged the first peal for six of his band, and some of these have now rung several. Although he has rung over 80 peals, many of them Surprise, Wilf is not above ringing the treble to Grandsire Doubles in a peal for some of his band.

Eleven years ago he was elected Branch secretary for the Worcestershire Association, an office he has held continually ever since. He is also a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Mrs. Newman is the ringer's perfect wife, ever ready to help in any way and has always a welcome for the visiting ringers. Whenever Hampton are hosts to visiting ringers Mrs. Newman is in the forefront of the hospitality arrangements. It is the sincere wish of all ringing friends that in another 25 years' time the band may have the pleasure of ringing another peal to mark a golden occasion.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

On December 27th last half a dozen members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers spent a very pleasant afternoon at Buckfastleigh, with Buckfast Abbey as the venue. The Abbey ringers spent the afternoon with them and took part in most of the ringing, which consisted mainly of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The ringing throughout the afternoon was confined to the lighter bells.

A move was subsequently made to the Buckfastleigh 'headquarters' for tea, Mr. A. L. Bennett acting as host. After a short spell with handbells the visitors wended their way to their respective homes, having spent a very enjoyable time. A. L. B.

MISS P. M. CLARKE'S 100 PEALS

Miss Patricia M. Clarke, of Ipswich, rang her 100th peal on New Year's Eve. These have been rung in 32 towers with 119 ringers. Her list is appended.

Maximus. — Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 1. Royal: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 5, Pudsey 1, Yorkshire 1, Solihull 1. Caters: Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 2.

Major.—Plain Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 5, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Double Norwich 3, Cambridge 14 (conducted 1), Yorkshire 14, Bristol 3, Painswick 3, Superlative 2, Lincolnshire 3, New Cambridge 2, Gainsborough 2, London 1, Pudsey 1, Rutland 1, Aldenham 1, Southwell 1. Spliced Surprise: Three methods 1, four methods 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 1. Minor: One to nine methods 17.

Total.—100 (conducted 1).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TWO HANDBELL PEALS SIMULTANEOUSLY

Dear Sir,—Would the conductor(s) of the handbell peal, published in 'The Ringing World' of December 19th as 'Two peals of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor' rung by the Cambridge University Guild, please give us further information exactly how this was accomplished.

The footnote states that the two peals were rung simultaneously. Does this mean that the respective ringers struck their pair of bells together 'chorded' at the same time, thus ringing a six-bell rhythm, or was it rung to a 12-bell beat?

The time given as 1 hour and 53 minutes seems to suggest the former and, if so, was the same composition used by both conductors, with the bobs being called 'simultaneously'? The sizes of the two tenors, given as 11 in G and 17 in E (presumably a misprint for 17 in A) indicates that a normal ring of 12 bells was used. What a row it must have been! If the peal was rung 'chorded' would it not have been better, musically, to have used two sets of six bells an octave apart?

It would be interesting to hear other views on this and whether it is acceptable by the Central Council and Peals Analysis Committee as two peals.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. ACRES.

Leicester.

Dear Sir,—I suspect that the ringing fraternity is being misled in their thoughts of the manner in which the two handbell peals were rung simultaneously by the Cambridge University Guild.

I may be wrong but my suspicions are aroused to such an extent as to believe that one peal was rung, but each ringer using two handbells, comprising one each from two different sets of six handbells.

It was certainly not rung on the same principle as 'A Flat' proposed 30 years ago, which is evident by the time taken to ring the handbell peal.

Perhaps the figures of the two peals as rung may be supplied to 'The Ringing World' for publication, to allay any suspicions of the ringing fraternity, and also to enlighten Mr. Cannon as to how his 14 peals may be made up, after which I doubt if he would desire to be associated with such attempt. — Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

THE LATE MR. JOHN THOMAS

Dear Sir,—Re the report of the passing of our dear friend, Mr. John Thomas, and his many achievements in the belfry, I have failed to find one which I think should be included, viz., a peal of Double Norwich rung on July 13th, 1928, at Corston, in which he rang the second and third bells. On a previous occasion he rang the same two bells—the conductor failed to call one of the bobs—but on the second attempt there was no word spoken except the calling of the bobs: I was in both.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR PRINCE.

Fishponds, Bristol.

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

Dear Sir,—I have now received many of the returns from Association secretaries for the Central Council survey on Sunday service ringing. I have nothing but admiration for the work put in by so many people so willingly to supply the data and opinions and suggestions we asked for. However, there are still a few Associations whom I know are making surveys but have not got their returns in yet. I shall be most grateful if those secretaries could get their returns to me by the end of this month at the latest. We have a lot of work ahead of us and as the Council meeting this year occurs rather earlier than usual we are hoping to have our report finished by the end of March to circulate our own committee and the standing committee before the Council meets.

It may be that there are some Associations who for one reason or another cannot possibly finish their survey by the end of January. Anything they can send us after that date will certainly be of value and much appreciated but may well not be embodied in the main report.

If there are any towers who are particularly proud of their achievements during the past year or so and think they could pass some views directly on to the committee on what helps to make a good band we should be delighted to hear from them. Would the tower secretaries please write to Mr. Norman Chad-dock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, Yorks.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

LITTLE HEATH BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to J. E. G. Roast, the church was built in 1862 on a private estate by an ex-Army major and his sister, and the bells were installed in 1863.

The latter were removed in 1931 and went to the Whitechapel Foundry and the church was pulled down. The church used to stand at the top of Crooked Billet Road and Eastern Avenue.

The peal to which he refers is in my late Uncle Alfred's peal book. I know of no reason why the Essex Association should not have accepted the peal, as all the band were members, and also founder members, of the Association.

Benjamin Keeble, uncle of the late William Keeble, was the tutor engaged to train a band. If any further information is required by Mr. Roast I shall be glad to supply it if he cares to write to me.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. PYE.

Saffron Walden.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. Roast's letter regarding Little Heath Church and bells. The late Mr. George Jaye related to me some years ago that the church was demolished to make way for the new arterial road.

The ring of five, which, I believe, was between five and six cwt., was sold to a scrap merchant for the sum of £40.

Incidentally, the Pye brothers were taught to ring at this church.—Yours sincerely,

F. BLATCH.

Orsett.

ANOTHER SUFFOLK SIX SAVED

Dear Sir,—Not many ringers know of the bells of Burgate, Suffolk. The lovely little Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, famous for its monumental brasses and many other treasures, stands in a lonely country lane in the Waveney Valley about six miles from Diss. The tall tower contains a ring of five 17th century bells, rehung last century. These bells were rung fairly regularly until about 1928 and since then have been regarded as unringable.

My first visit to the church was in the autumn of 1957, when I found the bells in a state of neglect, with twigs obstructing the sliders and only two very poor ropes. Later in the year, with Mr. C. Alden and his band from Starston, we fitted ropes, liberally applied castor oil to the bearings and, after tightening some loose bolts, raised the bells singly. We found that they went fairly well with the exception of the treble, whose sally appeared to have a will of its own and a decided aversion to being caught! On pulling off in rounds we were surprised by the sweet tone of the bells, the tenor being a mellow 9 cwt. in A flat. Having tamed the treble, several good 120's of Bob Doubles were rung, despite a continuous shower of twigs, feathers and dust. One disadvantage of the airy ringers' gallery is the proximity of the church organ, which rendered the bells inaudible during the last 120 before service. After the service we were congratulated and thanked by the Vicar and some of the congregation, who appeared to be pleased to hear the bells again after their long silence.

We revisited the tower in January, 1958, and rang a good quarter by flickering candlelight from a small chandelier. Again the treble bell gave difficulty, but was successfully piloted through. That same afternoon we rang on the unusual six at Thrandeston (middle six of an eight) for the first time since the completion of repairs to the tower.

Our last visit to Burgate was at the Vicar's invitation, when we rang a good quarter for Evensong, which was attended by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, who afterwards thanked the ringers and said how pleased he was to hear the bells.

We had hoped to ring a full peal to break the 30-years' peal silence but were not successful. It is to be hoped that this merry little five will not be left for another 30 years to join again the ranks of the many unringable towers in East Anglia.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

Droitwich Spa, Worcs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Dear Sir,—The fees (6d. per ringer) for a considerable number of peals rung for the above Guild and published in the columns of 'The Ringing World' have not been paid. If these fees are not paid, the peals in question may not be recognised by the Guild or published in the next triennial report.

Will the conductors concerned please let me have the cash as soon as possible?—Yours truly,

D. T. MATKIN.

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LETTERS—Continued

ST. MARTIN'S, GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir.—There has been some correspondence and news items in your columns recently regarding the above church—not all of it quite in accordance with actual fact—but I have been reluctant to use your valuable columns to discuss what is really a domestic matter and have preferred to talk with the persons concerned. However, the latest effusion—from Mr. Frederick R. Scott—is, to say the least, absurd, particularly when he himself talks about 'misrepresentation of the truth and nothing less than libellous.' His entirely erroneous remarks regarding 'Mr. E. J. Rowe and his ringers' forces me to write this letter.

My association with St. Martin's began soon after the end of the war, when inquiry to the Vicar revealed that the bells of St. Martin's, St. Anne's (Highgate) and St. Stephen's (Hampstead) were rung, on a rota system, only occasionally, due to a mere handful of ringers keeping the bells going. In order to meet the Vicar's wish that they could be rung more often, a local band was formed and the bells were rung regularly every Sunday morning and alternate Sunday evenings: at first, call changes, then Grand sire, Plain Bob and eventually, Kent. Little Bob, Stedman and Double Court, and each practice night became a little more ambitious, as indeed it should always be. Thanks to the kindness of the St. Stephen's, Hampstead, church authorities, some old bell-ropes from there were sent to St. Martin's to replace the much-spliced and worn ropes that they had.

Two meetings were also held, one by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and one by the Middlesex County Association. At the former meeting a memorial tablet to former members of the local band was unveiled, including such well-known names as George Newson, Arthur Jacobs, Frank Smith, R. Bevan, J. Hannington, E. Bonfield—known far beyond the parish boundary. The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Robinson) was very pleased to welcome both organisations to the church and was intrigued at a course of London on handbells rung by the Mayne family. The University of London Society also joined in a practice night and many of them helped out on Sunday, for which the local band were very grateful. Of that band were T. Bevan, the late Geoffrey Carter, Frank Knight and E. J. Rowe, some of whom later left the district, including Mr. Rowe.

When a new Vicar was inducted, he admitted that he didn't care much for bells, but wished for them to be rung on Sundays, albeit banning practice. (Other church organisations were also disrupted, but that has no place here.) This didn't work out very well so we held a vestry meeting about holding a practice. But the Vicar was adamant and then added that he didn't care for the bells being rung by non-churchgoers, a statement I immediately challenged, pointing out that there were always five or six, at least, of us at Matins. He shifted his ground a little then and said that was what he had been told, upon which I suggested that he ought to have been able to see for himself, even though I might not be noticeable in a crowd. Not a diplomatic remark on my part, I agree, and it completed the breach. Ringing had fallen off considerably and the remaining members of the band were not very happy about continuing.

Mr. Rowe, like myself, was not in charge of the band and furthermore, since he was

then in Shropshire, was not able to be (as Mr. Scott states) 'so rude to the Vicar that he was glad to see the back of him and his ringers.' Mr. Rowe and I often agree to differ (though without rancour!) but I feel I must defend him against such an unjustified attack from one who, so far as I am aware, has never visited St. Martin's.

When Mr. Rowe returned to London he went to live at Stamford Hill and is now in charge of the belfry there, and his relationship with the Vicar there is all that one could wish for. There were no ringers and the belfry was in a shocking state, but with some willing helpers and much hard work the place was cleaned up and a local band formed from scratch. The belfry is a picture and the ringing of a very high standard. The six, by the local band's efforts, have been augmented to a delightful octave and are rung twice every Sunday.

When comparing this with, to say the least, unfortunate episode at Bow, I would ask Mr. Scott 'Which is the greater achievement to both the Church and the Exercise?'

To return to St. Martin's, Gospel Oak. I saw the incumbent some time ago in connection with the Central Council questionnaire and he informed me that a wheel was broken and a Dr. Neill-Smith was getting it repaired. He was not very forthcoming when I asked him how it had got broken since it could hardly have been due to fair wear and tear, and he refuted my suggestion that, next to the organ, the bells were the church's most valuable capital and should be looked after better.

I was much interested later to read Dr. Neill-Smith's account in 'The Ringing World' of the hard work put in by the 'local band,' and when I saw him at a meeting at Shore-ditch I queried him about it. It transpired that it was mostly cleaning and tightening up that one would expect from disuse, and some of us would hardly think it worth while to mention it. However, more power to their elbow if a local band has been formed, and I trust it will be more successful than the former one. So far, I believe, no Sunday ringing has been attempted, ringing having been on one evening and a Saturday afternoon.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER.

24, Roderick Road, N.W.3.

WITHDRAWAL ASKED FOR

Dear Sir.—I have not had the privilege of speaking to or even meeting the Vicar of Gospel Oak: I can, therefore, hardly be accused of being rude to him.

Might I ask Mr. Scott, please, to withdraw this remark: secondly, to be man enough to apologise: thirdly, to cease commenting on a subject of which he knows nothing.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Stamford Hill, N.15.

RINGING THE CHANGES IN KENT

Dear Sir.—I am glad to see that Bethersden ringers have at last got together again for Sunday service ringing (page 795), but I was sorry to read that Mr. Ring had to cast a cloud over his neighbours at not being able to handle their bells. This looks like a reference to our band, as one nearby tower's bells are at the foundry and the other towers have more or less method ringers. Our residents don't mind whether the ringing is method or call-changes.

(Continued in next column)

PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE

Dear Sir.—The note at the bottom of page 58 of the 'Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods' published by the Peals Collection Committee of the Central Council, which states: 'Any composition of Superlative which does not reverse the bells in 56 at a course-end may be rung as Spliced Superlative and Cambridge by ringing all full courses CSCXCSC and all short courses CSSC' is apparently not true.

Using this as a guide I called a peal of Cambridge and Superlative at Hugglescote on April 23rd, 1958, using a 5.088 by Gabriel Lindoff (page 25 of No. 7 of the above Collection). Recently it has been discovered that this arrangement was false.

I should be interested in the comments of the Peals Collection Committee and the Peals Analysis Committee in view of the fact that a false statement has been published officially, and also what action they propose to take concerning the peal rung at Hugglescote.

I append the actual calling of the peal in question:—

M	W	H	23456	
—	—	—	54632	CSCCSC
—	—	—	26435	CSCCSC
—	—	—	42635	CSXCSC
—	—	—	63425	CSCCSC
—	—	—	54326	CSCCSC
—	—	—	35426	CSXCSC
x	—	—	35264	CS SC
—	—	—	23564	CSCXCSC

Repeat twice.

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN WARWICK.
(Ringing Master.)

St. Thomas' Church.
South Wigston, Leics.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

A Correction

Dear Sir.—Would you kindly allow me to correct the reports of a peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Erith on October 3rd, 1958, and a similar peal at Sevenoaks on November 29th, 1958. In both cases the details of the methods should be '1,312 each Bristol and Superlative, 1,280 London and 1,248 Cambridge with 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell,' and not as published. The difference is brought about by the arrangement of the optional leads of Cambridge and Superlative. We had 41 leads of Superlative and 39 leads of Cambridge instead of 40 of each, as was intended. The truth of Mr. Pitman's composition was not, of course, in any way affected.

With apologies for any inconvenience.—Yours truly,
P. A. CORBY.
Sevenoaks.

(Continued from previous column)
but they do know what good striking is, and that is our aim.

If Mr. Ring had been in his tower for service ringing he would not have been troubled by neighbours' bad ringing: he might even have dropped in on that tower and lent a hand and shown how it should be done. On practice nights when we have learners in, we have to go home thirsty as we dare not go to the local for our pint or we soon hear about the bad ringing.—Yours faithfully,
REG. PELLETI.
Woodchurch, Kent.

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THE BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY 1909-1959

By H. CHANT
(Continued from page 28)

252 DIFFERENT METHODS

In 1929 the Felkirk company rang 252 720's, in which every method was different. One of the 720's was Plain Bob, the remainder being on the Treble Bob principle. Only three of that company are at present in circulation, but Dan Smith, since his illness, seldom rings, and the other two are reduced to ringing in 12-bell towers where, since the number of ropes is augmented, the interest in pulling them is proportionately diminished.

No mention of Felkirk's progress would be complete without paying tribute to Mr. Frank Atkinson, who frequently came over from Wragby when the band were struggling to learn Plain Bob after the rehanging of the bells in 1924, and gave much time and assistance to them.

Frank is a walking 'Doves' and it is difficult to mention any ring of bells without receiving information as to when and where the individual bells were cast, the weight of the tenor, the key and odd scraps of knowledge concerning the size, the 'go', the quality of the sound, when they were rehung and why, and when the frame was last painted or treated!

He was one of the early members of the Society but unfortunately (for the Barnsley and District Society) now rings at York Minster. I remember as a boy gazing in awe at a man who said he could ring upwards of 20 Minor methods.

In 1930 Mr. C. D. Potter resigned from the secretaryship, chiefly on the grounds of indifferent health, and was promptly made a vice-president for life! Mr. Arthur Panther was elected secretary in his place, a position he occupied until 1937, when he found the duties too onerous. I was elected to fill the vacant position of treasurer and have remained in that office ever since.

About this time, owing chiefly to the joint influence of the Wath and Felkirk bands, method ringing was at its peak and the following extract from the minutes of a meeting held at South Kirkby in the middle of 1930 will illustrate the variety enjoyed at a typical monthly meeting:—

'Further ringing followed, touches being brought round in Violet, Oxford, Duke of York, Spiced Oxford and Kent, London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Southwark, London Scholars and Plain Bob, good striking being enjoyed throughout.' (And when A. P. said 'good striking' he meant exactly that.)

10,800 SURPRISE MINOR

On January 1st, 1931, a team consisting of Albert Nash (conducting), three members from Wath, one from Felkirk and Colin Ryder, of Rotherham, on the treble, rang 10,800 of Surprise Minor in 15 different (regular) methods in 6 hours and 10 minutes on the front six at Rotherham. Albert Nash always considered this as one of his greatest achievements, and declared it more difficult than much of the 'spliced stuff' that we afterwards dabbled about in.

The peal still remains, I believe, the longest length of Surprise Minor ever rung and was, in fact, the longest length on any number of bells rung in Yorkshire between the two wars. There was no doubt that it would never have been rung had the Barnsley and District Society not existed.

The officials in 1931 were the same as in the preceding year, but in 1932 Mr. R. J. Ricketts, of Wath, took the place of Mr. A. Nash as president. In 1933, however, Mr. C. D. Potter returned to harness again and became president, a position he retained until his death in 1939.

Joint meetings with neighbouring Societies, particularly the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, the Sheffield and District and, less frequently, the Doncaster and District, have long been a happy feature of the programme of meetings, but in July, 1932, a joint meeting was held at Barnsley with the full Yorkshire Association and the Barnsley and District taking part. All the principal officials of the Yorkshire Association were present together with the Bishop of Pontefract and the many clergy ringers and friends.

A ringer who deserves special mention, as he was a regular attender for many years, is George Lewis. This very gifted finger and composer always showed great interest in the Society, for which he judged several contests, including the one and only contest (held at Hoylandswaine) where 'rise' and 'fall' were included as part of the test piece. He was always ready to explain the theoretical side of ringing to anyone sufficiently interested, and I, personally, derived great benefit from him as he taught me the elements of proof and composition. It was always a sore point with him that several of his Bob Major compositions turned out to be false, and I can still hear the tone of his voice as he impressed upon my youthful mind that I must 'always enter the "Befores" in the "Wrong" column.'

My last visual recollection of him is of sitting down with tears streaming down his face as the rest of the meeting stood in silence to the memory of his great friend, Mr. Arthur Knights.

The officials did not change again until 1937 when, on grounds of ill health, Mr. Arthur Panther relinquished the office of secretary. The Society made a presentation to both Messrs. Potter and Panther in September of that year in recognition of the valuable service they had rendered. Each received a walnut clock, complete with Westminster chimes!

It should be mentioned that on December 26th, 1935, a band under the leadership of Mr. Dan Smith set out to ring 18,000 of Treble Bob Minor at Hoylandswaine, but had to abandon the attempt in the sixth 720 owing to a broken clapper. I have no doubt that had it remained intact the peal would have been scored. In order to console themselves they went on to Penistone and rang 7,200. As so often happens in such cases, the band got broken up by illnesses and no further attempt was arranged.

The person who stepped into Mr. Arthur Panther's shoes was indeed a man and a half!

MR. DANIEL SMITH

Although once described in 'The Ringing World' as a 'talented Yorkshireman,' Mr. Daniel Smith was born in Gloucestershire, and after settling in Yorkshire started ringing at Felkirk in the mid-1920's. He progressed quickly, and after 1929 conducted many peals, most of them Treble Bob Minor. He headed the list of conductors or peal-scorers for the Yorkshire Association several times, and appeared in the list of a series of 'Great Conductors' published in 'The Ringing World' some years ago.

His character and sterling qualities have made him friends throughout Yorkshire and beyond its borders. There is little doubt that he has done more for the Barnsley and District Society than any other member. It is entirely due to his influence and enthusiasm that the Society can boast that it never missed a monthly meeting during the whole of the war years. Bans on bells, blackouts and bombs, come what might, arrangements were made and ringers met.

We look forward to the time when his name will appear once more in the peal columns.

The officials remained unchanged during 1938 and 1939.

In 1939 Mr. Potter managed, after some difficulty, to secure for the Society a jug which had, according to the minutes, 'got into wrong ownership.' This capacious vessel has inscribed upon it details of a peal rung at Barnsley in 1879. Apart from its historical interest the jug was of great practical value during certain gatherings which members of the Society held at the Royal Hotel. At these gatherings Arthur Gill used to regard himself as custodian of the jug although the cost of replenishing it was frequently borne by Mr. Potter and, later, by his son.

The only safeguard against inebriation on these occasions was to maintain a full glass in front of one, as a partially empty one was anathema to Arthur Gill.

The jug is now safely housed in Cawthorne Museum.

When C. D. Potter died, in 1939, his place as president was taken by Mr. Ernest Brookes, of Hoylandswaine. With the outbreak of war and the subsequent ban on church bell ringing, attention was focused on handbell ringing. A team which rang quite a few peals was formed at Felkirk, where Mr. Dan Smith took up handbells for the first time with much success. In his enthusiasm he arranged a handbell contest at Barnsley in January, 1941, and although only two teams participated, great interest was shown. For the next four years there was no change in the officials although when I joined the Forces, in late 1942, Dan, in addition to being secretary, was also acting treasurer until my return, in 1946.

Mr. Arthur Panther died in August, 1941, and in recording a handbell peal in his memory, Mr. Arthur Gill rang his first peal 'in hand.' It was also his last, for he died suddenly in April, 1942. Mr. Albert Nash, who rang in the handbell peal to his memory, died in August of the same year.

A SINISTER SEQUENCE

Seeing that Mr. Arthur Panther's last peal had been in memory of Mr. C. D. Potter, a rather sinister sequence of events was brought to light: the last peal of each of these four friends had been in memory of the other! In due course a peal was arranged at Felkirk ('in hand,' as the tower bells were still silent), in memory of Mr. Albert Nash.

After I had called 'That's all' and the handbells had been placed on the belfry floor, there was a deathly hush, which was broken by one of the band, who shall be nameless, by the words spoken in sepulchral tones: 'Well, I suppose one of us has got to go!'

We quickly arranged and rang another handbell peal!

Mr. C. W. Woolley, who was stationed at Wakefield from 1942 to 1945, was a welcome addition to the meetings, on hand- and (later) on tower bells during this period.

In 1943 the Society undertook to examine and give advice on the handbells of all towers within its radius, and incumbents and steeple-keepers were approached in order to save handbells that might otherwise be lost through neglect or ignorance. Some good was done at a few towers, but as a result of inquiries in Barnsley itself a complete box of handbells, 108 in all, was unearthed in the lumber room of a public house. In due course these were acquired by the Society from an organisation to whom they were of no use, preferring, as they did, containers with handles at the side. The handbells were later sorted into sets and loaned to various towers of the Society.

(To be concluded)

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandisle Double: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, F. Cherrymann 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6.

THE INVASION OF LEICESTERSHIRE

The attack began on Boxing Day when four 'Brummies' arrived in Leicester for a peal at All Saints'. We were joined by 'Jim' (pronounced in a Staffordshire accent, please!) and Jean Addicott, who had come from Leamington to spend the day with us. That made us six. Well, we gave the 'Sheiks of Sheffield' an hour and then, with the help of David Darby and Alan Cattell (captain of All Saints'), began ringing, only to break down after 25 minutes. By now, however, the 'terrible twins' had arrived with a tale of woe concerning the Rotherham peal, and when David and Alan had bidden a generous farewell we scored a good peal of Cambridge on the pleasant little eight. Thus in this spotlessly clean ringing room we made a good beginning.

Success continued into Saturday, when we first haunted the bell foundry. Here Diana Perrins joined us for a peal of Rutland at a good 'slow and stately' pace. Then, in the afternoon we were welcomed to Sileby by two local ladies who proudly showed us their splendidly restored church, and by one of the local ringers. Ian is to be congratulated here on conducting his first 'spliced' and bringing it safely round in spite of the floating middle bells! And John, too, did a very good afternoon's work on the 22 cwt. tenor.

After sandwiches 'across the road' we met Jill Fisher off the Birmingham train at Leicester, and, after more food, we returned to our headquarters, the Park Hotel, to finish the day in Paul's room—'honestly, mother, there were chairs all over the place, stacks of them'—with the inevitable belfry gossip, better known as 'ruining reputations.'

On Sunday morning some of us joined in ringing at St. Margaret's with Mr. Ernest Morris before making our way to Prestwold for a peal of New Cambridge, which turned out to be 'a right rubbishy do.' While Diana slept in the car we began ringing in candle-light, the church having no other form of lighting. But the candles on the floor burnt out after an hour, and ringing by three-candle-power seemed to affect concentration, so the writing was on the wall! And the treble rope broke as we rang down, so we should have lost it anyway! We thus left Prestwold with its handy and little-used eight for evening ringing on the very lovely ten of Loughborough Parish Church.

And then it was all over; and with three peals out of four we began our different homeward journeys. We appreciate not only the welcome that was given to us in the towers which we visited, but we also thank David for the free rides in his car, and very specially we thank John for arranging the week-end.

S. H.

QUARTER PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Stanley 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, Mrs. V. Griffin (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 3, Dr. G. C. Roworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, C. G. Jones 6. First of Treble Bob by 1, 2 and 4. For the orphanage gift service. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Griffin 1, Miss C. Howlett (first on eight bells) 2, Miss C. Lansley 3, Miss R. Roworth 4, Dr. G. C. Roworth 5, V. Griffin (cond.) 6, H. Austin 7, C. G. Jones 8. For the children's carol service.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. Alexander (first quarter) 1, T. R. Collins 2, A. T. Collins (cond.) 3, B. B'adon 4, P. Minchin 5, E. Warner 6. For morning service.

WINSHILL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Margaret Mitchell (first quarter) 1, A. G. Foster 2, Mrs. A. G. Foster 3, J. O'Neill 4, F. Fretwell 5, C. Hughes (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Northern District

During the afternoon of Saturday, January 3rd, the bells of St. Mary's, Hitchin, were ringing for the annual District meeting, which was fairly well attended. The Rev. G. Walsh conducted the short service; tea and the business meeting followed at the Town Hall.

The District secretary reported that there was a drop of 20 members on last year's figures, but the increase in subscriptions meant that the total was little different. The number of peals rung in the District was better in

Strange Goings-On (This is absolutely the truth!)

The ringers at Knowle, Warwickshire, have been honoured recently by the visit of an unusual sort of visitor. He, or maybe she, is—a ghost!

Several times in the last few months the ringers have sworn that they heard footsteps approaching up the spiral staircase, one of the steepest and narrowest in the county.

After a while, when it seems the footsteps are getting no nearer, curiosity always compels the ringers to open the door to investigate, only to be met with a mocking silence.

But the ringers are not the least bit disturbed, for the ghost has often been heard and is freely referred to as 'our ghost.' The tower-keeper, Mr. Little-Bertie Jones (so called to distinguish him from Mr. Big-Bert Nix, the Ringing Master) has appointed the ghost as his honorary deputy tower-keeper!

Unfortunately there is no known way in which to invite the ghost to ring a short 'touch'; but then, whoever heard of a ghost ringing a bell, eh? A. A. U.

1958, even than in Coronation Year, 29 having been rung. Among these were several peals of Spliced Surprise Major. Mr. R. Castledine had conducted the most. Only 24 quarter peals were rung, of which 14 were rung at Great Wymondley. Others may have been rung but have not been published.

Mr. F. Plummer was nominated as county treasurer as the present treasurer, Mr. G. Debenham, wishes to resign. The Western District is believed to be in favour of Mr. Plummer as the next treasurer.

The local elections were as follows:—District secretary, Mr. E. G. Buck (Baldock): 'The Ringing World' and Press representative, Miss J. Sanderson (Norton); general committee, Mr. B. Scoot (Baldock) and Mr. M. Orme (Hitchin); District committee, Mr. R. Agg, Mr. W. Brown, Miss J. Heathfield, Mr. B. Marks and Miss J. Sanderson. One new member was elected, Mr. Ronald Richardson, of Knebworth.

Two important resolutions were before the members. The cost of the annual report has risen alarmingly, and as the Association has commitments other than the printing of the annual report, it should restrict the expenditure on the report to not more than two-thirds of the previous year's total annual subscriptions. This was agreed.

The second resolution was: 'It is proposed to launch a fund to assist in the provision of ten bells in North Hertfordshire.' The Northern District is without a 10-bell tower, and unless some distance is travelled—to Hatfield, Bedford or Cambridge—there is no opportunity to gain experience on higher numbers of bells. With money in the fund it would be possible to encourage the provision of two or more bells. A committee was set up to examine the matter further. J. S.

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'AUGUST WEEK' IN SUSSEX.—A programme is being arranged to cover a number of peal attempts (approximately 16) from August 1st to 8th inclusive. Would those interested kindly communicate, furnishing their home address, availability, together with other relative information as may be helpful to the organisers.—H. W. Woolven, 56, Cobden Road, Brighton, Sussex. 3699

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—All communications to Secretary now Mrs. A. E. Cox, 21, Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe. 3722

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Will all members please note **CHANGE OF DATE** for the annual general meeting. This will be held on Saturday, May 16th, 1959, at Southport. For further information apply your District secretary or the general secretary. 3709

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. All motions for inclusion in the agenda must be sent to the Hon. General Secretary before Jan. 31st, also all applications for grants.—M. R. Cross. 3724

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 3 to 4 p.m.: Huntingdon (St. Mary's) (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, followed by business meeting. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Oatlands, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., Oatlands 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park. 3605

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, Hawkhurst. Names to A. H. Kemp, 1, Lillesdon Cottages, The Moor, Hawkhurst. 3678

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. St. Peter's (10) 3-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing will be announced at tea.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 3679

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3594

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance requested.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 3642

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, St. George's, Barking (8), Woodford Avenue, Gants Hill, Central Line, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Tea—own arrangements. Evening ringing, St. Mary's, Woodford (8) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please.—Bullock, Master. 3657

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual general meeting at Harlington, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3666

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Thame on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3651

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham, on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 3643

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Jan. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. for those who notify F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 3634

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3686

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Cathedral House 5 p.m.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 3665

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Kidderminster (12), Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. Four cafés near church.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 3656

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Wincanton, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. Badman, Evercrech. 3695

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 3691

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Eastham, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. 11th annual dinner, entertainment, and dance, Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, Feb. 7th, 6 p.m. till midnight. Tickets (18s. 6d. each) are now available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3716

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3718

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3706

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting at Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 3653

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service and tea. Names before Jan. 22nd to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 3704

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Chalford (6), Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 20th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 3703

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Mark's (5), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 20th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3723

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), Jan. 24th, 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Jan. 20th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3720

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Newland, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. E. H. Tucker, The Vicarage, Newland. 3721

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Plympton St. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3603

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3633

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 24th, St. Andrew's (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business at St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m. Ringing in evening at All Saints' (10).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3697

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Borden, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. E. C. Barton, 11, Mount View, Borden, Sittingbourne. 3655

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. J. Brown, The Moat Cottage, Benenden, near Cranbrook.—C. T. H. 3664

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and THE LADIES' GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Beckenham, Saturday, Jan. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3658

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Desborough. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, to Mrs. Loake, 21, Harrington Road, Desborough, Northants.—A. E. Amor. 3690

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Barrow-on-Humber (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to Mr. A. Crowder, Barrow-on-Humber. 3677

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual general meeting, Earl Shilton, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. George Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leicester. A full attendance is requested.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3684

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray Branch.—Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Colles Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, please, to Mr. R. Manton, Timber Hill, Melton Mowbray. 3700

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting, Pontypridd, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 3681

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Midgham (6), on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 19th, to H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury. 3668

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Saturday, Jan. 24th. 4 p.m., at High Wycombe Vicarage. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names by 20th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 3705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Sherritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 3649

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3701

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Poole, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 3711

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Bradley, near Bilston, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Jan. 21st, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston. 3641

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Prittwell (10) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to P. Sadler, 21, Dulverton Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. 3689

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield St. Peter's (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Mansfield Woodhouse (6) also available. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Service 5.45 p.m. prompt. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, to S. W. Fossey, 2, Paterson Place, Ravensdale, Mansfield.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 3693

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Jan. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.15, at which a memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston, bell-founder, will be dedicated. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by Wednesday previous. St. John's bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 3645

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Hellingly. Bus or train to within ½-mile of a warm welcome at the tower.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 3688

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitchurch (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells of Whitchurch and Hurstbourne Priors available from 2.30 to 4.30. Service, Whitchurch, 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room. Names, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. J. Clark, 8, Firs Way, Oaklands Road, Whitchurch. 3639

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet in Church Hall at 3.30 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 3662

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Halstead, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead. 3706

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, Gloucester Cathedral, 2 to 4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Mary-de-Crypt Schoolroom. Bells available afterwards. Tea names not later than Jan. 27th.—Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 3696

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. G. Brown, 50, Boxalls Lane, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3698

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, at Stamford Hill. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, business and further ringing in the evening. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15. Gentlemen cordially invited. Nearest station: Manor House. Trolleybuses to St. Anne's Road. 3712

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names by Monday, 26th, to F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 3714

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Potterspury on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 3713

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting at Northampton, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available: St. Giles', 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Holy Sepulchre, 2.30 to 4 and 6.45 to 7.45 p.m.; All Saints', 5.30 to 6 and 6.45 to 8 p.m.; Dallington, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 4 at Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms. Service 6 p.m. at All Saints'. Names for tea by Saturday previous to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Social evening at Racecourse Pavilion 7.45 to 11 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d.) are available from the above-named. 3710

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells: St. Paul's from 2.30 p.m.; Wilton, 2.15 to 3.45. Service, St. Paul's, 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells after meeting: St. Paul's and St. Thomas'. Names for tea essential by 27th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3710

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3685

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Both rings of bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m.—L. Wright, Acting Sec. 3685

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke (St. Michael's) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 27th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3708

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual and Sir A. P. Heywood memorial dinner will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, February 7th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets (11s.) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. Ringing in Derby at 3 p.m. 3682

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Breadsall, Jan. 24th. Ringing 3–5 p.m., 6–7.30 p.m. Tea in the Old Hall. Names, please, by previous Wednesday to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. 3725

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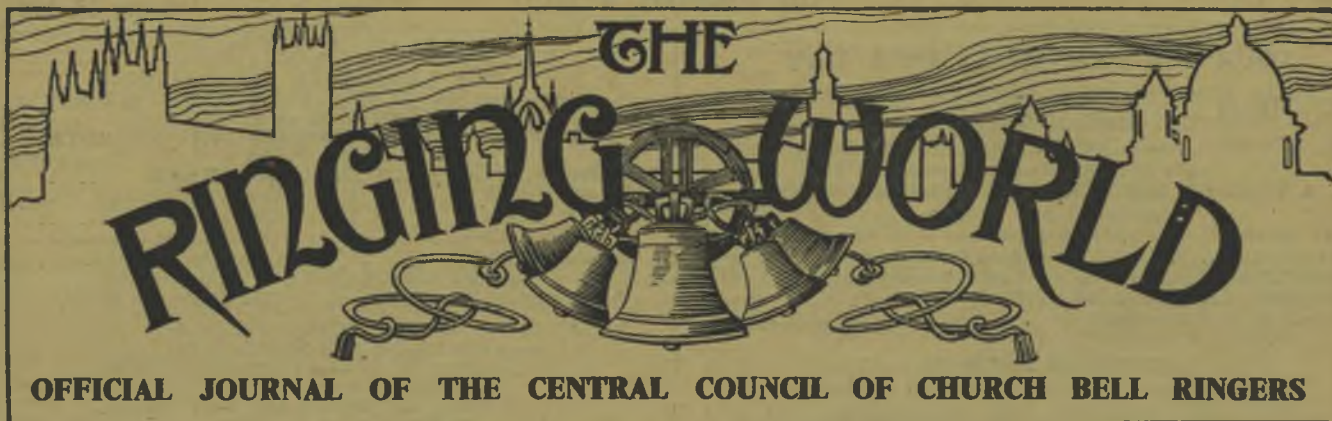
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LISTENING ON THE CONTINENT

F'ANCY going abroad for your holiday,' they said, 'you ought to know better than to waste your time like that. You won't find any bells there!' I knew 'they' were wrong, but it was no use arguing. However, I decided to do what I had not done previously and make a list of the bells I heard.

My friends and I heard our first bell as the boat neared Ostend. It was fastened to a buoy and gave out a rather mournful note as the buoy pitched and tossed in the turbulent sea. The second bell belonged to an Ostend train and had a sharp warning 'ping' for its voice.

Bruges, for us, was an enchanted city, a compound of wonderful old buildings, art treasures and canals. Its crowning glory was the collection of bells in the tall old belfry. We arrived there in the late afternoon and were greeted by the melodious music of the bells, which ring out every quarter of an hour. Only after dusk are the bells silent. Then many of the buildings are floodlit and the canals come into their own, for many people go out on them in small boats to see the sights.

The belfry is a very high brick building. One morning we climbed to the wind-swept gallery at the top. We were told there were 360 steps. They seemed more like 3,000, but it was well worth the effort as we had an extensive view over the flat countryside and the red roofs of Bruges clustered below us. The bells were hanging just above our heads, and were very loud when they chimed.

As we were descending the stairs we met the man who attends to the mechanism of the clock and carillon, and he showed and explained these to us. It seems they were made in 1748 by Antonious de Hondt. There are 47 bells and 108 hammers. Except when a recital is given the bells are played mechanically. To do this there is a large drum weighing 20,000 lb. In it there are 30,500 holes in which metal pegs are arranged. As the drum revolves, levers controlling the hammers catch on the pegs and cause the bells to chime. We heard a little Flemish tune at the quarter hour, a French tune at the half hour, a Dutch one at the three-quarters and music from 'Carmen' on the hour. These tunes are changed every two years. The carillon keyboard was in the room above the drum. It was rather like an organ, with foot pedals and rows of pegs instead of keys. I tried striking several of the bells and found the mechanism to move very easily. The foot pedals controlled the large bells and the 'hand pegs' the small

ones. One evening we heard a recital on the carillon given by a very skilled young man whose name, I think, was Uten. He finished with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

We left Bruges to the sound of the bells and made our way to Ghent, where we found another belfry containing a carillon with 56 bells. We heard these playing, but their notes were rather soft and apt to be lost in the noise of the traffic. We heard several church bells in Aachen tolling for early services. One was very deep toned and drowned the others with its sonorous note. The bells of Frechen were chiming the hour as we went through. One sounded like a dustbin and the other might have been the lid. I pressed the accelerator hard and hurried on to Cologne. There was a little church near Cologne Cathedral which had been almost completely destroyed. Only a little of the mediæval tower remained to show its former beauty. The rest of the tower had been rebuilt in ugly brickwork and a chime of bells was housed beneath a canopy at the top. They played a gay tune for us. Cologne Cathedral is a magnificent building, but we did not hear any bells while we were inspecting it.

From Cologne we went up the Rhine to Mainz, visiting Worms on the way, where we heard clock bells. By now we were beginning to lose count of the number we had heard. The church bells rang for us in Heidelberg, and these were mostly of a very pleasing tone. In contrast, however, there was a bell on one of the river steamers with a very raucous note. From Heidelberg to Bregenz we heard innumerable bells ringing in various church towers. In Austria we heard our first cow bells: 'Klunk, klank, klonk' they went intermittently as the animals moved. Over the frontier in Switzerland we heard our first goat bells. They were made similar to the cow bells but on a smaller scale, and gave out a lighter and higher-pitched note.

The church in the little village where we stayed had some very sweet-toned bells. These echoed across the mountains as they marked the passing hours. Goat and cow bells were heard at all hours, even after dark. Once, when a herd of about 50 cows was being moved down the mountain to new pastures, the sound of their bells was like several musical boxes being played at once.

We continued to hear bells of many types, some pleasant, some poor in quality, all the way across Europe on our return journey. None could compare with the majesty of Bruges, though those in the university library at Louvain left pleasant memories.

We travelled overnight from Ostend, and were clear of the customs in Dover by about 5.45. At that hour the bells were silent. We had breakfast in Dorking—again without hearing a bell. In fact, we did not hear any bells on the road home. I showed my friends my list of bells. 'Huh!', they said, 'you don't call those things bells! You can't ring them!'

A. M. REAY.

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NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	BASIL JONES 4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

EILEEN M. FEARN Treble	BASIL JONES 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
BRIAN HARRIS Treble	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 4
BASIL JONES 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Eileen M. Fearn on her birthday.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE Treble	DONOVAN R. WHITE 7
JOHN WALDEN 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
GEORG E. FEIRN 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON 10
HERBERT LOWMAN 5	JOHN FREEMAN 11
RAYMOND F. SMITH 6	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
ERNEST J. JELLEY 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	PETER R. JOHNSON 8
VERNON PRATT 4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 9
WILLIAM THORNLEY 5	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH T. DYKE. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS 6
*TREVOR TAYLOR 2	DENIS MOTTESHEAD .. 7
NEIL D. LOMAS 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	†GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH 9
GEOFFREY PEARSON 5	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	†JOHN WILSON 6
RONALD C. NOON 2	*JOHN V. TEMPLE 7
*CECIL WADE 3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 8
*HAROLD HUXLEY 4	ROY WITHERMAN 9
*FREDA P. GREAVES 5	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Treble	RICHARD F. PRIME 6
MARY C. PAYNE 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
E. CHARLES TURNER 3	HARRY POYNER 8
JOHN A. ACRES 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT 9
BRIAN MARTIN 5	S. ANTHONY JESSON Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	†WILLIAM LITTLE 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	MICHAEL D. FROST 7
ARTHUR DAY 3	JOHN E. EWER 8
PATRICIA DOORN 4	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. 9
*REGINALD F. EWER 5	GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*PAMELA M. GILL .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
HOWARD HOWELL 2	KEITH WILLIAMS 7
STELLA HUGHES 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 8
M. JILL FISHER 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON 5	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pamela M. Gill.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
ALBERT W. BOND 3	HENRY STALHAM (86) .. 8
ARTHUR J. HART 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 5	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. F. E. Walker) and Mrs. Walker, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the Guild, and by all the band.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	ARTHUR HINGLEY 6
HARRY BOSWELL 2	*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 7
HARRY GRIFFITHS 3	ERIC E. SPEAKE 8
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES 5	ALAN A. ELSMORE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal in the method.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*ARTHUR NEWTON .. Treble	*DAVID CORNWALL 5
*MRS. A. E. COX 2	JOHN D. KAPE 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
*SYDNEY M. BAILEY 4	ANTHONY E. COX Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. All members of the local band except ringer of the fourth.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

D. MARY WARD .. Treble	DENNIS BERESFORD 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	EDMUND MALIN 6
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. 3	ANTHONY AGER 7
*MICHAEL ELSON 4	PETER BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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JOAN BERESFORD 2	†PETER BERESFORD 6
*MICHAEL ELSON 3	†EDMUND MALIN 7
*ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Spiced. † First of Spiced Surprise Major in four methods. First of Spiced Surprise Major in four methods on the bells and for the Society.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUCK .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
JILL MAYES 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON 5
MRS. C. N. LEA 2	ROBERT SKELTON 6
*ERIC OLIVER 3	RICHARD OLIVER 7
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 4	CHARLES N. LEA Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. E. Talbot, and in appreciation of his service as Vicar of Consett from July, 1948, to January, 1959.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

In THE BELL-TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	JOHN S. BARNES 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

At THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 36 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* 100th peal together. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	*GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (No. 4). Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ERIC GRIFFITHS .. Treble	C. GUY PICKAVANCE .. 5
*STEPHEN F. L. LOWE .. 2	MICHAEL S. HART 6
C. DONALD MANN 3	*COLIN SMITH 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Major.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER JONES.. .. Treble	HENRY PARKER 5
CECIL RADDON.. .. . 2	*DOUGLAS LOWE 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	*JOHN RYDER 7
MRS. D. LOWE.. .. . 4	HAROLD WORRALL Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

C. Raddon has 'completed the circle' in this tower.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*BRYAN BURROUGH Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 5
GEORGE FRANCIS 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
JUNE CLEMENTS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
BERNARD G. MOORE.. .. 4	RAYMOND A. BROWN.. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on eight bells.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

*ALAN CLARKE Treble	*DAVID H. BUXTON 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.. 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 7
JOHN G. GIPSON 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
LAVINA HULFORD Treble	†KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 5
*H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE .. 2	†RICHARD HOBBS 6
†GRACE BURCHNALL 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON.. .. 7
‡ELEANOR ROSE 4	§ROGER MUMFORD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 250th peal together. ‡ First peal on eight. § First peal.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	*T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
GEORGE E. THODAY 2	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 6
PETER J. SHIPTON 3	PETER BORDER 7
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 100th peal together. 250th peal as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*ANN GEORGE Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
JANET FRENCH 2	EDWARD J. JENNER 6
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	KEVIN S. HOHL 7
MARGARET A. LADD.. .. 4	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
*MICHAEL E. TURNER .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 2	ALBERT W. DYER 6
JOSEPH T. BARRETT 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER.. .. 7
HERBERT W. PEARCE.. .. 4	RICHARD D. GUPPY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Dec. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE 5
MICHAEL DAY 2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY 6
GEORGE H. MOORE 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

Mr. C. H. Moore has now 'circled the tower' 12 times.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. G. Heawood, who is leaving for Dore in the diocese of Derby after eight years at Hethersett.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE.. .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Pudsey.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	BERYL AYRIS 5
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2	BARBARA MANSHIP 6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS.. .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
ERNEST MORRIS.. .. . 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JACK R. HARRIS Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
PHILIP WALKER.. .. . 2	*FRANCIS A. WHITE 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
*BRIAN R. WHITE 4	PHILIP H. TOCOK Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday on this day of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, and the 21st birthday on Boxing Day of the ringer of the third.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*KENNETH BONEHILL.. .. Treble	ARTHUR RIGBY 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 2	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 6
THOMAS BARKER 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	*PETER GARDNER Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Kent Major. The composition (in 13 courses) is now rung for the first time.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Townley Parker, of Kingsgate, Kent. Mr. Townley was formerly a ringer at this church.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING .. Treble	FRANK RUFFLES 5
*MURIEL R. PAGE 2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 6
†PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
WALTER W. MILLER .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 52). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* 25th peal. † 100th peal.

Rung for the passing of the old year.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*†MARGARET LOVETT .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
*BRENDA E. DOWNING .. 3	*ROBERT F. DOWNING .. 7
*GEORGE V. BUXTON .. 4	ALAN CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MARION ARCHER Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 2	*CYRIL RUSBY 6
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
JOHN S. SEAGER 4	†GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* 50th peal. † First in the method. 150th peal on the bells.

A birthday compliment to G. K. Chaddock, on his coming-of-age, and to I. M. Holland.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*HENRY T. MACEY Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
MRS. JOAN SALMONS .. 2	LESLIE D. DUGUID 6
ALEXANDER PAGE 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS .. 7
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal away from the tenor.

Rung half-muffled for the watchnight service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

MARY ATKINSON Treble	DAVID G. FRENCH 5
*PATRICIA WALKER 2	GEORGE S. LEE 6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Margaret Lee, daughter of George S. Lee, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Gordon K. Chaddock, nephew of the conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*GRAHAM DINSDALE .. Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 6
PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle.'

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN AND CAMBRIDGE MAJOR

Being 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 5
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 2	JOHN ASHCROFT 6
JAMES CUNLIFFE 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
DAVID YOUNG 4	JOSEPH THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

First peal in the method for all the band.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Brian N. Cooper, of Seascale, Cumberland.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

REGINALD ROWLEY .. Treble	*VERNON GREEN 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	HUGH NEILL 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	STANLEY E. DARMON .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

*PAMELA R. GOUGH .. Treble	†STANLEY W. BROWN .. 5
†CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 6
G. FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. 7
†HARRY W. BROWN .. 4	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

* First peal. † First in the method. † First of Triples.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

CECIL BARKER Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
HENRY G. FELTON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
ALAN R. SYDER 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
JOHN A. WARNER 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*JAMES T. ROOKE .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	LESLIE BARLOW 6
HAROLD DENMAN 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 7
†RICHARD HOBBS 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First of Major.

Rung in honour of the birth of a grand-daughter to Mr. R. T. Flint, of Worksoop.

SHOREHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

DAVID J. KIRBY .. Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE 5
STANLEY JENNER 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	ROBERT COLLINS 7
RALPH BIRD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal of spliced on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 34 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. . . . 4
NEIL D. LOMAS 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. . 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. . Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. Treble	JOHN V. TEMPLE 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	JOHN WILSON 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. . 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MICHAEL J. NEWTH .. Treble	MERVYN FROMM 4
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
†E. JANE LANGTON .. . 3	PETER H. LANGTON .. . Tenor

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First tower peal as conductor.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 29, 48, 50, 38, 39, 37, 28).

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN GUILDEN Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4
EILEEN FEARN 2	BASIL JONES 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. . 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal (aged 13).

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*IAN A. RICHARDSON (11) Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
HERBERT T. ROOKE 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
JAMES T. ROOKE 3	†DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES T. ROOKE.

* First peal, first attempt. † 25th peal.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Old, 13 each of April Day and Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JEAN GAIGER Treble	HUGH FALKNER 4
JOHN DOWDESWELL .. . 2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 3	DAVID HICKS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal.

GREAT WITH LITTLE WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN MELVILLE .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 4
†KEITH BRADSHAW .. . 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
ROBERT W. SHAW .. . 3	RONALD G. RUSSELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Spriggs on their golden wedding anniversary; also to welcome home John Murkett and Brian Rawson from service with H.M. Forces in Cyprus, and Robert W. Shaw.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 37 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	THOMAS J. GUNDY 4
CHARLES PHILLIPS .. . 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE H. COLCOMBE.

First peal of two Doubles methods on the bells.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

MALCOLM OVERFIELD .. Treble	KEITH NEWBY 4
EMMA LANCASTER .. . 2	JAMES E. BURLES 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 3	CLIFFORD H. FORD .. . Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. H. V. Turner, for 14 years Bishop of Penrith.

STEEPLE-CLAYDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

JOHN HODGES Treble	*JOSE BASSETT 4
*MARGARET RAND .. . 2	ALBERT HODGES 5
V. G. PHILLIPS 3	*PAMELA BASSETT .. . Tenor

Conducted by V. G. PHILLIPS.

* First peal.

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STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*NORMAN C. BUCKLAND .. Treble	†ROBERT J. BROCKLEHURST .. 4
†EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. 2	†WILLIAM NAYLOR .. 5
†JAMES K. LAVER .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung by the local band.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYRIAC AND JULETTA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID COUPERTHWAITHE .. Treble	A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 4
RICHARD J. W. HOUSTON .. 2	†CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 5
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE .. 3	ANTHONY R. MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CHARLES B. SKINNER .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 4
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 2	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. 125th peal of Minor as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents (different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

PERCY AMOS Treble	GEORGE F. ROOME .. 3
*LOUIS EARL 2	VICTOR A. PERRY .. 4

* JIM C. RAINBOW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal away from treble. Ringer of treble has now 'circled the tower.' First peal in the method for the Guild.

Rung to mark the bicentenary of the Rev. James Harvey, rector, missionary and theological author, who died on Christmas Day, 1758.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) College and St. Clement's, (3) Wavertree and Childwall, (4) London Bob and Double Oxford, (5) Lytham and Thelwall, (6) Double and Single Court, (7)

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; with 133 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*PETER A. SHARPE .. Treble	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 5
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in 17 methods.

A farewell peal for Mr. A. A. Clarke, churchwarden and Ringing Master of this parish, who is leaving for Leicester.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
MRS. J. RENDER .. 2	*JOHN POTTS .. 5
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3	*ALAN SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* 25th peal together.

Rung by a local band on the 20th anniversary of the first peal by an 'all local' band, on December 27th, 1938; also for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Bacon.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Netherseale, (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

EDWARD B. LEGGETT .. Treble	THOMAS BIRD .. 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

*JANET BROOK .. Treble	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT .. 5
PETER DAWSON .. 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* First peal. To welcome the birth of a son to Mrs. Marjorie Evans.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. 4
GEORGE E. MONCKTON .. 2	ALBERT W. DYER .. 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	*WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 100th peal.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*MARTIN FAULKES .. Treble	†JAMES HILL .. 4
†JENNIFER STRATFORD .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 3	MICHAEL VERNON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First of Surprise. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. Michael Vernon has now 'circled the tower.' A 21st birthday compliment to Rita M. Stratford.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN V. TEMPLE .. Treble	FREDA P. GREAVES .. 4
JOHN WILSON .. 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung on the top six of the ten, half-muffled for the passing of 1958.

LAMMAS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HERBERT MILLER .. Treble	HERBERT G. SMITHSON .. 3
PEGGY WILLIAMSON .. 2	D. E. RUST ANDREWS .. 4
W. C. MEDLER Tenor	

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. Treble	DONALD B. MUNRO .. 4
H. FRANK PIKE .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

QUARTER PEALS

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Geraldine Piper 1, Christine Harbott 2, Diana Pryn 3, B. C. Piper 4, J. L. Hayns 5, P. J. Jackson 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, M. W. Harbott 8. For Matins.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Barlow 1, M. Helen Wright (first of Minors) 2, E. Jenkins 3, D. F. C. Malloch 4, T. Shallcross 5, B. Downie 6. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Barlow 1, M. Helen Wright 2, J. Harrison (cond.) 3, F. Shallcross 4, E. Jenkins 5, M. R. Gibson 6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Perkins 1, W. Simmonds (cond.) 2, C. J. Turner 3, P. A. Lock 4, R. Blackler 5, G. Nix 6, D. J. Roberts 7, P. Shipp 8. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. F. Layton (first as cond.) 1, M. Elizabeth A. Layton 2, Margaret A. Layton 3, G. Huxley 4, N. Hobden 5, R. Parsons 6, D. N. Layton 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 3rd and 7th.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Hare (first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, M. Broadley 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, J. Meads 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 1. Wakefield (first quarter) 1, Avril Thackray 2, S. Ivin 3, J. Long 4, S. Foskett 5, K. Wakefield (first of Triples as cond.) 6, B. Piron 7, D. Thompson 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marilyn Lumley (first quarter) 1, Helen Nevil (first 'inside') 2, Jennifer Davies 3, P. Shipton 4, S. Foskett 5, J. Taylor 6, B. Piron (cond.) 7, D. Thompson 8.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Swift 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, Daphne Pankhurst 3, J. Carr 4, C. Verdon (cond.) 5, C. Pilbeam 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. Clifford Earwaker, B.A.), and a compliment on his appointment to the living of Crawley.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Taylor 1, C. McKenzie 2, Miss W. Bird 3, R. Dowdeswell 4, L. Aston (cond.) 5, D. Field 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Major H. H. Hardy, churchwarden.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 30th, 1,344 Yorkshire Major: Miss E. M. Fearn 1, J. R. Kennett 2, W. H. Dowse 3, B. Groves 4, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5, F. H. Osbaldiston 6, W. A. Smith 7, N. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of a local sidesman.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. B. Schofield 1, S. G. Schofield 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 7, F. Munday 8. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Schofield 1, S. B. Schofield (11) 2, P. Wadsworth (13, first quarter) 3, K. Rushworth (14) 4, Janet Brook (13) 5, B. Gillian Schofield (13, cond.) 6. Both rung to welcome a son (Niels) to Mrs. Marjorie Evans, ringer at the Cathedral.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. G. Riches (cond.) 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, M. C. Austin 3, T. K. Price 4, K. W. Price 5, A. J. True 6. For morning service.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, L. Nice 3, R. Rose 4, E. Nice 5, C. Stannard 6, A. Everett 7, W. Goodship 8. A farewell tribute to the Rev. Canon A. C. Pelly, who is retiring this month.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Windchendon Place Bob Doubles: Albert Halling 1, Nadine Price 2, F. Hawkes 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, E. W. Penn 5, Arthur. Halling 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Steel 1, J. Spragett (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy Williams (first quarter) 3, F. W. Hutt 4, V. A. Perry (cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sullivan 1, G. W. Reed 2, Jill Swanne 3, Evangeline Roberts 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, P. Rogers 6.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob and 780 Grandsire): A. Smith 1, J. George 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, D. Manger 4, J. Parker 5, C. Rowe 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. Leslie R. King). Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Parker 1, V. Cott 2, D. Manger 3, D. Parker 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. R. Hough 3, A. Berry 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Turner 6. For Epiphany.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Christie (first of Triples) 1, J. Salway 2, D. Callard 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Squire (first quarter) 1, L. Rook 2, F. Yeo 3, R. Gubb 4, L. Walters 5, D. K. Walters (cond.) 6, C. Rook 7, A. Smallridge 8. A Christmas compliment to Mr. T. Yeo.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, W. Sparkes 2, W. Webb 3, C. Webb (cond.) 4, H. Netherway 5, W. Harris 6. Rung early Christmas morning.

CWMCARVAN, MON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): Pat Jones 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, B. Johns 3, D. J. King (cond.) 4, G. Ward 5, Rev. I. J. Richards 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. J. King.

DEEPIST ST. NICHOLAS, LINCs.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Margaret Carter 1, W. Duffy 2, A. Riggall 3, C. Perkins 4, F. Brightman 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, when the ringers of 2, 3 and 4 were all choirboys.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Wiggins 1, J. Blond 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, P. Davies 4, A. E. Lock 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. Blond 7, F. White 8. An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

FALING, MIDDLEX.—At Christ-the-Saviour Church, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Enid Palmer 1, H. J. Eldred 2, Doreen Crowe 3, G. Harvey 4, R. Wright 5, J. W. Pae 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Scarth (first quarter) 1, Gillian Halford 2, R. W. Winstanley (first 'inside') 3, J. G. Greenhalgh (first quarter) 4, K. C. Edwards (first as cond.) 5, P. Shepherd 6.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Chinnery 1, M. Press (first of Triples) 2, Joan Smith 3, Christine Harbot 4, J. Maybrey 5, M. Harbot 6, J. King (cond.) 7, R. Rook 8. In appreciation of an anonymous parishioner, who paid for the recent overhauling of the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Jill Oakshott 1, D. J. F. Oakshott 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, W. Parrott 4, D. Astridge 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6, I. Waterman 7.

FWELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Spittle 1, G. Pullinier 2, R. C. Spittle 3, D. Spittle 4, A. S. Besant 5, J. E. Beams 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Treble 1, Mrs. G. S. Joyce 2, Miss E. Taussig 3, Miss M. Finch 4, C. Turner 5, P. Murgatroyd 6, G. S. Joyce (cond. from non-ringing position). To mark the 20th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector (Canon F. B. Hutchinson) and the 34th anniversary of the ordination of the Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins (Bishop of Guildford), who preached at the morning service.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Body 1, Shirley Parsons 2, Christine Ford 3, H. Allberry 4, P. Richardson 5, A. Buswell 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Marshall 1, Shirley Parsons 2, A. Buswell 3, M. Johnson 4, P. Richardson 5, J. Hasted (first for 25 years) 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. Both for morning service.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob and 720 Cambridge): Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, R. Selway 2, C. Webb 3, H. G. Keeley 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, R. Keeley (cond.) 6.

LINCOLN.—On Dec. 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. L. Pask 1, S. A. Chambers 2, R. F. Smith 3, J. A. Freeman 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, J. Walden 6, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, G. H. Randles 8. For morning service.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. Plows 1, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 2, M. J. Hill (first 'inside') 3, D. W. Barr 4, A. J. Stratthdee 5, K. Warrington 6. For early service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hill 1, J. B. Dinenage 2, A. J. Stratthdee 3, P. G. Golder 4, C. M. Smith 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. E. Wood 1, F. E. Wood 2, G. A. Payne 3, A. T. Wingate 4, E. W. Penn 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. The calls were all singles.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Dixon (first of Triples) 1, F. G. Leaker 2, C. T. Rawlins 3, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 4, Joan Gray 5, H. S. Gregory 6, W. F. Bonner 7, P. M. J. Gray 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

NEWHEY, LANCs.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rothwell 1, A. Smith (jun.) 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, M. D. Fishwick 4, D. Butterworth 5, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 6.

NORRURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. Williamson (first quarter) 1, J. Guilden 2, B. Harris 3, Mrs. Fernley 4, Miss E. Fearn 5, Miss C. Fernley 6, P. G. K. Davies 7, B. Jones 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Nevil 1, Brenda Claridge 2, Margaret Beamish 3, D. Blackwall 4, Keith Jones 5, A. Tumber 6, D. Forder (first as cond.) 7, D. Jackson 8. First of Triples 'inside' 2 and 4. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Helen Nevil 1, Brenda Claridge 2, D. Blackwall 3, A. Tumber 4, D. Forder (first of Doubles at cond.) 5. Rung by Southampton University Society.

ODELL, BEDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Walker 1, P. Payne 2, H. W. Gayton 3, P. Wakeman 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. Longest length on the bells. For festival of Christmas.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela M. Turner 1, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 2, M. S. Hart (first in method) 3, R. G. Morris (first in method) 4, M. C. Hughes (first as cond.) 5, D. H. Hollis 6.

PORTSHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lane 1, E. Goldstone (cond.) 2, R. Williams 3, Mrs. Simmonds 4, R. Way 5, P. Walters 6, R. Gale 7, A. Gould 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of esteem for Mr. F. S. McGuire, licensed lay-reader and former churchwarden, whose funeral took place this day.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cann 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Heard 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the wife of the 5th ringer.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,959 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 1,239 Grandsire): C. McKenzie 1, Miss W. Bird 2, C. Wrenan 3, M. Ling 4, R. Dowdeswell (longest length as cond.) 5, R. Jones 6. A date touch. Longest length 1 and 6.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: G. Bacon (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Jeffreys 2, B. C. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, D. Belcham 5, P. A. Sadler 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7, P. Sioman 8. Rung in honour of the Vicar's 50th anniversary as a priest, and for the service of the Blessing of the Crib.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Dodds 1, Miss C. Pullin 2, K. J. Darvill (first quarter) 3, Miss C. Chambers 4, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 5, C. F. Sayer 6, R. W. Darvill 7, A. E. Ewer 8.

QUARTER PEALS

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob): N. Bagg (first quarter) 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Phillips (first in two methods) 3, I. Hillburn 4, E. Skinner 5, C. Norton 6. Rung after the carol service.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hall 1, B. Hill (first quarter) 2, L. Lilleker 3, L. Boam 4, W. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hall 1, B. Hill 2, R. Hall 3, L. Boam 4, W. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Gwilt 1, Judy Robinson 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, M. Hart 4, J. K. Foot 5, G. E. Fearn 6. For the eve of Christmas.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kitchener 1, Ann Culpin (first as cond.) 2, B. A. Martin 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier 5, B. V. Hart (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Wendy Riseley and Terence Smart.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. Cooper 1, J. J. Batchelor 2, P. F. Smith 3, D. Staples 4, C. T. Hillis 5, A. Waddington (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor 2 and 3.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Plain (first quarter, 13) 1, P. Wakefield 2, Anne Stephens (first quarter, 14) 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, R. Fenton 5, R. Cook 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Norman 1, A. J. Poyner 2, Joan K. Brown 3, E. Morris 4, R. S. Morris 5, G. H. Bray 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, G. Dinsdale 8. For the wedding of the Rev. J. E. Southgate (curate) to Patricia Plumb, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. Taplin (first on working bell) 1, H. Wittering 2, G. Johnson 3, D. Gullick 4, W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, W. Munson 6.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. R. E. Powell (first quarter) 1, R. L. Caporn 2, Marjorie E. Powell (first quarter) 3, Mary White 4, Catherine Powell (first as cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. Wood (first as cond.) 1, Catherine Powell 2, Mary White 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, Mrs. Pat. Wood 5. Rung for the 20th anniversary of the Confirmation of the conductor in this church.

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Daphne Lester 1, Nadine Price 2, Pauline F. Sprackling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, A. J. Smith 5, E. W. Penn 6. First in the method by all the band.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, F. B. Cookson 4, J. G. Pusey 5, W. H. Cooper 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Smith (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

TALGARH, BRECON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: Vera Powell 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Rees, faithful members of St. Gwendolinus' Church. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. H. Davies 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. A 94th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Skyrme, oldest member of the Mothers' Union.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. M. Steele 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. W. Gray 7. Rung with the tenor covering.

UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Maund 1, F. Lawrence 2, D. Price 3, H. Willett 4, E. W. Penn (first of Minor) 5, M. Hawkes (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Patmore 1, P. D. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, E. E. Holman 4, F. C. Maynard 5, D. A. Hewitt 6, B. R. Downes 7, F. W. Sykes 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10. Rung half-muffled for Watch Night service. Also on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Chapman (first in method) 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, F. W. Sykes 4, B. R. Downes 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, R. J. Chapman (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong.

WAPLEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Clark 1, J. Powell 2, J. Ferris 3, P. Delaney 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5. For service of carols and Nativity play.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sandra Lewis 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, P. G. King (first 'inside') 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, J. W. Sprules 6. Before morning family service.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Scott 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, D. Jackson 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. Rung before Midnight Mass.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, Susan Jacobs 2, A. Bagworth 3, E. Jacobs 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung with the good wishes of the band to J. Tomsett (secretary), who was married to Miss M. Baker on January 8th.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Betty Newman (first quarter) 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, R. C. Warburton 3, J. J. Green 4, H. M. Windsor 5, J. Stockley 6.

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It was congratulations to the Sussex veteran, Henry Stalham, after the peal of Stedman Caters in his own tower, St. Nicholas', Brighton, on January 3rd. The Rev. F. E. Walker (Vicar) was to be seen shaking 'Old Harry' by the hand immediately 'Stand' was called, a fitting gesture on the memorable occasion of the Vicar's 25th wedding anniversary. Arrangements are now well in hand for Henry Stalham's 87th birthday peal on March 17th—it must be Double Norwich.

Bradford youngsters (oldest 14) with 'Pop' Schofield ringing the treble, excelled themselves with a quarter of Minor on the Cathedral bells on January 6th.

In calling a date touch of 1,959 Doubles, Mr. R. Dowdeswell, of Prastbury, exceeded his previous longest ring on, January 1st, 1958, by one change.

Mr. E. W. Rowe has rung in 116 quarter peals at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, London. He adds as a postscript, 'The Vicar is still my friend and most certainly would not be glad to see my back.'

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association coincided with 'the Canaries' defeat of Manchester United in the F.A. Cup. The ringing of St. Peter Mancroft bells in the evening was regarded by some national Sunday newspapers as a sign of rejoicing by the local football fans.

Farnham ringers will be interested to learn that Mr. James Hasted is ringing again after many years. On the same night, 41 years ago, the late Mr. Richard Hasted, then a police inspector at Havant, gave the first lesson in ringing to him and three others—Messrs. H. Marshall, of Havant, F. Penn, now at Westbury, Wilts, and E. Hedger, of Alton, Hants.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Cranham, Glos, by members of the St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Sunday service band, enabled all five 'inside' ringers to complete the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques. It must be unique for a complete 'inside' band to do this together.

Fellow students at London University of Miss M. H. Wright will note that she rang her first peal on vacation at Oldham.

Home on leave from Germany, Mr. Kenneth W. Price managed to snatch a quarter peal at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on January 11th.

Mr. Peter N. Bond was elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the annual meeting last Saturday.

The Ladies' Guild have changed the venue and date of their annual meeting from Liverpool in July to Southport on May 16th, to coincide with the Central Council meeting.

After a lapse of 31 years, Mr. W. Little took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Albans Cathedral on New Year's Day to mark the 75th anniversary of the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers.

For upwards of 11 years since her first peal Mrs. J. R. Smith, now living in Norfolk, has never missed seeing her name in the peal columns at least once a year. In 1958 she only just made it by ringing her first handbell peal of Minor at New Buckenham with three hours to spare.

For the wedding of Mr. J. Tomsett, who has been associated with St. Mary's, Wimbledon, for over 30 years, to Miss M. Baker on January 8th, friends from Streatham assisted in ringing for the service. Unfortunately a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was lost later in the day, but this was rectified the following Sunday, as our quarter peal columns show.

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OUR CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The quiz proved to be very difficult and there was no conspicuous entry. The best attempt was by Mr. Henry Allen, of 3, Russell's Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, who is awarded a book token. To be commended are the attempts of J. R. Hagh, The Vicarage, Priory Gardens, Folkestone, and Miss Daphne Lester, Fretton Court, 9, Laton Road, Hastings.

THE ANSWERS

1. They were tailors, as, with funeral tolling 'nine tailors (tellers) make a man,' therefore the Queen addressed the 18 tailors as *two men*!

2. The 'Abbey Bell,' the fifth at St. Peter's, Chertsey, is said to have been the curfew bell concerned.

3. It was desired that the initial letters of the texts on the 13 bells of the ring should spell the name of the donor, *Thomas Bartlett*, but as there were 14 letters in his name one bell had to carry two texts: the treble was chosen. The Bourdon could not be included as it was not part of the gift.

4. At Lloyd's, of London, where one stroke on the 'Lutine Bell' means that a ship insured there is overdue and considered lost, whilst two strokes mean that one considered lost has reached port safely.

5. Midnight on December 31st, when the ship's bell is struck eight bells for the old year and eight for the new.

6. Mattathias, in Irving's favourite melodrama, 'The Bells.'

7. The bells of Waltham Abbey are believed to be those that inspired Tennyson.

8. At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, otherwise Westminster Abbey.

9. Paul Revere, as described in Longfellow's poem.

10. The former ring, by Byrne, of Dublin, at St. Francis', Holbeck, Leeds.

11. The famous Liberty Bell at Philadelphia, in a petition for its removal.

12. A dabchick was the mark of William and Robert Cor (c. 1700), two of the earliest English handbell makers and bell-founders, so he may have been looking at a handbell or tower bell cast by them at Aldbourne.

13. At St. Michael's, Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A.

14. At St. Mary's, Anstey, Leics.

15. At the Abbey Church, Pershore, Worcs, the ringing 'raft' is 73 feet from the floor!

16. HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD, on horse bells. (Zechariah xiv., 20.)

17. No, because each of the bells was not 'rung throughout by the same ringer or ringers.' You may remember that the vicar relieved everyone, except Hezekiah Lavender, in turn.

18. Before 1846 a bell that had caused the death of a person would be condemned as a 'deodand' and forfeit to the Crown, and could not then be rung.

19. The Bourdon Bell, 'St. Dunstan,' at Canterbury Cathedral.

20. St. Michael's, Leafeld, Oxon. The royal forest of Wyckwood was situated within the parish.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Western Division

A very successful practice meeting was held at Goring-by-Sea on January 10th, about 36 members attending. The Vicar (the Rev. Peter Bide, M.A.), welcomed the ringers. Ringing in various methods was rung until tea, at which the Vicar presided. A short service followed. Arrangements were made by the local captain, Mr. S. F. Haffenden, assisted at tea by Miss Haffenden, Miss Baker and Mrs. Lish. Ringing concluded at 8 o'clock and all expressed their thanks to those concerned.

S. F. H.

LEISTON'S RECORD PEAL OF 70 YEARS AGO

Of the band of eight young men with an average age of 21, who on Saturday, April 21st, 1888, rang at Leiston the longest length in the Eastern Counties—10,304 Plain Bob Major, in 6 hours 17 minutes—there is today only one survivor, Mr. Richard Stannard, of Barking.

The peal remained the longest length on the bells until 1909, when it was superseded by a peal of 11,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The peal is recorded on a tablet in Leiston belfry, erected by the parishioners, which gives the names of the band as follows: James Motts (conductor) treble, William Button 2, Fredk. Wilson 3, Henry J. Button 4, William Motts 5, Albert J. Lincoln 6, Rich. W. Stannard 7, Fredk. Tillett tenor.

Two attempts for a 70th anniversary commemoration peal came to grief—on October 18th and December 27th—but despite these failures it is felt that the memory of the long peal will live for ever.

Mr. Stannard, who is 89, is now unable to ring owing to an accident two years ago. He learned to ring in 1883, when Leiston bells were augmented to eight, and rang a peal there in 1886. In 1887 he succeeded Gabriel Lindoff, the famous composer and conductor, as conductor. Mr. Stannard left for Ipswich in 1890, where he rang six peals at St. Mary-le-Tower. Another move, to Colchester, was made in the following year, and within one month he was elected Master of the company. While at Colchester he rang 132 peals. Later—in 1931—came a move to London and his joining the St. Margaret's, Westminster, company, to stay with them for 20 years, and ring for every opening of Parliament, royal birthdays, and the Queen's wedding and coronation.

Young Ringers' Appreciation

Awaiting the captain of Hanley Parish Church (Mr. Norman Sargeant) when he arrived at 6.15 a.m. on Christmas Day was a parcel with a note, 'To be opened in the presence of all the ringers.' This was duly observed, and to his delight it contained a comprehensive set of ringing books.

Unbeknown to him or Mr. F. E. Wilshaw, the keen young ringers of the tower had been subscribing for some time for this gift. They have already a few peals to their credit, including one in six methods. Their gift is much appreciated.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifty ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch held at St. John's Church, Devizes, on January 3rd. Visitors were present from Chippenham, Swindon, Rodbourne Cheney, Stratton St. Margaret, Blunsdon and Salisbury.

The Guild service was taken by the Rector (Rev. E. Dabbs). The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. Weeks). An appeal was made to members for better support to the monthly meetings, otherwise the Branch would have to try evening meetings.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. A. Weeks; vice-chairman, Mr. S. Grant; hon. secretary, Mr. E. Hitchings; Ringing Masters, Mr. P. Harding and Mr. S. Grant; hon. auditor, Mr. L. Hitchings. The next three meetings were arranged for Hilperston, Great Cheverell and North Bradley.

A collection was taken at the service for the Chirton Bell Fund. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing tea, the Rev. G. Edwards, curate at St. James', replying. Ringing to suit all ringers took place at the three towers.

S. C.

DISTRACTIONS IN A KENT PEAL

The peal of Spliced at Shoreham, Kent, on January 3rd was Ralph Bird's 250th tower for a peal. Shoreham bells are not one of the better rings in Kent, but several of the band had not rung a peal there and were grateful for the Vicar's permission for the attempt. Unfortunately, the bells are not rung very often, and a certain amount of 'bell-hanging' was considered advisable.

Volunteers were redecorating the church and unfortunately the supply of distemper ran out during the peal. The churchwarden peeped round the door two or three times to spy out the land and ultimately summoned up the courage to dive amongst the ropes to the turret staircase door. He produced a keg of distemper from behind the door and proceeded to propel it milk churn fashion through the circle of ropes.

About an hour later some further item of painting equipment seemed to be required which involved another hands and knees expedition to the other side of the circle. Alas, the searcher seemed to go out empty-handed, so we are unable to record what he was looking for.

Towards the end of the peal 'Mrs. Mop' appeared to have designs on the bucket and mop at the far side of the tower. She peeped round the door two or three times, but ultimately discretion appeared to triumph over valour.

The ringers of the fourth and fifth did not appear to be wholly satisfied with their 'place in the sun,' but all's well that ends well.

P. A. C.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 3rd in the new hall attached to St. Martin's Church. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who, before the commencement of the business, referred to the death of Mr. Albert T. Scrivens, who was an active member of the Guild for many years, until illness prevented him from ringing. A moment's silence was observed as a token or respect to his memory.

Mrs. F. E. Haynes, of Smethwick, Miss Judith Gwilt, of Shirley, and Mr. Norman Smith, of Yardley, were elected members, and the tower elections of Miss Mary Hall, of Bristol, and Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, of Buxton, were duly ratified.

A loss of £8 on the Henry Johnson Dinner was disclosed upon the presentation of the balance sheet. The secretary reminded the members that a new peal book, at the cost of about £15, was required, and that this expense would have to be met in the next financial year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The vice-presidents of the Guild were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, in recognition of their interest in the Guild over many years.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, who had been Master for three years, agreed with the sentiment often expressed in the past that the office of Master was one which should go round, and proposed that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd be invited to accept office for the ensuing year—a proposition which met with unanimous approval.

The remaining officers were re-elected, viz: Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman Paddon Smith and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, Mr. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

The meeting decided to invite Canon F. F. Guy Warman to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which will be held on March 7th.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. Giles', Norwich, on January 10th, when despite wintry conditions over 40 sat down to tea. Ringers from East Ham, Oxford and Leiston were welcomed. The service was taken by the Rev. Giles Galley, of Great Yarmouth, who also gave the address. The Vicar (Rev. Father D. A. Rae) played the organ, and the chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) read the lesson.

At the business meeting which followed an excellent tea, the following were elected to hold office during 1959: Chairman, Mr. A. G. Bason; Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Smith; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Bird; standing committee, Messrs. W. Clover and G. Sayer; Branch committee, Messrs. P. Adcock, H. F. Carter, J. W. Dowe, F. C. Goodman and D. Pardon.

Dates of meetings for 1959: April 18th (Wymondham), July 25th, October 17th, A.B.M. January 9th, 1960.

Members elected were: The Rev. Father D. A. Rae, Mrs. C. Goodman and Mrs. W. Love, honorary, all of Norwich; Miss J. Brearley, Miss C. Brunton, probationary; Miss A. Betts, Miss R. Kemp, Miss H. Webb and P. Pease, ringing members, all of Dereham; P. J. Sappwell and D. J. Sugden, of Aylsham.

The chairman thanked the Vicar and the Rev. G. Galley and Mrs. Golden, who with her willing helpers provided and served the tea. Before the service the bells of St. Giles' were rung to various methods, as were the bells of St. Peter Mancroft during the evening.

Subscription Reminder

A final reminder to postal subscribers whose subscriptions are now due. Post remittance at once to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 months £1 8s., six months 14s. 6d., three months 7s. 6d. New subscribers also welcome.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Twelve towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 10th. Ringing preceded a short service conducted by Canon A. P. Morley, and an excellent tea was served in the Rectory.

As hon. president, Canon Morley presided at the business meeting, when satisfactory reports were presented by the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer. Officers re-elected were: Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president; Mr. H. Chant, treasurer; Mr. James W. Buxton, secretary; Messrs. H. Rusby and W. Womack, auditors. Loughborough Bell Foundry was suggested for the annual outing and the route will be decided at the next meeting (at Wentworth, on February 14th).

New members elected were: Ian Harrop, Margaret Maynard (Sandal), Geoffrey Barrow (Kirkburton), David Schofield (Tankersley). The vote of thanks for the meeting was proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton, who especially mentioned the Rector, Mr. Eric Stainrod and the ladies. Mr. John W. Moxon thanked the secretary and officers for their work during the year. Good use was made of the bells in the ringing which followed.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held at Southampton on January 10th, when some 60 members attended, also visitors from Chichester, Salisbury and Nottingham. Ringing in various methods took place on the bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

At the business meeting the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, R.D., said that owing to increasing church duties he would be unable to continue as District chairman. He was thanked for carrying out this work for the past 16 years. Mr. R. Reed was elected District chairman, Mr. J. Hartless District secretary, Mr. R. Reed and Mr. R. Savory as Joint Ringing Masters, Mr. C. Kippin auditor, and Mr. D. Forder and Mr. T. Chapman as representatives.

It was decided to hold District meetings at Romsey, North Stoneham, Upham and Southampton and a special meeting in the autumn at Bitterne Park to coincide with the jubilee of the church. All will be duly advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The secretary reported a good year with increased membership, balance in hand, attendance at meetings, and Sunday service ringing being well maintained in most of the District towers. G. P.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Feniton on January 10th and attended by about 30 ringers. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Smith, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. Certificates were presented by the president (Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) to Miss Bindloss, Mr. N. Cornelius and Mr. F. Welsh, from Kilminster.

The bells were rung before the service at Feniton, and after at Buckerell. Methods included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE LADIES' GUILD Sussex District

The annual meeting of the Sussex District was held at St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on January 10th. Over 30 members and friends were present from towers as far apart as Shoreham and Hastings. The accent was certainly on youth, and many of the young and enthusiastic Southover band were able to try new methods, while everyone enjoyed the unaccustomed ringing on ten bells. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters. Plain Bob and Double Norwich.

The service, at which the Rector (Rev. D. G. Matthews) welcomed the ringers, was followed by an enjoyable tea, arranged by Mrs. Elphick. At the business meeting Mrs. Percy was re-elected as vice-president. Miss Lester secretary, and Miss Everest, Miss Eldridge, Mrs. Levett and Miss Apps committee members. Six new members were elected, making the total membership over 40. They were the Misses Janet Percy (Willington), Ann Lewis and L. Wilson (Southover), Ann Buncombe, Gillian Buncombe and Gillian Williams (Rotherfield). Ringing continued until nearly 8 o'clock. Our thanks are due to the Rector, the organist, and to the Elphick family for a most enjoyable meeting. D. F. L.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The experiment made last year with a social meeting at Chester-le-Street by two Districts went quite well, and was repeated this year as a full Association meeting on January 3rd.

Ringling was confined to the afternoon and included a small competition by teams drawn out of the hat. There were two teams in each section, where the test pieces were Grandsire Triples and rounds. A particularly encouraging feature of the latter section was youth, many of the ringers being teenagers. The judges, Messrs. K. Arthur and K. W. Cheeseman, commented very favourably on their efforts.

Tea was served buffet fashion in the Church Institute, and the recorded competitive efforts were played back during tea before the verdict was given. It was interesting to note that a show of hands before the verdict gave a good majority in favour of the judges' verdict. The president (Mr. K. Arthur) proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting possible.

Carol singing replaced the service and was ably handled by Mr. K. W. Cheeseman at the piano. Thereafter a number of party games provided amusement for participants and on-lookers, until a further attack was made on the food. The proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem. D. A. B.

Peal Ringers Of 1958

Will those who rang 25 or more peals during 1958 please send the following details to the Editor: Number rung, tower and band; number conducted. An early reply would be appreciated.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

The St. Margaret's Guild of Ringers held their annual dinner on New Year's Eve at the Belmont Hotel, when a company of 20 sat down to an excellent repast. The Ringing Master afterwards gave a short review of the past year's activities, and welcomed the return of Mr. Walter Tanser after his serious illness. We also had several choirboys learning the art and making good progress. In this way we hope to keep them interested in the church after they have left the choir.

The question of bell ropes arose, and it was pointed out how these were in a bad condition, and already most have been spliced both at top and bottom. We sadly need a new set, and it was a very generous and spontaneous act of Mr. Don Clarke (chorister and server), who was present at the dinner, to offer a donation of £10 to this cause. An appeal will be made to get other donations so that a new and complete set of ropes might be obtained.

A very fine addition to the ringing chamber was the gift of a bookcase by Miss Annie Rayson, which now houses a portion of the Morris collection of campanological works. The ringers later adjourned to the tower, where in the traditional manner they 'rang out the old and rang in the new' year.

N.B.—Justifying the above remarks about the bell ropes—on Saturday, January 10th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters was lost after 2½ hours through the seventh rope breaking! E. M.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOW INCIDENT A 'LONG-STANDING' OBJECT LESSON

Dear Sir,—From a careful reading of the 'official correspondence' in the Bow dispute, it now seems fair to accept that this was conducted in good faith by both parties.

It seems, however, to confirm quite clearly that the flaw which led to such unfortunate consequences lay—not for the first time—in a ringer's assumption that our most elemental terminology is readily comprehensible to the non-ringer. I am quite sure that Mr. Leale believed that his explanation to the Vicar of Bow of a 'peal . . . from 6 to 9 p.m.' was adequate, but to assume that an incumbent would understand that a 'peal' involves three hours' continuous ringing is as much a non sequitur as to assume that he would know what was meant by a complaint that the organ had some bad ciphers; a non-organist parson would probably examine the organ-case for ill-designed monograms. One has only to read newspaper accounts of weddings to know what the word 'peal' means to the non-ringing public—it covers everything from a few rounds upwards.

As confirmation of this, I was told recently of a telephone call to an incumbent to seek permission for a mid-week peal 'from 6 to 9 p.m.' in a tower on the eastern outskirts of London. Consent was readily given. The organist then inquired whether the cleric clearly understood that a peal meant three hours' continuous ringing. The point had certainly not been understood by the reverend gentleman, and permission was immediately withdrawn.

The Bow incident should be a long-standing object lesson to all of us who take the greatest pains on every occasion when we wish to visit a tower where, through the absence of ringers, correspondence is conducted through the incumbent, to explain not only the duration of our visit—whether for a peal, a quarter peal, a meeting or an outing—but to say whether our ringing will be continuous or intermittent. Failure to take such action is less than fair to, perhaps, a young incumbent in his first living, with no knowledge of ringing, and even where older clerics are concerned it may lead to a repetition of the present sorry story of anger and ill-feeling in circles where it is least appropriate.—Yours faithfully,

AIDAN St. J. BOYACK.

P.S.—For the benefit of non-organist ringers may I carefully explain that a 'cipher' is the continued sounding of an organ-pipe, due to a mechanical fault, after the player has released the key.—A. St. J. B.

Maidstone Grammar School Society

The meeting at Watlingbury on January 3rd was not very well attended but, nevertheless, continuous change ringing was possible throughout the afternoon and evening except during the service conducted by Canon Soar and the business meeting, with Miss Bennett in the chair. The meeting referred to the committee a suggestion for a ringing tour.

DILLINGTON HOUSE

Dear Sir,—May I say a word or two about the proposed course at Dillington House. This first course is to be entirely in the nature of an experiment, which we hope will lead to the foundation of a regular yearly course with the syllabus based on the knowledge we gain this year. I would like to know that each Guild in the Exercise had sent one representative to this initial course. This would then give us far more than the minimum number of students needed and I can assure the prospective students of a really first-class weekend—good food, lovely surroundings (Dillington House is an Elizabethan manor house) and ringing. What more could any keen ringer ask?—Yours truly,

EDNA F. GRABHAM,

Staple Fitzpaine, Taunton.

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—When will the B.B.C. realise that the time they allow for the bells on the air is insufficient, and why, in this short while, the bells are merely used as a background to a running commentary? The real problem, I think, arises from the use of bells as an interval signal and the B.B.C. is afraid that a mix-up may occur if an increase in the time is allowed. There is one thing that I cannot understand. When church bells are being broadcast and the previous programme ends two or three minutes before time, why cannot this time be added to the time allowed for the bells? This is not the complete answer but would make a big difference on many occasions.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. BRIDGES.

Leiston, Suffolk.

OBITUARY

MR. ROGER MOORE

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

The tragic passing of Roger Moore at the age of 18 has been a great blow to his parents, his brother, Clive, and to the Epping ringers. He was cycling to his work at Harlow New Town when, passing through Potter Street, his cycle skidded on the frozen road, causing him to fall under the wheels of a double-decker bus travelling towards Epping.

His work for the church as a ringer and server was done with great devotion and earnestness, always in a pleasing and quiet manner and in the team spirit, playing an important part in the advance of change ringing in the Epping tower.

The coffin rested in St. John's Church the night prior to the funeral on January 12th. Many local residents attended the choral service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. L. Ovenden), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Mr. de Pury). The Vicar spoke highly of Roger's exemplary character, and although greatly moved by such a tragic passing, consoled the mourners that Roger had been called to higher service and, spiritually, was still in their midst. Before and after the service the local band, assisted by Mr. C. E. Willmington (secretary S.W. District) and Mr. J. Chalk, rang the bells half-muffled, a last tribute to one so greatly loved.

OBITUARY

MR. O. G. ATTWOOD

The death of Mr. Oliver George Attwood, of Bredon's Norton, Worcestershire, on December 29th, saddened the hearts of all the ringers around Bredon Hill.

Oliver, as he was affectionately known, was 72 years old, and had been Ringing Master at Bredon's Norton for half a century. Many ringers learnt the art in the tiny belfry there, and he was unsurpassed as a tutor, possessing the patience of Job. In all the years I knew him he never raised his voice in anger, and all his pupils loved and respected him. He was a man of sterling character, a generous and trusty friend, and will be remembered also for his hospitality, as all ringers were welcome at Fir Tree Cottage.

Oliver's first peal, which he conducted, was rung at Strensham some 50 years ago. Since that time he had taken part in many peals, and I myself have had the pleasure of ringing in many of them. He was a founder member of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and also a member of the Worcester and Districts Association. Unfortunately, because of ill health, he had not been able to take an active part in ringing recently, but he was interested in anything to do with it.

He was laid to rest in the churchyard at Bredon's Norton within the sound of the bells he loved so well. Those who knew him will sadly miss him, but they will always remember him with gratitude. E. T. N.

MR. RICHARD CASTLE

A very faithful member of the Church. Mr. Richard Castle, of Launton, near Bicester, has died, aged 72. He had been a member of Launton choir since the age of eight and verger of the church for 37 years. He was a founder member of St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Launton, in 1913. A silent tribute to his memory was paid at the Bicester District Branch meeting at Ambrosden on January 10th.

MR. WILLIAM NELDER

The Essex Association has lost one of its oldest ringers, a life member, of the Wanstead band, in the passing of Mr. William Nelder, after a short illness. Born on April 23rd, 1868, in the West Country, he spent most of his life in the London area, ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Christ Church, Wanstead, and also at St. George's, Barkingside, Ilford.

For many years he was a chorister at Christ Church, Wanstead, and was able to ring until a short time before his passing. He was an excellent treble ringer and a regular attendant at the S.W. District meetings of the Essex Association. His loyalty, cheerfulness and vitality will always be remembered.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's, Ilford, on January 9th, conducted by his nephew Canon C. K. Peeke, of St. Michael's, Newquay, followed by cremation. Many members of the family were present, including his aged widow, his son-in-law, Mr. A. E. Cooper, M.P. for South Ilford, and his old ringing friends, Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. C. Coe and J. Chalk.

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AUSTRALASIAN REVIEW

By GEORGE W. PIPE

OUR review begins in New Zealand, where two rings are regularly rung. The 14 active members of Christchurch enjoy a fine Taylor ten (tenor 32 cwt.), and ringing takes place every Sunday morning and Tuesday evening. A meeting has been held in 1958, and Christchurch is lucky to have great interest shown by its Cathedral Chapter. Undaunted, though depleted in numbers, the Society achieves Doubles, Minor and Grandsire Triples.

Hamilton boasts of a notable Mears octave, and again ringing has taken place each Sunday morning and evening, with a Wednesday practice. This cathedral has been unfortunate to lose several capable ringers over the past two years. Only Doubles and Bob Minor are rung, supplanting the once regular Triples and Treble Bob Minor.

The beautiful island of Tasmania has two further eights, both in Hobart, and news has reached me that ringing has taken place in both St. David's Cathedral and Holy Trinity every Sunday in 1958. Again, it is a struggle with about seven or eight members for each tower and only four or five change-ringers between them. Three new recruits have joined their ranks and the writer looks forward to his acquaintance with a fellow Suffolk man early this year—Sidney Smith, late of Bury St. Edmunds, now at Holy Trinity, Hobart.

PERTH HAS HOPES

From that lonely outpost of the Exercise, Perth, in Western Australia, correspondence with the ringers at St. George's Cathedral (8 by Warner) has been most heartening. The bells are only chimed due to the poor state of the tower, but steps are now being taken to effect repairs, and the locals have high hopes of swinging the bells very soon. This will bring joy to the people of Perth for their bells haven't been properly rung since the Great Adventure in 1934. Present membership is seven, two having joined in 1958.

Now a dash of 2,500 miles up to Maryborough, Queensland, whose nearest ringers would be some 500 miles away! Another lonely tower but a nevertheless keen call-change band. St. Paul's has a ring of nine (21 cwt. tenor which has recently been rehung on ball-bearings). Their membership (two new) stands at 12.

At Adelaide ringing is ascending to a peak standard to that enjoyed in the early 1950's under Philip L. Cooper and company. Both at St. Peter's Cathedral—a grand Taylor eight (41 cwt. in C)—and St. Andrew's, Walkerville—a very musical Mears and Stainbank six—are young, talented bands. No meetings were held in 1958, but in January a great get-together was held by Melbourne and Adelaide ringers in that fair city. The Cathedral alone has 16 ringers, several having joined in the past 18 months, and Plain Bob Doubles and Triples and Grandsire Doubles with Stedman are rung, as well as call-changes. A fine team spirit exists in Adelaide, each tower giving the other a helping hand. Two attempts for quarters have been made, and it won't be long before success is recorded.

N.S.W. PROMINENT

New South Wales, of course, possesses by far the most rings and members. Of the eight rings in Sydney and environs, six are rung every Sunday. In this city are some of the post-war pioneers of ringing: names like Bill Rowe, Tom Goodyer and John Cummins. Several quarters have been accomplished with a high proportion of 'firsts,' and these are published in the monthly journal of the Association, 'Ringing Towers.' An event of great importance took

place recently in that a peal was scored on the very fine eight of St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral (tenor 26 cwt.), the only one since the first in 1934. Young ringers a-plenty are being taught at Randwick (8), Darling Point (8) and the sixes of Parramatta, Christ Church and Turramurra, and it is heartening to hear of possible steps being taken to renovate the bells at St. Philip's (another nine).

Maitland, about 200 miles from Sydney (another 'steel' ring like Randwick), is noted for the quality of its ringing, and it has been good to see the occasional quarter chalked up for the Association. This is a very healthy tower with a talented circle of lady ringers.

One more band to round off N.S.W.—at St. Clement's, Yass. This tower has suffered a lapse over recent years. In the early 1950's it was quite prominent, but common to all towers at one time or another it is having its lean time. Only about five or six learners are left, but we commend them on keeping the bells going on Sunday. We are hoping for a corporate meeting at Yass in 1959, for this tower is roughly midway between Melbourne and Sydney.

ACTIVE YEAR IN VICTORIA

Victoria has enjoyed an active year with regular ringing taking place in four of the five ringable towers—Ballaarat, Bendigo, and St. Paul's and St. Patrick's Cathedrals in Melbourne. In St. Peter's, Ballaarat, the treble of the six (actually an eight but lamentably only six hung for ringing) cracked in March, but the locals have manned the remaining five, and these have sounded over this 'garden city' throughout the year. Bell now being recast at Whitechapel Foundry—quick work! The eight (22½ cwt.) of the City Hall are civic property, but have been rung occasionally over the past 12 months for important occasions.

The Bendigo Society always deserve the heartiest of praise, for theirs must be one of the toughest assignments in the ringing Exercise. The writer recalls Chipping Campden tenor and the like, but 'man, these are all fair-dinkum chippings!' However, a considerable sum of money has been set aside for their restoration, and under Messrs. W. and T. Wilson the project should soon be on the move. Membership stands at about 12, and the bells are rung twice every week. The bells themselves are a well-sounding Mears octave, but hung far too high in a brick tower. Three meetings have been held in 1958; twice the journey of 100 miles or so has been made to Melbourne.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, has probably the largest single Society in Australasia, membership at the moment standing at 26, of which about 13 are learners of varying proficiency up to Bob Major. Seven peals and five quarters (including Grandsire Caters and Kent Major) were recorded during the year, with several firsts in the method. January saw a fine trip to Adelaide, and two visits have been made to Ballaarat, the latter resulting in a long-awaited peal of Major at the City Hall. Many visitors have joined us in service ringing and practice nights, including people from New Zealand, Scotland and England, a great treat being the visit of Frank Oakshott, of Surrey.

Two lectures and demonstrations have been given to Societies, and the Company took part in a T.V. show in November, which was a great success. Handbells have also been rung in three city churches and several groups have been shown over the belfry. Distances again are a great problem and it is often difficult for the full team to get together. Over the year methods have included Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Kent and Little Bob Major and Stedman Triples, with one or two tries at Double Norwich. The 12 have

been rung to call-changes generally once a week. Last winter (July—odd isn't it!) a team of 'bellistic miscalls' headed by Peter Richards descended on the dilapidated octave of St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral. Their cleaning, adjusting, etc., is a long story, but we now proudly report Sunday service ringing on the first Sunday in each month in this very fine cathedral church. The bells themselves are poor, but the opportunity of sounding another ring and hopes to start afresh the old St. Patrick's Society have cheered us all—bells are scarce! Two beginners are now 'going through the hoop,' and they hope by their example to attract more this year. Our peal there in October for the late Pope was the first on the bells—and they were cast in 1851!

A round trip of approximately 7,500 miles, with only 21 ringing towers and a mere 200 ringers—that's the picture; but we still proudly pursue the art of our forefathers. Who knows—another Great Adventure in 1959–1960—25 years after Rupert Richardson and his merry men? It won't be long, we keep telling ourselves!

Meanwhile, to all ringers in every part of Britain and elsewhere, greetings and an even better 1959.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

A company of 31 members, probationers and wives attended the annual supper of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, Guildford, Change Ringing Society held on January 9th. An excellent meal was cooked by Mrs. Audrey White, with the assistance of Mrs. Iris Oliver, and Mrs. Bentley was responsible for coffee.

The Provost (Very Rev. W. Boulton) presided and proposed the toast of 'The Society,' to which the conductor (Mr. T. M. White) replied. In a speech full of reminiscences and advice to the probationers, especially 'Margaret,' Mr. A. H. Pulling proposed the toast of 'The Ladies.' Mrs. T. W. White replied.

At the annual meeting which followed, the hon. secretary (Mr. T. W. White) in his report referred to the severe losses to the company by the departure of Mr. F. A. Munday, Mr. W. J. Robinson and Mrs. Tate. They had been replaced by Messrs. H. A. May, E. Warner and S. G. Ponting. The Society had nine probationers, and by dint of much practising rang for both carol services held simultaneously at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's churches, and also handbells before the services. New ropes had been ordered for Holy Trinity, towards which the Society raised £19.

The qualification for membership of the Society was amended from 168 changes on a working bell to 168 changes on the treble on eight bells, or 120 changes on a working bell on six bells. The officers were re-elected and appropriate votes of thanks passed.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitchurch (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells of Whitchurch and Hurstbourne Priors available from 2.30 to 4.30. Service, Whitchurch, 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room. 3639

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Stockport (St. Mary's), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please arrive before Jan. 27th. Mr. F. C. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 3717

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting at the Cathedral, Chester, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea not later than Jan. 28th.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 3702

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisbrough, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisbrough. Annual general meeting will be at St. George's Parish, Doncaster, on Saturday, Feb. 28th.—George Watson, Hon. Sec. 3631

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Halstead, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead. 3706

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, Gloucester Cathedral, 2 to 4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Mary-de-Crypt Schoolroom. Bells available afterwards. Tea names not later than Jan. 27th.—Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 3696

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—There will be practice ringing at St. Werburgh (6) on Saturday, Jan. 31st, from 6 to 9 p.m. This is instead of the usual monthly meeting. 3739

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. G. Brown, 50, Boxalls Lane, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3698

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Baldock, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Special method, Cornwall Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3737

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 28th, to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3738

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, at Stamford Hill. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, business and further ringing in the evening. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15. Gentlemen cordially invited. Nearest station: Manor House. Trolleybuses to St. Anne's Road. 3712

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Bishopwearmouth on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Names for tea by Thursday, Jan. 29th, to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 3742

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at Farnworth (8) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Free tea if names are sent to me by 28th.—Thornley, Sec. 3674

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ossett on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Bennett, Church Street, Ossett. 3726

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names by Monday, 26th, to F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 3714

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Potterspury on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 3715

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells: St. Paul's from 2.30 p.m.; Wilton, 2.15 to 3.45. Service. St. Paul's, 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells after meeting: St. Paul's and St. Thomas'. Names for tea essential by 27th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3710

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Mr. E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett. 3745

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafés nearby. Meeting in St. Chad's belfry, 6 p.m. Important business. Further ringing after meeting. 3727

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3685

SOUTH DERBYS AND NORTH LEICS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shardlow (6), Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Foster, 14, Long Row, Shardlow. No names, no tea. 3728

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Both rings of bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m.—L. Wright, Acting Sec. 3743

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Ringing arrangements before annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 31st: St. John-the-Baptist's, Lower Clapton Road, Hackney, 2 to 2.45 p.m.; St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 3 to 4 p.m. Dinner at the Mitre, Chancery Lane, 6.30 p.m. 3743

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke (St. Michael's) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 27th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3708

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual and Sir A. P. Heywood memorial dinner will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, February 7th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets (11s.) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. Ringing in Derby at 3 p.m. 3682

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boxley (6) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Mr. W. Gosling, The Street, Boxley. 3741

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to Mr. C. Rawding, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 3736

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 3731

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 7th, St. Margaret's Church (5), Fletton. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea most essential by Wednesday previous. Other towers available in evening. 3740

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 7th, at Deacon's Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, E.C., 6 for 6.30 p.m. A few tickets still available from the undersigned, price 15s. 6d. each. Ringing: St. Clement Danes' (10), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Further ringing details to follow.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3744

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Ruddington, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 5th.—S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 3747

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).—The 71st annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, March 7th. Chairman, Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman, M.A. (Vicar of Aston). Tickets, 18s. 6d. each. Peals will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3748

SURPRISE ROYAL — By Charles J. Sedgley

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From time to time readers may have seen appended to peals of Surprise Royal 'composer's circuit A-W' or some other combination, and wondered what it meant. The above will answer the query. It is self-explanatory,

so little need be said, save that it was produced after ringing A-W at Ipswich in 1927. In its first form it had four 4-course blocks and four 10-course blocks; later it was developed to its present form.

Several prominent ringers have had copies, and as will be seen it has been extensively used.

Other conductors may find it useful

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 767)

The following amendments should be made to the schedule of Principles rung to peals, page 699 (see also page 779).

Stedman Caters.—Rung by the *ancient* College Youths.

Stedman Cinques.—Rung by the *junior* College Youths, being one of the last peals rung by this Society before it assumed the title *Ancient Society of College Youths*. The *ancient* College Youths became extinct on August 4th, 1788.

Caversham Major.—5,040 at Caversham on July 15th, 1913, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. There have been very few combinations of spliced Triples and Major rung to peals.

Plain Bob Triples and Major.—5,012 at St. George's, Southwark, on April 17th, 1768, by the London Youths.

Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.—5,096 at Bridgend on September 1st, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild.

Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major.—5,095 at Bridgend on October 6th, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild.

Stedman Triples and Bob Major.—5,055 at Northfleet on December 7th, 1927, by the Kent County Association.

The following is believed to be a complete schedule of Treble Bob, Exercise and Delight Major methods rung to peals. Of these, *Champion*, *New Cumberland*, *St. Stephen's*, *Albion* and *Westminster* have been incorrectly referred to as *Surprise* in some peal reports.

Oxford T.B. Major.—5,120 at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on December 27th, 1718, by the Union Scholars, and is the earliest known peal of Major.

Imperial III Major.—Rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on November 17th, 1760, by the Norwich Scholars, probably St. Peter's Company. There may have been earlier peals, but the original Norwich Scholars' peal book is lost.

Kent T.B. Major.—5,088 at Leeds, Kent, on June 5th, 1774, by the Leeds Youths.

Albion T.B. Major.—5,600 at Keighley, Yorks, on March 27th, 1808, by the Keighley Society.

London T.B. Major.—5,024 at Keighley, Yorks, on February 28th, 1814, by the Keighley Society.

Kent and Oxford T.B. Major.—5,600 at Sheffield on March 7th, 1843, by the Sheffield Youths.

Rose-of-England T.B. Major.—5,024 at Liversedge, Yorks, on January 12th, 1857, by the Liversedge Society.

Prince Albert T.B. Major.—5,120 at Liversedge, Yorks, on April 15th, 1859, by the Liversedge Society.

Violet T.B. Major.—5,152 at Huddersfield on March 16th, 1865, by the Huddersfield and Mirfield Societies.

Halifax T.B. Major.—5,152 at Huddersfield on January 1st, 1866, by the Huddersfield Society.

Champion T.B. Major.—5,376 at Brighton on December 20th, 1894, by the Sussex County Association.

Little Albion T.B. Major.—5,040 at Pulford on October 24th, 1913, by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Morning Exercise Major.—5,120 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on December 28th, 1737, by the College Youths.

College Ex. Major.—5,056 at Hackney on December 26th, 1760, by the *junior* College Youths.

Yorkshire Ex. Major.—5,600 at Sowerby on February 7th, 1808, by the Halifax St. John Society.

Cumberland Ex. Major.—5,024 at Keighley on May 15th, 1815, by the Keighley Society.

Liversedge Ex. Major.—6,720 at Liversedge on April 17th, 1843, by the Liversedge Society.

Merchants Return Ex. Major.—5,600 at Glossop on March 19th, 1859, by the Glossop Society.

Sowerby Ex. Major.—5,184 at Denholm Gate on February 24th, 1877, by the Yorkshire Association.

New Cumberland Ex. Major.—5,024 at Burton-on-Trent on May 31st, 1886, by the Midland Counties Association.

Woodbine Ex. Major.—5,120 at Newcastle upon Tyne on November 2nd, 1891, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

St. Stephen's Ex. Major.—5,024 at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 24th, 1900, by the A.S.C.Y.

Oswald Delight Major.—5,184 at Leeds, Kent, on December 23rd, 1775, by the Leeds Youths.

Westminster Del. Major.—5,088 at Brighton on May 16th, 1898, by the Sussex County Association.

Cumberland Del. Major.—5,056 at Waltham Abbey on March 16th, 1912, by the Cumberland Youths.

Carisbrooke Del. Major.—5,248 at Norbury, Cheshire, on August 17th, 1935, by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Syston Del. Major.—5,152 at Wigston Magna on June 8th, 1946, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Edinburgh Del. Major.—5,152 at Wigston Magna on November 20th, 1948, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Wath Del. Major.—5,024 at Loddon, Norfolk, on January 16th, 1952, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Pontefract Del. Major.—5,024 at Holywood, Co. Down, on April 15th, 1952, by the Irish Association.

Loddon Del. Major.—5,184 at Loddon on March 14th, 1953, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Shouldham Del. Major.—5,024 at Hethersett on August 12th, 1953, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Eardisland Del. Major.—5,088 at Eardisland on December 26th, 1953, by the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Holywood Del. Major.—5,088 at Holywood, Co. Down, on January 30th, 1954, by the Irish Association.

St. Wolstan's Del. Major.—5,088 at Wigston Magna on September 11th, 1954, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Humberstone Del. Major.—5,056 at Wigston Magna on February 19th, 1955, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Gressenhall Del. Major.—5,184 at Gressenhall on January 18th, 1956, by the Norwich Diocesan Guild.

Tythorn Del. Major.—5,152 at Wigston Magna on June 15th, 1957, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The Alliance Major methods are a group of limited appeal, possibly because of difficulty with musical compositions.

Dains Alliance Major.—5,064 at Crawley on November 8th, 1894, by the Sussex County Association.

Checkendon Little Alliance Major.—5,020 at East Dereham on March 4th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Guild.

Northrepps Little Alliance Major.—5,060 at Marsham on March 11th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Guild.

Perivale Alliance Major.—5,280 at Accrington on March 12th, 1955, by the Lancashire Association.

Bristol Alliance Major.—5,040 at Loughborough on October 26th, 1955, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Huncoat Alliance Major.—5,180 at Accrington on January 25th, 1957, by the Lancashire Association.

There have been one example each of Treble Place, Regular Twin-hunt and Irregular Surprise Major methods rung to peals.

Nightingale T.P. Major.—5,025 at Liversedge on April 29th, 1868, by the Liversedge Society.

Waterloo Reverse Bob Major.—5,088 at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 23rd, 1912, by the Kent County Association.

Washbrook's Oxford Surprise Major.—5,376 at Brighton on December 31st, 1897, by the Sussex County Association.

The following is believed to be a complete schedule of irregular Plain and Little Plain Major rung to peals.

Double London Court Major.—5,040 at St. Lawrence Jewry on May 17th, 1735, by the College Youths.

College Single Major.—5,040 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 24th, 1737, by the College Youths.

Eastern Bob Major.—5,040 at Shoreditch on December 27th, 1747, by the Eastern Scholars. Incorrectly known as Yorkshire Court.

Bob Major St. George.—5,040 at St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750, by the College Youths.

Double Eastern Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 12th, 1752, by the Eastern Scholars. Incorrectly known as Double Yorkshire Court.

Grandsire Major.—5,071 at St. George's, Southwark, on October 11th, 1773, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Imperial Place Major.—5,040 at Islington on September 13th, 1802, by the Cumberland Youths.

Canterbury Pleasure Major.—5,040 at Warnham on December 17th, 1888, by the Sussex County Association.

Little Canterbury Pleasure Major.—5,040 at Erith on October 27th, 1924, by the Kent County Association.

Dartford Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Dartford on February 21st, 1925, by the Kent County Association.

Erith Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Crayford on March 11th, 1930, by the Kent County Association.

Northfleet Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Northfleet on March 8th, 1933, by the Kent County Association.

The figures of the following methods are not known.

Cumberland Bob Major.—5,040 at Shoreditch on May 12th, 1753, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Pleasure Major.—5,040 at Whitechapel on April 1st, 1755, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Grand New Double Major.—5,040 at Shoreditch on June 2nd, 1755, by the Cumberland Youths.

Morning Pleasure Major.—6,720 at Leeds, Kent, on February 10th, 1757, by the Leeds Youths.

Cumberland Fancy Major.—5,760 at Shoreditch on January 26th, 1761, by the Cumberland Youths.

Treble Place Bob Major.—5,376 at Leeds, Kent, on December 26th, 1770, by the Leeds Youths.

Leeds Double Treble Place Bob Major.—5,376 at Leeds, Kent, on April 28th, 1771, by the Leeds Youths.

New Treble Place Bob Major.—5,184 at Leeds, Kent, on January 10th, 1778, by the Leeds Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Major.—5,504 at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on May 4th, 1795, by the Cumberland Youths. May have been Kent T.B. Major.

Double Treble Bob Major.—5,088 at Leeds, Kent, on January 1st, 1803, by the Leeds Youths.

Rainham Forward Major.—5,096 (false) at Crayford on April 30th, 1927, by the Kent County Association.

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5,120 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major

By N. J. DISERENS

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63542	1		1	3	LXLBB
34562			2		LXBCSS
25463	1			1	LXCSS
64352	1		1	3	LXLBB
53246	1			1	LXL
45236				1	SSCXL
34256				1	SSCXL
45362	2		2		SSCBXBCSS
63254	1		1	3	LXLBB
25436	1			1	LXL
23564	2		2		SSCBXBCSS
53462	1				LXCSS
43265	1				LXCSS
62534	1		1	3	LXLBB
43526	1		1	1	LXL
24536				1	SSCXL
64235	2			3	SSCBXLBB
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THE INTEREST FACTOR

AN acquaintance of mine, Mr. Dodge, who is Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at a University, the identity of which he has asked me not to reveal, recently concluded his researches into what he described as 'The Interest Factor in Change-Ringing.'

These investigations have been spread over a number of years, and some of the facts brought to light and conclusions reached are highly interesting, and should prove of interest to all classes of ringers, although agreement with them will depend to a great extent into which category individual ringers happen to fall.

For the purposes of his analysis, Mr. Dodge divided the Interest Factor into three sub-divisions, which he labelled 'Method-Interest,' 'Rope-Sight (difficulty) Interest' and 'Musical-Interest,' the separate totals of each being added together to make the sum total of 'The Interest Factor.'

I am only sorry that space prevents me including many of the charts, graphs and diagrams prepared by the Professor, and so I shall content myself with including the three final equations and the 'Interest-Factor' equation, which he has given me permission to publish.

The first of these, the 'Method-Interest' equation, reads as follows:

$$I_1 = 12N - N^2$$

where I_1 = Method-Interest and N = number of bells.

As $I_1 = N(12 - N)$ it follows that $I_1 = 0$ when $N = 0$ or 12.

Further, as $\frac{\delta I_1}{\delta N} = 12 - 2N$, then I_1 is maximum when $N = 6$.

Note also that when $N = 6$ then $I_1 = 36$, which is the amount added by Mr. Dodge into the sum total of the Interest Factor for six bells.

For ringers with a non-mathematical turn of mind this means that, according to Mr. Dodge, the interest starts from zero for no bells, rises to a maximum for six and falls away again to 12 bells when it is once again zero.

I commented that the conclusions reached by this equation were a bit tough on the 12-bell ringer, and stated that I should have thought that the interest in the method would have continued to rise as the number of bells increased. This, according to the professor, was a common fallacy, brought about by confusing one sub-division of the Interest Factor with the other. No one could imagine (he continued) that by extending the scope of plain hunting from, say, 6 to 12 in plain bob, the method was made more interesting and, in fact, over longer touches a minus quantity (boredom) began to be felt.

With regard to odd-bell methods, he pointed out that Grandsire, since it must always have at least two bells continuously in the hunt, was even worse than Plain Bob in this respect, and Stedman was to all intents and purposes a 3-bell method. The double-dodging, piled above 3rds place, ad nauseum, was, in spite of Sir Arthur Heywood's panegyric of this form of work, so sterile that, if the method had not been compensated by the other sub-divisions of the Interest Factor, it would have driven Cinques ringers mad many moons ago.

Determined to defend higher numbers to the bitter end, I mentioned methods such as Yorkshire and Cambridge. The Professor conceded that here we were on a somewhat higher plane but had allowed for this in his calculations. The advantages of methods such as these (he continued) were more than offset by 'such stuff as Kent Treble Bob,' which he estimated was 'the most soul-destroying material supplied to higher numbers.' His calculations (he said) were always based on the average of all rung methods. Turning to the second sub-division, 'Rope-Sight (difficulty) Interest,' which to a certain extent (said the Professor) embraced rhythm-difficulty-Interest, there was no doubt that here the higher numbers had the advantage. Here is his equation:

$$I_2 = 2N^{1.2} \text{ with symbols as before.}$$

This gives, for example, I_2 as 17 when $N = 6$, 24 when $N = 8$, 32 when $N = 10$ and 39 when $N = 12$.

As method knowledge assists and supplements rope-sight ability, he had (said the Professor) taken this into account when formulating his equation. There was no doubt (he said), knowing the coursing order of the bells and the order in which one expects to meet them is an indispensable adjunct to rope-sight, and lack of this knowledge was the principal stumbling-block of a ringer moving up too far in one jump. I saw no reason to disagree with the Professor here.

Turning to his last sub-division, the Professor said that here he was treading on very delicate ground, as music in bell-ringing was a very complicated business. He had, however, consulted many prominent ringers, including no less an authority than Mr. Desmond Painter, and the information gained from these people, together with personal observations and investigations carried out over a wide area through many years had led to the formation of the following equation:

$$I_3 = 8.5N - \frac{N^2}{2}$$

For the purposes of musical interest, 5 bells had been classed with 6, 7 with 8, 9 with 10, and 11 with 12.

Interpreting the above equation for the benefit of non-mathematicians, we can say that the musical value gradually increases up to eight bells and then falls towards 12. What happens after that is, according to Mr. Dodge, nobody's business.

I was rather surprised that Caters and Royal were not considered by Mr. Dodge as being equal in musical quality to Major, and told him so. Some people, I pointed out, considered that Grandsire Caters was the most musical of all methods on any number of bells. He would quickly, I informed him, have people such as Mr. Sheppard on his tail—justifiably so in my opinion!

Again he allowed a point. Grandsire Caters was indeed a very musical method, but one could not alter the general trend of a mathematical graph for one isolated example! There was something (he maintained) peculiarly satisfying about a complete octave; a rounded finish not to be found in any other number.

About titmums, he said that this progression which had such noble qualities in Caters tended in Cinques to sound like a body of club-footed men walking downstairs. The only explanation he could offer for this phenomena was that the interval between the heavy and light bells was so great as to make the whole sequence sound ridiculous seeing that the very small bells were interspersed between the very large ones.

He also suggested that as Erin Caters was considered by many authorities to be more musical than Stedman Caters, ringers must lay greater store on method-interest than musical-interest, a point he mused over for some considerable time, after which he retired to his cell and re-read Lamb's essay on 'Ears.'

His final equation for the Interest Factor was:

$$I = 24N - 1.5N^2$$

any deviation from the actual sum totals he put down to experimental errors in the first place. This gives Major a maximum of 96 points, so that (as Mr. Dodge pointed out) it is useful to regard this as a percentage, no method or combination of bells being absolutely perfect.

I wish I had time and space to give all the Professor's figures and conclusions. He has a separate section on conductors and another on the Achievement Factor and its influence upon the Interest Factor; but perhaps we may leave these for a future occasion.

When he had gone back to his hermitage, I noticed that his Musical-Interest equation reached a maximum at 8.5. I wonder what his answer would have been to that?

H. CHANT.

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Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

RALPH BIRD Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
H. GEORGE HART 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Thurs., Dec. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 HUNTER DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extant (C.C.C. Nos. 127, 128, 124).

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MARTIN MAJOR (14) .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 14). First of Delight on the bells.

WELWYN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5152 WELWYN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

ERNEST J. ROWE Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
PATRICIA ROWE (13) .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
RALPH BIRD 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method.

WARE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*MARTIN MAJOR Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 2	RALPH BIRD 6
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

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

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.

On Sun., Dec. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

*HENRY FLACK Treble	CHARLES H. BYSOUTH .. 4
PHILIP MEHEW 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
KENNETH BALLINGTON (14) 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band and for the Association.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR 5
*MARTIN MAJOR 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
JILL MAYES 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods, being one six-score of Stedman, two each of New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and St. Osmund's Bob, five of Plain Bob, eight of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MARTIN MAJOR Treble	JACK S. DEAR 3
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4
DEREK P. JONES Tenor	

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal on the bells. The greatest number of Doubles methods to a peal for the Association, and by all except the conductor, who has now rung peals of Doubles in from one to 14 methods.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CARISBROOKE DELIGHT MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 135, 133, 131, 129, 130).

Tenor 9 cwt.

*J. STUART HUTTON .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4
KENNETH BALLINGTON .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal on six bells, and of Treble Bob. First in the method (C.C.C. 3D. 1) and first of Delight on the bells.

ANSTEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DUNNOTTAR DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARTIN MAJOR Treble	JACK S. DEAR 4
KENNETH BALLINGTON .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D. 2).

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 NEASDEN DELIGHT MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 135, 133, 131, 129, 130).

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

MARTIN MAJOR Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4
JILL MAYES 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
KENNETH BALLINGTON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 16) and first of Delight on the bells.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	LEONARD B. SCOOT 5
MRS. J. W. SINFIELD .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
JOHN W. SINFIELD 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
JILL MAYES 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

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Tenor 25 cwt.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. Treble	*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 8
*M. S. JACKSON (Girton) 3	*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 9
*C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) .. 4	*W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 10
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 5	B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.) 11
*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 6	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. First tower bell peal of Maximus by the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5160 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
†JOHN R. KENNETT .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 8
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

*First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. †First on ten bells, and 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30½ cwt.

J. P. FIDLER .. Treble	P. L. TAYLOR .. 6
MISS A. THACKRAY .. 2	L. J. HALL .. 7
MISS C. D. COWLEY .. 3	P. J. STANFORTH .. 8
*MISS D. J. PERRINS .. 4	COLIN HARRISON .. 9
*DAVID THORLEY .. 5	L. W. STEVENS .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. A. Jones, of Bewdley, who was inducted to the living the previous evening.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 6
RICHARD CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
DEREK P. JONES .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. FARMER .. Treble	PETER BAKER .. 6
*VALERIE WILLARD .. 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4	THOMAS BOREHAM .. 9
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 5	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

*50th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. A. E. Hopkins, O.B.E., M.A., who was inducted previous to the start of the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 2	CHARLES CLEGG .. 6
NORMAN SMITH .. 3	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 7
GEOFFREY SALMON .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

First peal as conductor.

Conducted by PHILIP DUNDERDALE.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. 5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 6
TOM CHAPMAN .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

KENNETH TIMBURY .. Treble	FRANK GODDEN .. 5
JAMES S. GODMAN .. 2	FRANK ABSOLOM .. 6
JAMES P. BLOND .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 4	WILLIAM J. FULKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. O. Absalom, now living at Chelmsford.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	PAT BOURN .. 5
SYLVIA WIGNALL .. 2	*FRED PRICE .. 6
ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. 3	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 7
JOHN HALLIWELL .. 4	COLIN WIGNALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

*First peal on an 'inside' bell.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*DAVID A. MELLOR .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5
†JOHN R. KENNETT .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
†GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. †First of Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside.' First of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. BRAY .. Treble	*DAVID HOARE .. 5
*ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 2	*VICTOR ROBERTS .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	*GWILYM SALMON .. 7
MICHAEL ROSE .. 4	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal in the method.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	†FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5.
*M. HELEN WRIGHT 2	JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. 6
NEIL BENNETT 3	JOHN PARTINGTON 7
JOAN WARD 4	ALAN WARD Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. STEEL Treble	CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 6
*GEORGE WARD 3	EDWARD BRADLEY 7
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 4	*IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal in the method.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

*HERBERT A. T. PRICE .. Treble	ROBERT H. BRICE 5
†CECIL T. CLARKE 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 6
PERCIVAL H. HULL 3	JOHN W. OWEN 7
†RONALD D. SHORT 4	†JOHN K. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on eight.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb.

*DAVID BRAND Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
MURIEL R. PAGE 4	*ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 39). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung as a farewell peal to Canon A. W. Sarson, who is leaving Woodbridge for a school chaplaincy at Bexhill, Sussex.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

PETER SCHOLFIELD Treble	BRIAN TOMLINSON 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 2	J. BARRY PICKUP 6
JOHN PARTINGTON 3	ROGER LEIGH 7
LEONARD WALSH 4	CHARLES CLEGG Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT.

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

100th peal in the tower.

A farewell peal to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. E. Cunliffe) on his retirement.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
WILLIAM G. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
*WILLIAM G. HEDLEY 2	THOMAS SEWELL 6
*MARY PROPHET 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	CLIVE M. SMITH 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(The Mid-Devon Branch.)

On Fri., Jan. 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOLBOROUGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*REV. PASCHAL DOWLING Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5
HEATHER HOOD 2	MICHAEL D. S. HOOD .. 6
HERBERT W. SPENCER .. 3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. 7
*PETER A. LOCK 4	*BERIC BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal. First peal on eight bells to be rung entirely by members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild for over 35 years.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ERIC EDMONDSON 6
*FREDERICK W. ELLIS .. 3	†GERALD PENNEY 7
PATRICIA DOORN 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

*FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	†BERTRAM J. HODGETTS .. 4
GRAHAM T. BALL 2	HARRY HARPER 5
LEONARD TREVOR 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 200th peal. † First of Minor. The conductor's 1,500th tower bell peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John N. Grimes, of Croft.

SPEEN, BERKSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4
ROGER BALDWIN 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (2) Wragby and St. Albans Delight; (3) Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans and Charlwood Delight; (4) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) Kingston and Sandal Treble Bob; (7) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel Treble Bob; 130 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*STUART ELLISON Treble	WILLIAM A. SMITH 4
*R. BRENT WHERRY 2	ALEX RICHARDSON 5
JOHN R. KENNETT 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 17 Minor methods.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*†T. CHARLES BROWNE .. Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
HENRY TOOKE 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH 3	†C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* 50th peal. † 50th peal together.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*DAVID E. CULHAM .. Treble	†BARRY E. GIBBONS .. 4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 5
†PETER J. PERKINS 3	A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALLEN W. CANSDALE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' three times.

A birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn R. M. Cansdale and Miss Gillian H. Bloyce ('21st').

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE 3
WILLIAM S. DEASON 2	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 4

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal of Doubles.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge and three extents of Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

VICTOR HURT Treble	R. FRANK BAKER 4
PETER J. SHIPTON 2	WILLIAM SEEKING 5
WILFRED YOUNG 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung after the wedding of the Vicar's daughter.

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) and (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) and (5) Oxford Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. HARRY COOK .. Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 4
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	*†GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 5
†ALFRED E. HINMAN 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* 25th peal together. † First in four Minor methods.

Rung as a tribute to Canon H. V. Williams on his retirement, and for his ministry.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES AND MINOR

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's College and Kent T.B. Minor; 240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's Doubles; 720 Spliced Plain Bob and St. Clement's College Minor, and 720 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor. Tenor 7 cwt.

*J. PETER HART .. Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE 4
†SUSAN J. SLADE 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 3	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (11 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

PETER BAKER .. Treble	SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 3	IVOR GOULTER .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First peal of Doubles in the method by all the band.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents Grandsire and 32 Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOROTHY ATRILL .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 2	EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. 5
MICHAEL BLORE 3	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

MRS. JAMES W. HAW .. Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT 2	JAMES W. HAW 5
CECIL WADE 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

100th peal on the bells, which were augmented from three to six by John Taylor and Co., October, 1945.

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HANDBELL PEALS

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob, (2), (3) and (4) Spliced Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob, (5) and (6) Plain Bob, (7) Spliced Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob; 13 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 1—2 | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3—4

ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5—6

Jointly conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (first 3½ extents) and

ROBERT B. SMITH (last 3½ extents).

First handbell peal in three Minor methods by all.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Christmas Eve, Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1—2 | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5—6

*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3—4 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7—8

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 9—10

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* 50th peal together. First peal on ten handbells by all the hand.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4

WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor on handbells and 50th with the conductor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4

R. BRENT WHERRY .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method by all, for the Association, and on handbells.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At 163, FAIRFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED PLAIN BOB AND DOUBLE PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different spiced extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4

*WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in two Minor methods on handbells. The conductor's 200th peal.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED PLAIN MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Fulbeck, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Plain Bob; (3) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob; (4) Plain Bob; (5) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob; (6) Plain Bob; (7) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob; 30 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4

*WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in three Minor methods on handbells.

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The Midland Counties Guild have a rule that a peal rung on the day of a Guild meeting should not be recognised. Some of the members at the annual meeting at Repton got 'hot under the collar' over a peal rung on the morning of a meeting day, and pressed for its exclusion. Commonsense prevailed, and the meeting recognised the peal.

Correction.—The peal at Aldridge (page 806) was rung on November 24th and not as stated.

Mr. R. L. Piron, of 8, Bowhill, Bedford, has succeeded Miss Phyllis Gray as hon. secretary of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association.

Someone who didn't get a 'Ringer's Diary'—Father Christmas could not supply it—has sent the cost to the 'Ringing World' funds.

The rapid progress of the young band at Packwood, Warwickshire, where the bells were rehung just over a year ago, is favourably commented upon by a visitor.

Dallington, Northampton, ringers undertake the responsibility of winding the church clock and hoisting and lowering the church flag on the appointed days.

The peal of Bristol at Backwell on December 27th (page 36) was the first peal of Surprise on the bells. Previous bands have attempted but failed to ring a peal of Surprise, and it is therefore very pleasing to see a 'first' achieved by a peal-ringing band resident in the Association boundaries.

The ringing of Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, bells has received national publicity following a letter written by a warrant officer with the Army Education Centre to the Vicar. The Vicar sums it up as a storm in the teacup, but it has kept Southern Command busy considering if any disciplinary action is necessary. The church is about 100 yards from the warrant officer's home.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Will postal subscribers kindly see that the address given to which 'The Ringing World' is to be sent is correct? Delays have occurred when the correct postal district was not given. The Post Office will supply the necessary information on application.

The annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild is April 25th (not July 25th, as printed wrongly in the Ringer's Notebook and Diary, 1959).

Organised by Mr. H. Trewin, six young ringers from Stratton and two friends from Launceston had a good day's ringing on Boxing Day, visiting South Petherwyn, Lewannick, Linkinhorne, St. Tue, St. Cleer, Pillaton, St. Dominic and Callington.

The majority of the Guilds are undertaking the survey of Sunday service ringing. No news of support has been received from 18 Guilds. Forms may be had on application to this office.

The 100th peal on the bells of Silk Willoughby, Lincs, since augmentation from three to six in October, 1945, by John Taylor and Co, was followed by a 'peal' tea, provided by Mrs. J. H. Musson, and also photographs of the band.

Canon H. V. Williams, of Buckminster, has retired after 51 years in the Ministry, all spent in the Diocese of Leicester. A great friend of ringers, he was at the Church of St. John-the-Divine during Mr. William Willson's heyday, and also at Barwell and East Shilton.

Mr. W. J. A. Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, writes that the peal at Clayhidon, Devon (see page 20) was not the first on the bells. In the latter part of 1920 Mr. Albert Tout, of Milverton, who is now about 91 years of age, conducted a peal in the same method—Grand-sire Doubles.

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A CHRISTMAS PEAL WEEK IN HERTFORDSHIRE

THE dark days were enlivened once again by a repetition of the December, 1957, peal week in North Hertfordshire, when ringers from North Herts, Derby, Bedfordshire, London and the Watford area were gathered by the conductor, home for Christmas from Derbyshire. This year the arrangements went off comparatively uneventfully, the 28-year-old transport giving no bother, fortunately, as bigger distances were involved. Eleven peals were again rung successfully, with one failure and two cancellations. Five methods were rung to peals for the first time and two 'firsts on the bells.'

The first peal was on Christmas Eve at St. Albans, Cambridge Major being rung on the eight at St. Michael's Church, which are not easy to hear clearly. Stephen Ivins's 5,024 is easy and musical and deserves greater popularity.

Trains were few, and buses there were none, to bring six enthusiasts to the fairly heavy old six at Offley on the afternoon of Christmas Day. The Rev. Howard Senar, himself a ringer, had kindly permitted ringing to continue through the said Evensong, in order to fit into the train times. The bells do not go well nowadays, but a good 'first in method.' Humber Delight, was rung by hard work. The bells are old, with canons and big headstocks: the third was cast locally by John Dyer in 1583.

13-YEAR-OLD'S SUCCESS

All the ringers were claimed by other fixtures on Boxing Day but two rare treats awaited the teams on the Saturday. The first was an attempt on the very fine-toned new light eight at Welwyn. Ringing has always been limited here owing to noise, but permission was given to attempt a new method, to be named Welwyn Surprise Major. This is a good, comparatively easy method, but, unfortunately, extremely false, and Stephen Ivins had done well to produce a composition for it at all. The ringing took some time to settle down, as the acoustics are difficult, but the peal was finished in good style, 13-year-old Patricia Rowe, of Stamford Hill, doing very well to ring the method without previous practice on an almost inaudible bell, Canon H. R. Bate came to the belfry at the end and was pleased to hear of the success. All but the seventh of this beautiful eight are by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who provided five bells just before the war (one peal had been rung on the six) and two more after the war: there had been no previous peal on the eight. The old seventh is by Joseph Eayre, 1761, and is an 'anti-Methodist' bell, inscribed quaintly: 'Prosperity to the Established Church and no encouragement to enthusiasm'!

The afternoon peal was on the fine old eight (Bryant, Phelps, T. Mears) at Ware, a beautiful dressed-flint church. The tower was severely damaged in a gale a year ago, and much new flint-work was in evidence. A very musical 'old favourite,' Double Norwich, was rung in the tower for the first time, an excellent brisk peal resulting, though quite a bit of physical effort was necessary. Several local people congratulated the team on the ringing. Fourteen-year-old Martin Major, of Henlow, who rang very well, will remember his first peal on eight.

The Sunday afternoon peal was at faraway Chrishall, just over the border, in Essex. Young Kenneth Ballington had by now travelled from Derby to join the tour, and a local ringer, Harry Flack, was standing in his first peal. The Rev. A. A. Bagley welcomed us, and at the end sent a tray of tea and cakes into the tower, which kindness was more than we deserved, as there were several anxious moments and quite a bit of 'scratching'; perhaps Double Court requires greater concentration than after-dinner on Sunday will allow!

A new plain method was planned for Squire Proctor's tower, Benington, the next morning, but this quickly ground to a halt, and a very fast peal of Bob Major substituted, with a strong beat which did the youngsters a lot more good. The bells ought to know this method, as an 18,000 was rung there years ago after a failure of, I believe, about 12,000! The bells go and sound much better nowadays.

This was not our day for Plain Major, for that evening, in heavy rain, we went to Barton-in-the-Clay (a pleasant eight) below the chalk scarp, and rang nearly half a peal of the eighth-place version of Childwall College before paying the penalty, this time, of poor concentration; our only true failure of the week.

PEAL BOARD ALREADY MADE

We did not know quite what awaited us on the Tuesday morning as we travelled the open road to Foxton, Cambridgeshire, for the five bells, rehung by Day's, of Eye, nearly 80 years ago (1—3 Miles Graye, 4, 5 Warner) had never had a peal. The Rev. Eric Parker gave us a cheerful welcome, and informed us that a peal board was already made; we had got to score! A little preparation aloft showed the bells to be in good order and of good tone, though they are very odd-struck and the tenor casts wheel. A sound and determined peal of Doubles in 13 methods was successfully rung. Kenneth ran around with hassocks, then upstairs for a check, and kept the Vicar informed as to progress in between long discussions with Martin. It appeared later that the treble was, as it were, 'for sale' . . . but are substitutes allowed? The Vicar was pleased, however, and lavished the band with pork pies and other refreshment.

Two similar new 'Delight Minor' peals followed; Carisbrooke on the pretty six at Graveley, where Gillets' hung the ancient fifth, cast locally by John Dyer about 1590, in a special headstock to save the canons, and the following morning, the last day of the Old Year, Dunnottar on the very 'country' six at Anstey. (By the way, all the gazeteers give this spelling for the Scottish castle, not that given in the C.C.C.). Anstey is one of those old places where the ringers stand under a central tower amid the choir stalls. Next to the church is the ancient Castle Mound with a deep moat. Oddest of all is the scale of the six bells (approximately 2—7 of a 10). The tenor is by Lester and Pack, and they are hung in the old (but very accessible) style; the second and fourth do not go as well as the others. The keen local veteran, Mr. A. Bradford, welcomed us and observed the last extent.

The band went their several ways to 'ring in the New Year' at various towers, and should have gathered at Shillington the next morning, but it was decided that a sufficiently strong team to do justice to these very heavy five could not be mustered, so the peal was cancelled regretfully. Another Delight 'first' thus came next in the programme—Neasden at Southill, Bedfordshire, that evening. These bells are a very fine Mears six and go well, and so peal ringing in 1959 was away to an early start.

The next, and last, peals were rung on the Saturday in the east of the county in the neighbouring towers at Hunsdon (8) and Widford (6). Mr. and Mrs. Sinfield came by motor-cycle 35 miles and found the roads treacherous, but the tower was warm, and Mrs. Chitty greeted us and saw us off to a bad start for Superlative, which was hastily changed to Cambridge and successfully rung, not without incident, nor without some hard work on the back end, which are very odd-struck and seem to be a generous 14 cwt.'s worth! They are a 17th century Bartlett ring. This was the first peal of Cambridge there,

and proved to be the last of the tour, for by the time that we had finished lunch in Ware we found John Sinfield was in difficulty with his motor-cycle, and the necessary adjustments left it too late to ring a peal at Widford, where Mr. J. Duckling had prepared the bells. A quarter peal of Braintree Delight was substituted on this pleasant-toned but rather odd-struck little six in its lonely wayside tower.

Heavy snow fell on the homeward road, but we were fortified by a pleasant tea and chat at an inn not far from Widford Church, so ending the Christmas tour for another year.

D. P. J.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Leyland, 1959

By a strange coincidence, Preston Branch was holding its annual meeting at Leyland at the same time as 'The Ringing World' carried a story on its front page of the 'bad old days' there.

What an amazing transformation from those unfortunate times to the present happy position! It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a tower where there was more harmony and goodwill both between the ringers themselves and also between the ringers and the clergy. This is largely due to the tireless energy and devotion to duty of the present leader.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Sawle, B.D.), his curate (the Rev. C. A. Powell) and one of the churchwardens (Mr. J. Parr) not only joined in for tea and stayed for the business meeting (the Vicar taking the chair), but, more important still, they showed a lively concern and interest by spending the greater part of the afternoon in the tower watching the ringing.

During the meeting eight new members were elected to the Association, and five of these belong to the local company. The refreshments, including as much Lancashire hot-pot as could be eaten, were provided by the local ringers and their ladies. The meeting was well attended and included visitors from the Blackburn and Bolton Branches. In fact, it was one of the visitors, a well-known and respected figure from Bolton, who very ably moved a vote of thanks to the clergy, ringers and all concerned for the excellent arrangements and friendly fellowship. He concluded his remarks with an amusing reminiscence of his first visit to Leyland, many years ago, concerning a certain lady who held on to the sally and 'came down like a balloon.'

The ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. and catered for all requirements ranging from rounds to Surprise. In short, it was a most encouraging and enjoyable meeting.

A DEVON PEAL OF NOTE

The peal at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, Devon, on January 9th, is noteworthy on several counts:—

(1) It was only the second eight-bell peal to be rung entirely by members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the previous one being also of Grandshire Triples. This was rung on May 5th, 1923, at Moretonhampstead. It was the first peal on these bells and Mr. Aubrey Bennett is the only surviving member of the band.

(2) The treble was rung by the Rev. Paschal Dowling, of Buckfast Abbey, who is thus the first member of the Community to ring a peal.

(3) Peter Lock, a 14-year-old boy, rang the fourth bell with great accuracy. He is a member of the young Babacombe band which W. Simmonds and Don Roberts are training with great success.

(4) The tenor bell was rung by Mr. Bartlett, a leading light among the Devon call change ringers.



The ringers who participated in the 100th peal on Silk Willoughby, Lincs, bells since their augmentation to six in October, 1945. Left to right: Mr. James W. Haw, Mrs. J. W. Haw, Messrs. James H. Musson, Leonard C. Blanchard, Albert E. Scott and Cecil Wade.

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CUMBERLAND RINGER MARRIED AT ST. GILES'

Miss Caroline McNeill Love, a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex and Hertfordshire County Associations, was married at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on January 10th, to Dr. Murray Newell Cox. The bride was formerly a member of the Northaw and later the Highgate band before entering the nursing profession at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, and there met the bridegroom.

The ceremony was witnessed by a congregation which filled the church and was performed by the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Taylor): a short address was given by the bridegroom's father, the Rev. R. L. Cox. The bride, looking a charming picture in white satin and attended by five bridesmaids in turquoise, was given away by her father, Dr. McNeill Love, surgeon at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway.

Prior to the wedding a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of Northaw, Hampstead and Highgate bands, and G. A. Parsons: T. Bevan 1, B. McKie 2, G. A. Parsons 3, A. W. J. Butler (conductor) 4, N. Clark ('first' on eight) 5, P. G. Forte 6, J. M. Paynton 7, J. T. O'Dill 8.

After the ceremony, rounds, queens and a touch of Stedman Triples were rung by a mixed band of former colleagues, which, although not bringing the roof down, did succeed in dislodging part of the ceiling!

The reception, attended by well over 300 guests, was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields. The happy couple, amid cheers, left for the Lake District for their honeymoon.

A. B.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD North Notts District

* Owing to the inclement weather rather than lack of interest, the annual meeting of the North Notts District, held in Retford on January 10th, was not as well attended as it might have been.

At the business meeting held in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m. Mr. H. T. Rooke relinquished the post of chairman, as he is now a member of the newly-formed Mansfield District. Before doing so, however, he asked the meeting to stand as a token of respect to those ringers who had died since the last annual general meeting. The annual report and the balance sheet were read and accepted.

The following District officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. D. McNeil (West Retford); secretary, Mr. H. Denman (Gamston); committee members, Mr. J. Segar (East Retford) and Mr. J. Hurst (Ordsall); Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hobbs (West Retford).

The next District meeting was fixed for Saturday, February 14th, at Everton, a tower that has not been visited for several years. Since meetings are now to be held every other month only, a proposal was carried that a practice should take place on alternate months from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a tower to be fixed the previous month. The main purpose of this practice is to give help to struggling towers.

Clayworth was chosen as the place of the next Crawford Cup contest, to be held on the second Saturday in September. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. J. Segar stated that he would be able to represent the District at the Central Council meeting at Southport.

REDEDICATION

FINDON, SUSSEX

There was a crowded congregation on Sunday morning, January 11th, when the Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Roger Wilson) paid his first visit to the 11th century parish church of St. John Baptist, Findon, Sussex. The late Col. Ulric Thynne, of Muntham Court, who died 15 months ago, left a bequest for the restoration of the church bells and to increase the number to six. The Vicar (Rev. Dr. G. H. Gibson) conducted the service, assisted by the curate (Rev. M. H. Griffiths), who acted as chaplain, and Mr. A. R. Moore, lay reader. After morning prayer and before the dedication, Dr. Gibson welcomed the Bishop to the church, and also Mr. Brian Thynne, a trustee of the Thynne bequest. He also welcomed Mr. Douglas Hughes, representing the Whitechapel Foundry, and visiting bell-ringers.

The Bishop was conducted to the memorial screen at the entrance to the tower. The screen, of handsome carved oak, bears the inscription: 'This screen was erected and the bells rehung and increased to a peal of six in the year 1958; the gift of Colonel Ulric Thynne, of Muntham.'

After dedicating the screen, he rededicated the original four bells and dedicated two new ones. Receiving the ropes from the Bishop, the Vicar handed them to the joint captains, Mr. C. Whittington and Miss D. M. Saunders, bidding them to lead their ringers in a ring of bells to the praise and glory of God and as an earnest of diligent and faithful service. The bells were then rung in Queens as Dr. Wilson was escorted to his seat in the sanctuary.

Immediately at the end of the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by L. Stilwell 1, Miss D. M. Saunders 2, B. J. Luff 3, F. Brooks 4, R. P. Wood 5 (conductor), C. Whittington 6.

THE BELLS

Treble.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. Mears and Stainbank, 1958.

Second.—4-2-11. Mears and Stainbank, 1958.

Third.—5-0-8. John Cole, 1576.

Fourth.—5-1-25. Roger Landon, Wokingham, circa 1450. Recast Mears 1870.

Fifth.—7-2-18. John Tonne, circa 1530.

Tenor.—9-2-14. Thomas Giles, of Lewes, 1617. Recast Mears 1870.

The old bells had not been rung for half a century and were taken to Mears and Stainbank's foundry to be tuned, which, with the two new bells, now make a very handy ring of six. They have been hung in a new wood frame on ball-bearings, and the work was successfully carried out by the bell-hanger Mr. H. Parkes, under the supervision of Mr. D. Hughes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS DAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—It was very nice of your anonymous critic to classify our Christmas broadcast ringing as 'good,' but I rather feel that the unfortunates that got away with a less complimentary criticism will be feeling less happy.

I can't help but feel that comments on such performances should be confined to complimentary remarks where warranted, unless the name or status of the person making them is also given. I have no doubt that all those taking part gave their absolute best, and who knows but what sheer bad luck may cause a good company to give a bad impression. One trip in 15 minutes could mar the whole performance. The technical and chancy nature of change ringing provides a case for a recorded instead of a live programme.

During the 15 minutes' continuous ringing demanded by the B.B.C., only one mistake occurred in our ringing—a missed dodge. Nevertheless, if this had coincided with the 14 changes only, which were fully audible clear of the announcer's commentary, I hesitate to express what our feelings would have been, as, from the point of view of the broadcast, the whole performance would have been spoilt.

I had the whole programme tape-recorded, and set out below details of the ringing.

In the case of St. Cuthbert's I am not quite sure what was being rung, Doubles with two bells fixed dodging in 6-7, or Triples. Grundisburgh, I think, were not ringing Bob Caters, as your critic suggests, but plain hunt on nine with tenor covering.

The ringing from St. Clement Danes' was, indeed, of a high order, and from a broadcast point of view was enhanced by its slowness; even so, every change was not perfect. It would be interesting to know the names of the ringers who put on such a fine exhibition.

The ringing from Rotherham was by members of the regular Sunday service band, mostly in their teens and four still at school.

The following gives details of the programme:
Rotherham, on the air 31 seconds fully audible without the announcer's commentary, 14 changes, Grandsire Caters.

Lurgan, 56 seconds, 21 set changes (Whitingtons).

St. Clement Danes', 50 seconds, 19 changes, Stedman Triples.

Grundisburgh, 51 seconds, 24 changes, plain hunt.

St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, 57 seconds, 24 changes.

Gresford, 51 seconds, 22 changes, from the plain course Grandsire Triples.

Woodchester were on the air ringing Grand-sire Doubles for about 50 seconds.

I trust the critic won't take offence at this minor example of criticising the critic.—Yours,
Rotherham. NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Dear Sir.—The object of Christmas ringing broadcasts is to make a joyful noise throughout the land, not to earn the dubious honour of a pat on the back from a fireside critic whose opinion, for all we know, since he remains anonymous, may be worthless. These 'observations' (page 41, January 16th), which take no account of local difficulties, can do no good and may cause resentment in the towers concerned. I would therefore urge that their annual publication be abandoned.—Yours truly,
Kenton. MERIEL L. THIRST.

PEAL OF CHORDS

Dear Sir,—Had the members of Cambridge University who rang the 'two' handbell peals simultaneously rung the bells of the top six and the bells of the bottom six separately, thus making 12 blows, and had they used two different compositions, then I think we could justly congratulate them on their effort. But, in fact, not only were both sixes rung at once, thus producing six clashes, but also the composition of both was the same; the result was that one peal was rung on chords (and not very musical chords at that!). This knowledge I have from one of the ringers who took part in this peal; and no wonder they were not very explicit about how they did it. If this peal is to be counted as two peals, then, if I could get hold of the necessary number of handbells, I could quite easily provide a band that would ring four peals of Major simultaneously.—Yours, etc.,

RAYMOND A. BROWN.

Southampton. Hants.

A REQUEST REPEATED

Dear Sir.—Recently a report of two handbell peals of Bob Minor rung simultaneously appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Would it be possible for more details of this performance to be published? It appears that the front and back six of a ring of 12 were used, each ringer using the corresponding bell in each half, i.e., treble and seventh, second and eighth, etc. If the bells were rung to a 12-bell compass, the time taken (less than two hours) seems to be very short.

Also, as far as I can remember, no details as to the callings were given. I think many ringers would be interested to know exactly how it was done.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

'GOSPEL OAK'

Dear Sir.—Who, might I ask, is Mr. Scott, that he should take it upon himself to criticise people he has not met and knows very little about? Obviously he is a person who listens to and spreads rumours without first ascertaining the truth of such rumours.

I have had the privilege of the friendship of Mr. E. J. Rowe for many years and would stress that a more conscientious member of the Exercise does not exist. Mr. Arthur Butler sums up the situation most adequately in the issue of January 16th, and Mr. Scott would do well to refrain in future from publishing uncalled for and objectionable letters in the public Press.

Being associated with the Gospel Oak ringers for several years, I feel that I am not acting out of turn in writing this letter.—Yours truly,
FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Minster, Ramsgate.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR AT NOTTINGHAM

Dear Sir.—I should like to point out that the footnote to the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at St. Mary's, Nottingham (page 18) on December 13th, 1958, is not correct, in that a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung here by the Yorkshire Association on December 10th, 1949.—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield. IAN M. HOLLAND.

PEAL TITLES

Dear Sir,—The peal of Spliced Plain Major rung 'in hand' at Cambridge on November 28th, 1958, should read as follows:—864 Plain, 384 Reverse, 384 Double, 648 Wellington, 648 Gainsborough, 288 Fulbeck, 288 C.C. No. 257, 192 Canterbury Imperial, 192 Hackington Imperial, 144 Bastow L.C., 144 Kent L.C., 288 Crayford L.C. and 720 Little Bob.

C.C. No. 258, which is Reverse Bob with places in 5-6 when the treble is behind, has been rung as Canterbury Imperial.

C.C. No. 259, which is Double Bob with places in 5-6 when the treble is behind, has been rung as Hackington Imperial.

C.C. No. 257, which is Reverse Bob with places in 3-4 when the treble is behind, has not been named. Could the C.U.G. supply a name?

C.C. No. 124, which is Double Bob with places in 3-4 when the treble is behind, has been rung as Fulbeck.

Canterbury Pleasure on seven or more bells, odd and even, is Plain Bob with places in 3-4 when the treble leads.

The statement at the foot of page 33 in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major methods is incorrect.

Plain Bob Doubles and Minor with places in 3-4 when the treble leads are now known as Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles and Minor.

Reverse Bob Doubles and Minor with places below the treble are now known as Canterbury Pleasure, Pleasure Doubles and Minor.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY

Dear Sir.—I understand that in about 1946 several of the late J. W. Parker's pocket-size note books and some manuscripts were presented to the Central Council library but now I cannot trace them. If anyone has these or has the slightest information which might assist in tracing them, I should be grateful if he or she would send me particulars.

As my predecessor, Mr. Sharpe, has no recollection of them, I conclude they must have been borrowed some years ago and not returned to the library.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK W. PERRENS.

68, Warwick Avenue,
 Coventry.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District Annual Meeting

On January 17th the Hunts District held its annual meeting in Huntingdon. Afternoon ringing was at Godmanchester and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, and the service was conducted by Canon Morris.

Tea at All Saints' Hall was followed by the meeting, with the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley in the chair. The secretary (Mr. H. S. Peacock) gave his report and said how pleased he was that the Hunts District had 100 paid-up members, a record for any District in the Association. For this year's tour a visit into Hertfordshire was suggested, and the secretary was left to pursue the matter. Seven new members were welcomed into the Association. The usual votes of thanks were voiced by Mr. Lack, after which good use of St. Mary's and All Saints' bells was made until 9 p.m.

H. S. P.

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THE BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY, 1909-1959

By HAROLD CHANT

(Continued from page 44)

The Shield contests were restarted in 1944, which year also records the death of Mr. J. T. White, the leader of the 1929 Felkirk band, who conducted 247 of the 252 720's, a remarkable achievement.

Mr. John R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, was the president during 1945-46-47 and 1948. The name of Brearley has long been connected with ringing in South Yorkshire, and John R. has judged many contests for the Society, including the first in 1926. His uncle's name is one of those inscribed on the Society's jug.

In 1947, the Society, being entitled to two representatives on the Central Council, Mr. Dan Smith and I were elected as such, a position we relinquished in 1951 when the Society allowed its membership to lapse.

In 1948 two contests per year were instituted. The Shield, which had been 'open' since 1936, and the Cup (borrowed from Hoylandswaine for the purpose) for towers within the 12-mile radius. Certificates, in addition to prizes, were also issued.

MR. N. F. MOXON

1949 saw a change of presidents, Mr. N. F. Moxon, of Cawthorne, taking the place of Mr. J. R. Brearley, a position he has retained ever since, therefore holding the record for service to the Society in this office. His wise guidance and interest in the welfare of the Society makes it likely that he will retain the presidency for many years to come. In this year Society outings and the Potter Commemoration Dinner were instituted, both for the first time. No further change in the officials of the Society took place until 1957. In 1950, following a request from certain members, I gave a lecture on Minor methods in the Rectory rooms at Barnsley.

In 1954 Mr. H. Rowley, of Horbury, completed 65 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at that church. To commemorate this a special meeting was held, prior to which a peal of Minor was rung by six members of the Society (including the three officials), which was a repeat performance of the methods rung in Mr. Rowley's first peal, which he had conducted on January 7th, 1894. Even the time taken was, by a curious coincidence, exactly the same, 3 hrs. 1 min. The method, Primrose Surprise, which was included, is, of course, the old method so beloved by Mr. John Easter, not the modern upstart which has filched its name and appears in the Central Council collection!

In 1955 Society badges were issued for the first time.

Mr. Dan Smith had an illness in 1956, which was followed by a nasty accident at work that made it impossible for him to continue the work as secretary, that he had accomplished with such success for almost 20 years. In October of 1958 a presentation was made to him by the Society in recognition of his great work, and certainly there was never a more deserving recipient.

After being acting secretary for 12 months Mr. J. W. Buxton, of Shelley, was chosen to fill Dan's position. We wish him all success and a long tenure of office.

OPEN LEADS

In June, 1958, interest in the annual Shield Contest was increased by the inclusion, for the first time, of teams ringing open leads. Much has been said and written for and against closed leads, but there is no doubt that the Barnsley area has produced some excellent bands to whom the sound of six bells tapping away with meticulous regularity is the acme of change-ringing. Consequently ringers turned up to listen with a critical ear to this (to them) peculiar rhythm.

Unfortunately the two 'open' teams were unable to be up to full strength and their

ringing suffered in consequence. It was interesting, however, to observe the reaction of the 'cartwheelers,' some of whom wanted to know if the judge would call a fault at every open lead! It is to be hoped that this contest will be the first of many such gatherings and that the open-leaders will produce striking of which I, for one, know they are capable.

It is impossible in a review of this nature to mention all the ringers worthy of recognition but reference must be made to such people as the Robinsons, of Sandal; the Crosslands, of Cawthorne, 'Old Harry,' who was ringing in contests (and in the winning team quite often) when approaching 90 years of age; Clifford Robinson, of the same tower; the Hiltons, of Darfield; the Pickles, of Horbury; Walter Hemmings, of Roystone; the Hills, of South Kirby; the Lampreys, of Ackworth; Walter Idle and Hemmingway Dransfield, of Earlsheaton; and, indeed, many others.

In this, the 50th year of the Society's existence, it is to be hoped that some function suitable to the occasion can be held.

What of the future? Where are the future Albert Nashes, the C. D. Potters and the Dan Smiths of the Society? To be sure they will be forthcoming. Young and enthusiastic ringers are to be seen in all quarters. All they need is encouragement and a square deal. The Society has had, and no doubt will continue to have its ups and downs, but if we can inculcate that sense of loyalty, if we can see to it that each tower is constantly fed with new recruits, if we can make these recruits realise what benefits, pleasure and companionship can be derived from these periodic gatherings, then I think we need have no qualms about the future.

[Concluded]

OBITUARY

MR. J. O. LANCASHIRE

Leicester's grand old man of ringing, Mr. John Owen Lancashire, passed to his rest on January 17th, two days after his 94th birthday. He was better known to the older generation than to the present.

In his prime, besides being a first-class tower bell ringer he was a wonderful handbell ringer. With his companions, John Buttery, Geo. Cleal, Samuel Cotton, Alfred Millis and Wm. Willson (all now departed), he made ringing history by taking part in 'silent' handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques—the latter of which he composed—and this record still holds supreme in this sphere.

For his 90th birthday in 1955 a handbell peal of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by the late H. J. Poole (in which the writer took part). This was a method 'John O'—as he was affectionately called—delved deeply into, and he produced some very 'classic' compositions which only an expert could hope to call.

An architect of no mean ability, he won a number of awards for his designs for various churches, inns and houses. In this connection, with Mr. Shirley Harrison, he was responsible for the design of the De Montfort Hall (one of the premier concert halls of England) and many other buildings both public and private. He did not retire entirely from business until just over a year ago at the advanced age of 93, and each day one could see him making his way from Cropstone, where he lived, by bus to Leicester to work at the British United Shoe Machinery Co.

Prior to cremation, a service was held in the quiet country church of Swithland, and among the floral tributes were those from Leicester Cathedral Guild and Mr. S. Burton. As the cortege left the church a slow and impressive

course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Jill Staniforth 1-2, John A. Acres 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Colin Harrison 7-8. The tenor bell of the church was tolled by Harry Broughton, and there were also present Harold G. Jenney, Shirley Burton, with Alex Bramley, of Anstey, and a representative congregation.

The previous evening at South Wigston, 1,260 Stedman Triples (deceased's favourite method) was rung by B. G. Warwick 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, G. J. Brewin 3, R. K. Stretton 4, J. A. Acres 5, A. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, E. Morris (conductor) 8. E. M.

AN APPRECIATION

This tribute to Mr. Lancashire comes from the Leicester Cathedral Ringers' Society. His passing, at the ripe old age of 94, prompts feelings not so much of sorrow and regret as of gratitude for the privilege of having met and known him, and thanks and admiration for a full life of activity and achievement.

As a ringer he was one of a group, which did much to bring Leicester to the forefront of ringing, a position which has been maintained for a matter of 60 years. Of recent years he was handicapped by deafness, but he rang for service at the Cathedral at an age much in advance of average. He was very keen on Stedman and composed many peals and touches. As a man he was quiet and unassuming, and always courteous and polite to everyone with whom he dealt. He could be aptly described as nature's gentleman. H. G. J.

MR. A. H. SNOW

Mr. Adolphus Henry Snow, who died at the home of his eldest daughter in Wales on January 8th and was buried at East Budleigh, Devon, will be remembered with affection by Devon ringers.

He learned to ring at Withycombe about 80 years ago, and shortly after that time there were enough Snows ringing there to form a band of their own. Moving to East Budleigh he joined the local band, and for some time was a 'regular' in more senses than one. However, a 'tiff in the tower' sent him to Otterton to join the call-changers, and for 30 years he walked there Sundays and practice nights; seldom absent, never late. He still continued his membership of the Devon Guild and was usually to be seen at meetings.

Up to 1939 he had rung in 30 peals and conducted three. One was at Exeter Cathedral. This is not a great number by present day standards, but one is tempted to suggest that far fewer peals would be rung today if the only method of transport was 'Shanks' pony.' His last peal was at Littleham on his 80th birthday, which also marked his retirement as foreman at the East Budleigh sawmill. His kindly nature and good humour made him much loved both in the tower and out, and especially by children.

During the evening of the day of his funeral the Otterton ringers gave him a 'last peal,' and a quarter of Grandsire Doubles half-muffled was rung at East Budleigh. E. S.

MR. C. J. PUGSLEY

We regret to record the death of Mr. Clifford James Pugsley, who died suddenly early in January at the age of 58 and was buried in Godalming, Surrey, on January 9th.

He moved to Godalming in the early 1920's as a tailor and had remained with the same firm ever since. He joined the local band on arrival in the town, and was a member until about five years ago, when medical advice stopped his ringing. He came from Bishop's Hull, near Taunton, where he was taught ringing by James Hunt, a stalwart in that area. Mr. Pugsley was a very regular Sunday service ringer and could always be relied upon, although he never aspired to anything higher than Grandsire Triples, in which method he rang his only peal. C. E. S.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Vickers (first quarter) 1, L. Prior 2, Mrs. Sheila Bullock 3, L. Bullock 4, J. Barrance (first as cond.) 5, G. Lonsdale 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Boggis 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, C. Bailey 3, Miss K. Lewis 4, T. Page 5, C. Walpole 6, Miss D. Constance 7, M. Stokes 8, R. Bickers 9, T. N. J. Bailey 10.

BOLTON, LANCs.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, J. W. Kay 2, T. Bratby 3, J. Kay (cond.) 4, G. W. Linmer 5, W. Tyson 6, P. Crook (sen.) 7, W. J. Stokes 8.

BOW, E.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. V. Gant 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, S. Penfold 4, A. Gargrave 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, D. M. Salisbury (tenor covering). For Matins after meeting short for Major.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Birkin 1, J. D. Adams 2, S. Ellison 3, R. B. Wherry 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, J. R. Kennett (cond.) 6. For Buxton Colledge annual carol service.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Margaret Layton 1, Shelagh Collins 2, G. E. Fearn 3, H. H. Fearn 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, R. G. Edwards 6, J. A. Anderson 7, D. N. Layton (cond.) 8.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,776 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Ellison 1, J. R. Kenett 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, F. Osbaldistoun 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, W. H. Dowse 6, R. B. Smith 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Clotier 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, P. Treble 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, G. Gilder 6. For Evensong.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Pannett 1, Miss E. S. M. Tonkin 2, Miss L. M. Beoney 3, F. Beoney 4, G. Beoney (cond.) 5, T. Matthews 6. A compliment to Laura Beoney on passing her recent examination.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Arthur Grout 1, G. J. Berry 2, Mrs. Shirley Grout 3, T. Evans 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5. To mark the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. M. James as Rector.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: N. Pailing 1, J. Pailing 3, G. Halls 4, Miss P. Forster 5, J. Jelley 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, Miss V. Horton (cover) 8.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, Lucy Allen 3, R. Chapman 4, J. W. Allen 5. For the festival of Christmas.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Shirley Taylor (first quarter) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Rosemary Hutchings 3, June Legg 4, Derek Millier 5, David Millier 6. For early morning Communion service. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: G. Marchant 1, Marjorie Legg 2, H. Collings 3, K. Prime 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss R. Hutchings (ringer at this tower) and Mr. G. Thurston.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Harvey 1, L. W. Bullock 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, G. Parsons 4, F. C. Shorter 5, F. A. Ranson 6, H. W. Rogers 7, J. Euston 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, H. M. Williamson 10. For morning service.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,270 Stedman Caters: J. P. Fidler 1, R. F. Lowings 2, Miss C. D. Cowley 3, C. Harrison (cond.) 4, D. Thorley 5, J. S. Saddington 6, L. J. Hall 7, P. L. Taylor 8, L. W. Stevens 9, W. Hickman 10. For the induction of the new Rector (the Rev. R. A. Jones).

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): J. Parish 1, J. J. Wilson 2, R. J. Moore (cond.) 3, R. Bacon 4, R. Burgess 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Whiteman, a church worker. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wilson 1, J. Parish 2, R. J. Moore (cond.) 3, R. Bacon 4, R. Burgess 5.

QUARTER PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Turner 1, Miss J. M. Gwilt (first 'inside') 2, J. K. Foot 3, R. E. Tallis (jun., first as cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, I. A. Tingle (first quarter) 6.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Curson 1, Mary C. Payne 2, J. A. Acres 3, R. J. Clifton 4, J. W. Cotton 5, W. F. Woodward (first 'inside') 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, P. J. Staniforth 8.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. R. Haycock 3, L. Whewall 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan Cheney 6. To celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Absolom Clarke, of Newbold.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Roome 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, F. Burgess 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, A. R. Jones 5, T. Jennings 6, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 7, Miss N. G. Williams 8. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,440 Doubles (720 St. Thomas' and 720 Canterbury): J. C. Rainbow 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, P. Amos 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. S. Roberts 5, V. A. Perry 6. Rung on the festival of St. Thomas of Canterbury. Also at St. Edmund's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Williams 1, Mrs. G. Roome 2, Miss J. Packwood 3, Miss J. Downing 4, Miss D. Miller 5, I. Dickin (cond.) 6, E. Billings 7, R. Roberts 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Withell 1, T. H. Smith 2, Miss A. Mellor 3, J. Cruickshank 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung for New Year's Eve, also a birthday compliment to Cherry Withell.

RATBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Root 1, T. E. Gardner 2, J. H. Spencer 3, T. Gardner 4, L. Green 5, G. A. Hurd (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Erin Triples: H. Worboys 1, R. Tomlin 2, M. Hatch 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hallet 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. First quarter in method by all except 7. For carol service. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, P. Coward 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, A. House (cond.) 7, P. Sloman 8. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, M. Hallet 2, R. Goodship 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hatch (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For morning service.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Mrs. W. M. Hatchett 1, J. P. Hart 2, Miss S. J. Slade 3, H. Bradbury 4, F. Elliott 5, M. Hatchett (cond.) 6. On the eve of Epiphany.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Tibbles (first quarter) 1, Miss P. F. Curtis (first as cond.) 2, A. Osborne 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens 5. For evening service.

SENNEN, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evangeline Roberts 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 2, T. R. Sullivan 3, Jill Swanne 4, G. W. Tayson 5, J. Sullivan 6.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Lincolnshire, with 32 changes of method): E. Wadman 1, E. Brown 2, A. J. Sanger 3, D. E. Lee 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, E. J. Chivers 8.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Pawson 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, A. Sheppard 3, H. Sandham 4, J. Potts (cond.) 5, K. B. Sissons 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Channon 1, Pam Miller 2, H. Miller 3, Ann Aldridge 4, J. Perrett 5, S. G. Peck 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For the annual service of the Southgate Council of Christian Churches.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On January 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rogers 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, Miss F. Curtis 3, A. Osborne 4, H. Curtis 5, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire), with 7, 6, 8 covering: Patricia Burt (first quarter) 1, A. Lee (cond.) 2, J. Jefferies 3, B. Davis 4, T. Milson 5, F. Arkell 6, R. Stapleford 7, R. Hall 8. First quarter in two methods by all. Youngest local hand to ring a quarter on the bells (average age 17 years).

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Goodwin (first quarter) 1, Pamela Clarke 2, J. D. Clarke 3, T. Goodwin 4, T. Greasley (cond.) 5, C. Wise 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arnold Henry Greasley, a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

WEST SMITHFIELD, E.C.—At St. Bartholomew-the-Great Church, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire) and a plain course of Neptune Treble Bob: B. K. Lunn (cond. the Stedman) 1, James Phillips 2, D. Randall 3, John Phillips (called the Grandsire) 4, M. P. Moreton 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Byrne, ringers at this tower.

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A Return To Former Headquarters

It was a great joy to members of the London County Association to hold its first meeting in 1959 at the beautifully restored Church of St. Clement Danes in the Strand on January 3rd. Some 180 members and friends took part in the ringing from 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Shortly after starting it became apparent that to ensure the satisfaction of all, some form of 'traffic control' would have to be exercised. Accordingly a queue of ringers was formed in the main entrance hall of the church and as soon as a touch was finished the ringers were requested to leave the ringing chamber temporarily to allow others from the queue to enter. The officers believe that all ringers who came—some from long distances—had a satisfactory ring on this very fine ring of bells. Handbells were also in use in the verger's vestry whilst ringing in the tower was in progress.

Ringling was followed by a service in the church conducted by the resident R.A.F. chaplain (the Rev. G. W. Groves), assisted by Mr. W. D. Grainger, a member of the Association. A course of Grandisle Triples was rung in the service, and in his address the Rev. G. W. Groves said how much he would like to see the Association's ancient connections fully restored at St. Clement Danes.

MEETING IN CRYPT

The crypt, which for many years had been used only as a place of burial, has now been most appropriately restored and was the venue for the business meeting. Again the resident chaplain said further words of welcome to the Association, and before he left the meeting very sincere votes of thanks were expressed to him, to Mr. E. A. Barnett, the R.A.F. authorities, Mr. Grainger and the verger and staff.

At 6 o'clock the traditional 'Oranges and Lemons' was heard clearly and distinctly on the newly-installed electro-mechanical chimes. Opportunity was taken at the meeting to remind members of the handbell competition which would take place at the annual meeting at Southwark Cathedral on February 14th. The requirement is for teams, each consisting of four ringing members of the same company from towers within the area of the Association, to ring a course of not less than 70 changes on eight bells. Three umpires award the 'Dawe Cup' to the winning team, and the main consideration is correct and good striking.

The week following the meeting a quarter peal of Grandisle Caters was rung for Matins at St. Clement Danes' by a company which included eight past and present officers of the Association.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Dye (first of Major) 1. Sheila M. Dobbie 2. S. A. White 3. T. E. Sone 4. C. Hancock 5. Doris Colgate 6. B. Collison 7. W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the consecration of the Vicar of Tonbridge as first Suffragan Bishop of Tonbridge.

LATE NOTICES

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 7th, Hereford. Cathedral 3 p.m., All Saints' evening. Service, Cathedral. Tea and meeting, College Hall. Names, please, to A. Wingate, Huntingdon House, Hereford. 3793

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. each) at St. Maurice's Hall, 4.30 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Bells (12) available for one hour after service. Names for tea essential by previous Tuesday. No names no tea.—P. Dickinson, Sec., Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 3794

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Stockport (St. Mary's), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 3717

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Halstead, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3706

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3698

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Baldock, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Special method, Cornwall Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3737

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3738

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, at Stamford Hill. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, business and further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15. Gentlemen cordially invited. Nearest station: Manor House. Trolleybuses to St. Anne's Road. 3712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3755

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby. Meeting in St. Chad's belfry, 6 p.m. Important business. Further ringing after meeting. 3727

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3685

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Ringing arrangements before annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 31st: St. John-the-Baptist's, Lower Clapton Road, Hackney, 2 to 2.45 p.m.; St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 3 to 4 p.m. Dinner at the Mitre, Chancery Lane. 6.30 p.m. 3743

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke (St. Michael's) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3708

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 2nd, at 7 p.m. 3758

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice at Pythley (5) on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 7.30 p.m.—S. R. Collins. 3777

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 6.30 p.m. Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing at St. Clement Danes', 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. 3772

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Feb. 7th, 6 p.m. No practice at Southwark on Feb. 3rd.—J. Chilcott. 3771

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Monthly meeting, Goldington, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., 4th, please.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec., 8, Bowhill, Bedford. 3767

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Southern District.—Next meeting at Whitnash on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th, please.—H. M. Windsor. The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwickshire. 3786

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Feb. 4th, to R. W. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. 3791

ELY ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3785

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 7th, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's) (8). After tea, St. Leonard's (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 3790

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 3787

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Kington District.—Annual meeting, Staunton-on-Arrow, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names early, please, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 3770

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boxley (6) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Mr. W. Gosling, The Street, Boxley. 3741

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Annual meeting after tea.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 3784

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 3789

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3775

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. James', Poolstock, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Feb. 4th Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 3788

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Whitwick, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Conservative Club. Tea provided. 3763

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vicarage for those notifying by the previous Wednesday H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby. 3769

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to Mr. C. Rawding, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 3736

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION—Meeting at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—cafes near church.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3790

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 3731

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Maids-Moreton, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 3783

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 7th, St. Margaret's Church (5), Fletton, Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea most essential by Wednesday previous. Other towers available in evening. 3740

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Yelvertoft (5), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. J. Kinchin, Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 3779

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Hilperton (6), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—E. J. Hitchens, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 3756

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach by 5th Mr. A. Parr, 1, Quarry Lane, Killamarsh, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 3761

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 7th, at Deacon's Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, E.C. 6 for 6.30 p.m. A few tickets still available from the undersigned, price 15s. 6d. each. Ringing: St. Clement Dances' (10), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Further ringing details to follow.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3744

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Ruddington, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 5th.—S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 3747

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield.—I. Butcher. 3780

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available: Brockenhurst (6), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Lyndhurst (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 5th, to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 3757

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Petersfield, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Numbers for tea by 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnysbrook, Brook Lane, Warsash. 3774

GUILDFORD GUILD—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall 5.15 p.m., with usual business to follow. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith. 3781

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, Feb. 14th. No tea arrangements—café nearby. Preston-Garstang A6 road, alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 3760

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—General quarterly meeting, Billesdon (8), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Feb. 11th to J. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon, Leics. General committee meeting, Monday, Feb. 9th, in St. John-the-Divine's Vestry, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3732

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 4.15 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2 to 4 p.m. Tea break, 4.15 to 5 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 3751

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Loddon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, certain to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 3773

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Kissingbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Clarke, Treetops, Weedon Road, Kissingbury.—F. W. Hancock. 3776

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).—The 71st annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, March 7th. Chairman, Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman, M.A. (Vicar of Aston). Tickets, 18s. 6d. each. Peals will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025. 3748

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD—Annual general meeting, London (Southern Region), Saturday, April 25th (not July 25th, as printed in the Ringer's Notebook and Diary, 1959). Ringing from 11 a.m., three towers: St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Olave's, Hart Street, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting at Liverpool Street. Further full particulars later. All ringers are welcome. Names to W. Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshall New Road, Crewe. 3753

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD and the NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 13th, at Leicester. Ringing from 11 a.m. Dinner and social evening—time and place later. All ringers are welcome, but you must let P.C. John A. Smith, Hon. Sec., N.G. of P.R.s, 39, New Street, Oadby, Leicester, or W. Frank Stenson know. 3754

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By NOLAN GOLDEN

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2	—	—	2 3 5 4 6

Three times repeated with S for bob halfway and end. Reduced to 5,024 by omitting three consecutive bobs W in one part. Contains 6th extent H and all 64's and 6578's at course-ends. 5678's also occur at the second change following the first three course-ends in the first and third parts. The composition is suitable for any A group Plain Major method. Rung at Loddon, December 10th, 1958.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Dorothy Cox (first quarter) 1, G. Vernon 2, A. M. Lindsey 3, O. S. Underwood 4, M. Vernon (cond.) 5, Joan Fisher 6, N. L. Walker 7, J. Hill 8. To welcome the New Year.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, J. Maple 4, Miss J. Horton (cond.) 5, Miss J. Morton 6. Rung by Sunday service band for Evensong, also for the engagement of the ringer of 2 to Mr. Chackfield, of Hawkhurst, and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

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A LAKELAND TOWER OF MEMORIES

THE church stands on a rock. To the west the graveyard slopes down to fields and the river. Beyond the river the fells rise up to give shelter to the town on the north, west and east sides. The east end of the church juts into the town itself, with its tower standing sentinel over all. In the original plan the spire of the tower was to be much higher than it is—more after the style of Salisbury Cathedral. The shortened spire is perhaps somewhat out of proportion with the square base, but it is in better keeping with the surrounding countryside.

Beyond the town to the south the landscape gives way to the lake where I spent so much time as a boy. Higher up the town where it reaches up to the screes stood the old church. (I believe it is now a laundry.) The old church was called St. Anne's, and the newer one which stood sentinel on the rock is called St. Mary's. When I was a lad, nobody ever 'went to church.' Either they went to St. Anne's or St. Mary's. St. Anne's had one bell of very beautiful tone which the verger rang in a most able manner: dong, dong, dong; pause for one beat; dong, dong, dong; and so on. Few there were in the town who appreciated the skill of chiming the bell in that exact manner; but those of us who were children in the latter days of worship at St. Anne's must still be haunted by the music which came from that old squat tower each morning.

St. Mary's has the heaviest ring of bells in the North of England north of Manchester; but that is not its only claim for mention. It is in every way a beautiful ring of eight, and after nearly 60 years is in as good a condition as the day it was hung. A few years ago the tower and spire fell into disrepair, and ringing became impossible. There was some talk of pulling the tower down, but the parishioners would have none of that and quickly raised the necessary money for its complete restoration, so that today the bells ring out again as loud as ever. But with the interval of the war years and the years when the tower was unsafe for ringing, most of the old ringers have passed on, and now there is a young band. A band, maybe, 'who knew not Joseph.'

It needs to be understood that the bells are set right on top of the town, and the town is not a large one. Whenever the bells are rung there is not a house that does not get the full sound of the ringing. In many places the effect would have been such that the townspeople would have been only too glad to have the tower pulled down, especially so when the bells were so heavy. But such has been the standard of ringing, and such its regulation, that people have only learned to love their bells. Maybe these bells have not figured often on the peal records, and maybe, too, that is to their credit. But the fact that few peals have ever been rung on them does not mean that the ringers are inapt. Far from it. In the old days before the war there was a band that could ring with perfect rhythm long touches of Kent or Stedman for service, and practice nights were devoted to perfecting their 'calling' on handbells.

At the beginning of the 1914 war, when most of the able ringers went to the Front, a band of boys and girls was trained to perfect striking, and I was the only pupil who had to leave home and the tower before I learned change-ringing. William Robinson was captain in those days, and for many years after: a great tower of a man who had few other interests in life than the bells he kept so well. He would stand there ringing with his eyes shut, conducting a touch of this or that. But at the first hint of bad striking he would appear to wake up, tell every ringer where his or her bell should be, and then, when everything had settled down into perfect rhythm again, he

would relapse into his customary manner of appearing to shut his eyes. William Robinson had a terrific voice, and never failed to use it to the full when calling a bob or a single; and if the striking was just not perfect, whether it be rounds or changes, he would shout out: 'The whole town is listening'—as indeed it well could be. But William Robinson did not confine his ringing to the belfry only. He took pains to let everybody know just why the bells were rung and who rang them. I think there was not a person in the town who did not know that William Robinson was captain of the ringers and respected him for it.

When I had a shilling on a Sunday evening in summer, it was my delight to take a boat out on the lake and row down about a mile and listen to the bells. There was one spot where, if the weather was calm, one could hear the bells of Hawkshead, Bowness, Brathay and St. Mary's. They were all very beautiful coming over the water in the calm of a summer evening, the light, musical six of Brathay deserving special mention; but the eight of St. Mary's, with all their majesty, dominated the scene—and we had been taught to understand and enjoy them.

HENRY ALLEN.

HECKINGTON BELLS

Dawn, dusk, morning; mourning and marriage;
Out of the shadows, o'er meadows it gathers and swells:
Praise-rung, praise-rung: hearse-drawn, arm-borne or carriage:
Wheel-whirring, bronze-beating, hark! hark to the bells.

Brazen-brinded, feeble-and-fear-fainting arms bend:
Send, farmer and architect, schoolteacher and clergyman, praise;
Raise hands to the sally; ring, swing on the end,
End of a rope, hope rising with laud: Lord attend to our lays.

High-hung, swung-in-the-tower, powerful and ponderous peal,
Steal to the skies, feel for our ears: ears that have closed with our eyes:
Open our drums with thy drumming, aye, and our eye, blinded, unseal:
With the sonorous beat may our hearts, Father, farther than earthliness rise.

Slowly the ringers arrive: one, two, and, Ah! three:
Heave on the tenor dull, pull with the rolled-up sleeve;
The expert ear of the connoisseur listens to Edgar and me:
Strike, pull: full on the sally: rally your forces and heave.

Opens the door; more of the band on the stair stand
Maidenly motionless: worn by the winding ascent:
Late: wait for the word; heard, unglove the hand,
Hearts heaving: leaving their gentleness, delicate arms are now bent.

Hark! there's a sound on the stone, blown by the wind-whistling blast;
Fast up the flight clatters and chatters the sound of strong men:
Brothers: farmers three; toil of the working-day past,
Ringing the praise o'er the cornfield, o'er houses, o'er fen.

Turret, tower, timber rock: reck but the height;
Bell, wheel, rope swing: wing the songs on their flight:
Flight to the Kingdom of Peace, to the realms of the Light:
But here, here in the World, hurled on us, all, all is a night.

Only the star-in-a-velvet, sweet-studded sky thrones Love:
Christ-love, Lover of men: Saviour of the wrong-wrecked World;
Only the bells are our prayer to our Lover: Our Dove:
Oh, see! see in the heavens Christ's gem-spangled banner unfurled.

No, I'll not, Lord of all truth, ruth of all men, not despair;
My twofold tongue, in the darkness, shall utter the name of a Friend;
Blending its music with spheres. Years shall but vanish in air:
Care, Peace I shall claim: Lord of all hope, be my End.

R. BROWN.

TEN BELL PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
ALAN J. FROST 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 8
*SUSAN JACKSON 4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 9
ALAN F. THIRST 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* 100th peal. First of Royal on the bells since recasting.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
GEORGE BUTCHER 2	JOSEPH MARKS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 8
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 4	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
MAXWELL OAKSHETT .. 5	JOHN EUSTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

Rung to celebrate Reuben Sanders' 85th birthday, and it was his 650th peal. He rang the sixth bell in 1908 to his first peal of Stedman Caters, and the composition is the same. Also 5,053 represents the conductor's 53 years as a ringer at St. Margaret's and 43 as captain.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (sixth observation).

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON .. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA 5
MRS. C. N. LEA 2	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 6
ERIC N. HARRISON 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	*COLIN HAMMOND .. Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND P. CROWDY.

* First peal. First in the method as conductor.

A compliment to Mr. George S. Deas, hon. secretary of the Northern District, and Miss Margaret McCartney, who were married the previous Saturday.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

FRANK GILBERT Treble	*DAVID J. FORDER 5
MAURICE J. BUTLER 2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 6
JOHN H. GILBERT 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
REGINALD A. REED 4	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Reed has now 'circled the tower.'

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Lewisham District.)

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

KENNETH D. SMALL .. Treble	*BRENDA U. SLARK 5
*EDWARD J. COODE 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER .. 6
W/O2 GEORGE B. BEEBE .. 3	FREDERICK J. HURRELL .. 7
JIM HURRELL 4	ROBIN E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRENDA U. SLARK.

* First peal. First as conductor. First peal for the Sunday service band.

Dedicated to the memory of Geoffrey John Hurrell, who was a member of the above tower.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR IN THE CITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation.

Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD 5
*SHEILA C. BLACKWELL .. 2	*D. JOHN HUNT 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
FRANK D. MACK 4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Triples and of Stedman.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*PETER A. SHARP .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
MARY C. PAYNE 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDELA.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HAROLD E. McDONALD .. Treble	†WILLIAM A. PATTERSON .. 5
REV. JOHN J. FIELDING .. 2	FRANK E. FAGG 6
WILLIAM HALL 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 7
JEAN STEWART 4	HARRY BROWN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal. First of Plain Bob Major. First on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. N. Hall on his wedding, and a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Association. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Smyth on the birth of a son.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	†PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 5
†JILL MAYES 2	†GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 6
†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	†JACK S. DEAR 7
†J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 400th peal. † First in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOAN BACON (13) .. Treble	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 5
†GEORGE COUSSINS 2	†RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 6
†RICHARD DEAN 3	†HOWARD OGLESBY .. 7
†MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. First as conductor in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ALAN A. ELSMORE .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
*ERIC E. SPEAKE 2	PETER BORDER 6
*J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of 6-Spliced. First of 6-Spliced for the Society, and on the bells.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Treble	JOHN VERNON 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	ROBIN G. TURNER Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
ROLAND BIGGS Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
*SHEILA WALLACE 2	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 6
SYDNEY M. BAILLY 3	JOHN D. KAPE 7
*ROGER HAZELL 4	ARTHUR FOXALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman. A. Foxall has now 'circled the tower.'

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*TONY FASEY Treble	ALBERT E. MORGAN .. 5
CHARLES PEAKMAN 2	FREDERICK E. JUKES .. 6
†C. FREDERICK JUKES .. 3	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. 7
‡MICHAEL WRIGHT 4	*FREDERICK PRESTON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FREDERICK JUKES.

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Association. ‡ First 'inside.' First on the bells by the regular Sunday service ringers.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

D. MARY WARD Treble	PETER BERESFORD 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	*ANTHONY A. AGER 6
MICHAEL ELSON 3	EDMUND MALIN 7
*JEFFREY B. WEBB 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of 4-Spliced.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Cadoc,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
*DAVID PIKE Treble	GEORGE DAVIS 5
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	W. GWYNNE JONES 6
SELWYN DEARDEN 3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
DONALD G. CLARKE 4	DAVID J. KING Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on eight.

Rung on the 70th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

LESLIE T. OLIFFE Treble	ERNEST J. HILL 5
*BERNARD J. COGGINS .. 2	†DAVID J. SMITH 6
*EDWIN J. TOWNSEND .. 3	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	WILLIAM J. DIXON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

A farewell peal to the Rev. Canon R. F. Bale, Rector of this parish for 16 years.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,944 changes of London, 640 of Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. A. SECKER (Girton) .. Treble	*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 5
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 2	*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 6
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. 3	*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
*J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER.

Conducted by H. NEILL.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5184 CHISLEHURST-SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ISOBEL INMAN Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
IAN H. ORAM 2	ROBERT COLLINS 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	RALPH BIRD 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 151st peal together. First in the method.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
*CATHERINE M. POWELL (14) .. 2	PETER J. JACKSON 6
†CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. 7
†BRUCE C. PIPER 4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First of Major.

Rung as a 46th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

KENNETH ARTHUR Treble	CHARLES N. LEA 5
MRS. C. N. LEA 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
*ROBERT TELFORD 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal of Major on a working bell.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
PETER F. BORER Treble	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
JOAN BÉRESFORD 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
RALPH BIRD 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	ALBERT E. BEANEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 650th peal.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. Treble	LEONARD GOODALL 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	CYRIL RUSBY 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*FRANK TAYLOR Treble	†TREVOR LEWIS 5
DAVID J. KING 2	†ROBERT E. COLES 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	GEORGE DAVIS 7
†SELWYN DEARDEN .. 4	*ROBIN LEE Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Thomas, of Cowbridge.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	ERNEST H. JOHNSON 5
LESLIE L. WILLIS 2	W. ARNOLD MORLEY 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	GORDON H. LANE 7
MICHAEL E. BLORE 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The composition contains Queens, Whittington's, Tittums, all the 7468's, 7568's, 6478's, 6578's and 5678's, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 16 cwt. 20 lb.
*FRED BENNETT Treble	†DOUGLAS THORP 5
†B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	†IRVIN SLACK 6
†PERCY WHITAKER 3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. 7
†WILLIAM DIXON 4	HARRY WARD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal of Triples in the method. † First in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
HAROLD J. MUNCEY Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 4
GEORGE E. CRISP 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's College Bob.

RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE 4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 2	WILLIAM T. COOK 5
JOHN SCHOFIELD 3	MICHAEL HATCHETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.
*ANDREW A. PLEDGER .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 4
†GEORGE HEYHOE 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 5
PETER J. WOODCOCK 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

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

ELM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

*HAROLD J. REEVE Treble	JOHN V. TEMPLE 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	GRAHAM J. MANN 5
M. ROLAND REED 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

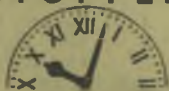
In nine methods, being one extent each of London, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Double and Reverse, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford.

JOE HOBBS Treble	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	*†BRIAN M. BARKER 5
WALTER AYRE 3	*EDWIN J. UPTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'inside' in more than seven methods. † First 720's of the first five.

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FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN H. BENNETT .. Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
GEORGE SCOTT (81) .. 2	†RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3	†LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

* First peal. † 50th peal together.

HAWKRIDGE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CHARLES H. J. ARSCOTT Treble	*RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT .. 4
*LESLIE H. ARSCOTT .. 2	*ALEXANDER R. JONES .. 5
CLAUDE W. J. TARR .. 3	HENRY W. LLOYD .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. LLOYD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 120's (ten callings).

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*WILLIAM H. ALLPORT .. Treble	*THELMA I. BOWCUTT .. 3
†ROGER HARRIS .. 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE .. 4
†RAYMOND D. HART .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Grandsire.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SHEILA A. KEYTE .. Treble	LEONARD MILLS .. 4
MICHAEL SELBY .. 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 5
WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 3	J. ALFRED SELBY .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and of Stedman by all but the conductor. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Association.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Jan. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PATRICIA E. BUSS .. Treble	GEORGE FRY .. 4
†CYRIL W. HANCOCK .. 2	KEVIN S. HOHL .. 5
STANLEY JENNER .. 3	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

In memoriam Mr. Harry Goodwin, late of Shipbourne, for many years a staunch member of the Tonbridge District, K.C.A.

ODELL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Jan. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

COLIN PAYNE .. Tenor	ROBERT L. PIRON .. 4
*ANNE E. AMOR .. 2	ARTHUR GIBBS .. 5
BRYAN PATTISON .. 3	JOHN B. LONG .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the Feast of the Epiphany.

COSGROVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*ROBIN H. ROGERS .. Treble	†ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 4
*PATRICIA A. NEESHAM .. 2	†HARRY E. CURTIS .. 5
†PATRICIA F. CURTIS .. 3	ALAN C. COZENS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung for Epiphany.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Norwich Surprise and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

E. JACK PARISH .. Treble	ALBERT CLEMENTS .. 4
R. FRANK BAKER .. 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
FRANK R. NICHOLLS .. 3	*WILLIAM RANSOME .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM RANSOME.

* First peal.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, one of Reverse Canterbury, one of Double Oxford and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

LIONEL H. PINK .. Treble	*PETER E. CUMBERLAND .. 4
*BRIAN P. MOGG .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. 5
*PHILIP W. MOGG .. 3	*ALBERT E. WOODS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal in five methods.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*PAUL W. WEBB .. Treble	†IAN D. THOMPSON .. 4
ALEX SIMPSON .. 2	‡ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 5
†ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on six bells. † First of Minor and first 'inside.'

‡ First in two Minor methods.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and six of April Day.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

HARRY WAND .. Treble	PETER HILL .. 3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	*EDGAR E. COLE .. 4
JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Doubles.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BERNARD GROVES .. Treble	BASIL JONES .. 4
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5
CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

A 'coming-of-age' compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

YORK.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ACOMB,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*MICHAEL MASKILL .. Treble	*MARGARET E. WILKINSON .. 4
†SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 2	*JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 5
*COLIN REEVES .. 3	†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in more than one method. † 25th peal together.

A birthday compliment to David Thorley.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

HENRY C. WEAVER .. Treble	BRIAN J. LUFF .. 4
DOROTHY M. SAUNDERS .. 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 5
FRANK BROOKS .. 3	LEONARD STILLWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILLWELL.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 1—2 | †ALAN SHEPPARD 3—4
*JOHN POTTS 5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First in the method away from 5-6. First in the method as conductor.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT BANK HOUSE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 16 in C.
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 1—2 | JOHN R. SMITH 3—4
†MRS. J. R. SMITH 5—6

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First of Minor 'in hand.'

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT 6, THE GREEN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.
*†DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1—2 | HARRY POYNER 5—6
JOHN A. ACRES 3—4 | ERNEST MORRIS 7—8
††B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten handbells. First on ten bells as conductor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Jan. 6, 1959, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Grandsire. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. J. R. RENDER 1—2 | KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS 5—6
Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., Jan. 11, 1959, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT 72, WORLD'S END ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 1—2 | *JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3—4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5—6
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Robert B. Smith, of Marple, Cheshire.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Jan. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT CAMPANA, ROLLESTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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HALF PEAL

BLACKROD, LANCS.—On Jan. 10th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: D. Leah 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, K. W. Cooke 3, Margaret Wheat 4, A. Sharples (cond.) 5, H. M. Breary 6. A birthday compliment to Barbara Cooke.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with tenor and treble covering): T. J. Froley 1, S. Henson 2, J. Hale 3, W. T. Petty (cond.) 4, E. M. Smith 5, D. W. Davies 6, D. L. Hughes 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Groom, of Cowbridge.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. G. Orbell 1, D. Couperthwaite (first 'inside') 2, Miss D. Fuller 3, M. J. Lawrence 4, W. J. Couperthwaite 5, C. F. Sargeant 6, A. G. Fuller 7, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Sargeant 1, D. Couperthwaite 2, M. J. Tester (first of Major) 3, W. J. Couperthwaite 4, A. G. Orbell 5, M. J. Lawrence 6, A. G. Fuller 7, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Spliced Kent and Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: A. Butler 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. J. Stockbridge 3, T. O. Phillimore 4, B. J. Luck 5, L. V. Chamberlain 6. First in three methods 2, 3 and 4. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Unwin, the 83rd birthday of Mr. A. Wyborn, the birthday of Mrs. E. Philpott and a welcome to the infant son (Martyn) of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Chatfield.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL, GLOS.—On Jan. 8th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Rawlings 1, F. D. Mack 2, Joan Gray 3, Rev. R. G. Bryant 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, H. S. Gregory 6, A. T. W. Cleaver (cond.) 7, W. F. Bonner 8. Rung on the 90th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Boyle 1, L. Rook 2, R. Gubb 3, D. Jewell 4, L. Walters 5, C. Rook 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, A. Smallbridge 8. For the birthday of Gerald Walters. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Rook 1, L. Walters 2, F. Yeo 3, R. Gubb 4, C. Rook 5, D. Jewell 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, A. Smallbridge 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Howlett 1, Ann Miles 2, M. Jennings 3, G. Jennings 4, S. Arnold (cond.) 5, T. Gregory (first quarter) 6, W. Slaughter 7, W. Taylor 8. A welcome to the Rev. G. C. Earwaker, newly-appointed Rector, and for his induction service.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. B. Stennitt 1, E. Walklate 2, Patricia A. M. Forster 3, C. W. Walklate 4, C. Walklate 5, M. A. Blore 6, G. A. Halls 7, S. Walklate 8. For Evensong.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Luxton (first quarter) 1, C. Savage 2, J. Glanville (cond.) 3, M. J. Board 4, J. Quick 5, G. Snow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. H. Snow.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Bourne, 576 Cambridge): Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. M. Smith 1, R. H. C. Johnson 2, Diana J. Perrins 3, Elizabeth M. Yardley (cond.) 4, I. D. Thompson 5, A. N. Stubbs 6, B. J. Woodruffe 7, D. Harrabin 8. First of Stedman for 2, 5, 6 and 8. For evening service.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, R. Mills (first 'inside') 2, F. Bradley 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, D. Armstrong (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 4 and 5.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Webb 1, C. J. Turner 2, W. Webb 3, C. C. Turner 4, E. E. Retter 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, G. C. Woodley 8. Rung by four fathers and four sons.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, D. F. Gain 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): G. Mansbridge 1, M. Rosemary Brown 2, Joyce Walsh 3, Rev. G. Saunders 4, S. W. Brown 5, M. Woodbridge 6, H. W. Brown (cond.) 7, D. Robinson 8. First quarter 6 and 8. First quarter by local Sunday service band for many years. A farewell compliment to the Rev. G. Saunders on his appointment to the living of Aldingbourne.

KINGSOWN, BRISTOL, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,312 Superlative Surprise Major: Sheila D. Blackwell 1, Monica H. Horsemann 2, F. D. Mack 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper 5, M. J. Horsemann 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert (first in method as cond.) 8. First in the method by all except 8.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. H. Morris 1, Mrs. P. Cross 2, E. Russell 3, A. F. Cheasley 4, A. P. Cannon 5, T. A. Cross (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Enelard 1, F. C. Phillips 2, J. Cox 3, E. Cox 4, A. T. Poulton (cond.) 5, C. H. Cox 6. Rung for the 91st birthday of the Rev. C. L. Money-Kyrle (late Vicar of the parish for 30 years), and a birthday compliment to the second ring.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Penelope Darnell 1, Valerie Hawkins 2, G. Olliver (cond.) 3, Nancy Kempell 4, A. R. C. Clarke 5, S. Smith 6. For Evensong.

OTTERSLOW, SURREY.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Push (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss H. Pugh (first as cond.) 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin 5, B. Priestley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Commander H. Evitt, late churchwarden.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Ivin 1, Jean M. Addicot 2, J. G. Pusey 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, R. A. Jackson 5, J. H. Pailing (cond.) 6. Also at St. Mary-the-Virgin Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Christine M. Woodward 1, Molly Tilbury 2, J. G. Pusey 3, D. T. Darby 4, J. H. Pailing 5, F. A. Barrett 6. Conducted by S. Ivin. For evening service.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, Monica Horsemann 2, D. J. Hunt 3, A. F. Lee 4, M. J. Horsemann 5, J. Brain 6. Probably the first quarter of Surprise on the bells.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, G. Sandwell 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, H. Worboys 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. For Evensong.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen M. Wright 1, T. Taylor (cond.) 2, F. Shallcross 3, D. F. C. Malloch 4, J. P. Partington 5, M. D. Fishwick 6, N. Bennett 7, D. F. Yates 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. E. Jones (16) 1, Miss C. M. Gibbs (15) 2, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 3, J. E. Wightman 4, C. W. Barlow 5, H. Goodey 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong and as a farewell to J. E. Wightman.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. E. Hayter 1, Miss A. M. Bailey 2, Miss P. Doorn 3, R. D. Hayden 4, E. Edmundson 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6, G. Penney 7, E. J. Rochester 8.

SHOULDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Bridges 1, W. W. Cousins 2, V. Bowen 3, E. H. Mastin 4, E. Barker (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, which was rung at this church.

SIBSEY, Lincs.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Olga Elmett (first quarter) 1, J. H. Taylor (first of Major 'inside') 2, W. Wilkinson 3, B. A. Hunt (first of Major 'inside') 4, T. Cummins 5, A. E. Flatters 6, J. W. Elmett 7, D. Smith (first as cond.) 8.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. H. G. Monckton 1, G. E. Monckton 2, J. Cornelius 3, B. Deane 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, P. Baker (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Michael D. Lewis (now at Salisbury) from his home tower.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Dinsdale 1, C. L. Powderill 2, E. Morris 3, A. J. Poyner 4, R. K. Stretton 5, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 6. For Epiphany.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Wykes 1, G. Wykes 2, Jill Putnam 3, J. Griffen 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Bannister, ringer in this tower for many years, and previously of Kingshorpe.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. A. Evans (first of Minor) 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, D. G. Pickett (first of Minor 'inside') 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, M. G. Lane 6. First of Minor by local hand. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob): L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, D. G. Pickett 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob): D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, S. Gamble 4, M. G. Lane 5, K. E. Young (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 4th, at Immanuel Church, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, G. Parsons 2, W. Wilson 3, J. Cook 4, E. Talbot 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Wood 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Winifred Millen 1, Mary Meynell 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, Violet I. E. Relf 4, A. E. Beane 5, W. H. Prior 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, A. E. Gorham 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding this day of the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. W. Marcon, M.A.) to Miss Margery Hazell, at Smallhythe, Kent.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Hart 1, R. Christopher 2, Miss S. Davis 3, R. W. Rex 4, H. Lawrenson 5, D. Muttram 6, G. Wiggins 7, H. P. Reece (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Patricia Gaunt (a member of the local band) and Dennis Woodward-Smith.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet C. Aldous (first quarter) 1, Freda A. M. Frost 2, W. G. Heyhoe 3, S. H. Waterfield 4, P. J. Woodcock (first as cond.) 5, H. J. Larwood 6.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (600 Kent, 720 Oxford): J. Lynch 1, H. Wood 2, D. Scarill (cond.) 3, F. Shaw 4, O. Coulthard 5, H. Wood 6. For Evensong, and also for the 50th anniversary of the Barnsley and District Society.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cadwallader (first of Minor) 1, H. L. Wykes 2, M. Roote 3, R. A. Jackson 4, D. Darby 5, J. Pawley (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (three covering bells): D. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Macbeth (first 'inside') 2, R. Chapman (cond., first Grandsire Doubles) 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. Stainby (first Grandsire Doubles) 5, Miss J. Whitcher 6, H. Duncan 7, P. Laws (first quarter) 8. For the 18th birthday of Miss J. Macbeth.

WANBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Pearce 1, Mrs. L. F. Love 2, L. J. Rutt 3, F. J. S. Pearce 4, F. Cook (cond.) 5, K. Fuller 6. A 70th birthday compliment to the captain, Mr. F. W. Pearce, also to mark his 40th year as a ringer in Wanborough tower.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (72 singles): C. Scott 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, D. Jackson 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Brainerd Delight Minor: K. Ballington 1, Miss J. Mayes 2, K. Dunstan 3, A. Rushton 4, J. Sinfield 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. Believed first quarter in the method.

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After over 40 years of ringing, Mr. W. (Bill) Ransome, Somersham, Hunts, rang his first peal, which he also conducted. This was achieved at the first attempt at Holywell on January 10th. It was only after much talk from other ringers that he consented to have a go, and the result was a well-struck peal. The rest of the band congratulated 'Bill,' and hope it will not be another 40 years before he has another go!

From February 11th the telephone number of Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, will be Crayford 26989.

Will the sender for quarter peal cards at Amersham please send his name and address.

The peal rung at Over on December 24th (see page 52) was Cambridge Surprise Major and not Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Mr. Basil Jones has now rung peals of Oxford from Minor to Maximus. He left the Minor to last—at Marple on January 10th.

Miss Catherine M. Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon, is making a name for herself as a young peal ringer. She rang her first peal of Cambridge for her 15th birthday.

Mr. John A. Acres inquires whether the 35 peals he lost qualify him for membership of the Rabbits' Guild? By the way, this Guild has had another meeting, and we hope to publish shortly a report of their proceedings.

Soham Grammar School has a handbell club, run by Mr. Richard J. Housden. Two of the members who started last September have now rung their first handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor.

The 'St. Nicolas', Guildford, ringers have had to say a temporary farewell to Miss Ann Cox, who is going to Worcester shortly. Mr. E. John Wells, who has recently moved to Guildford, was elected captain at the annual meeting held on January 26th.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District, contains a scoop in its January issue in a report of the Kent County Association's dinner at Maidstone on November 28th, written by the general secretary. Although the 'R. W.' Editor asked for a report, as he had another engagement, this has been reserved for 'The Belfry.' The president of the Central Council attended and spoke on the Sunday Service Survey.

Will the owner of the scarf lost at the annual meeting of the Monmouth District write to G. Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.

Ringling at Radyr, near Cardiff, the subject of residents' complaints, has been restricted to Sunday evening service and a practice once a week. Residents wanted a total ban.

Eighty-one year old Mr. Harry Wand rang in a peal at Market Overton, Rutland, on January 10th. Afterwards he and Mrs. Wand hospitably entertained the band to tea.

Mr. L. H. Bywaters has through health and personal reasons given up the office of secretary of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association. Mr. A. S. Smith, of Biggleswade, is his successor.

Missionary work from Slough is converting Langley, Bucks, from a 'stoney' to a change-ringing tower. Mr. James Allgrove has rung his first quarter and three of the band can hunt the treble.

To call Holt's Original is an achievement. To call it while ringing your first peal is an event which makes ringing history. This was performed by Miss Brenda U. Slack, at Eltham, Kent, on January 3rd. May we add our congratulations to the many. It is unquestionably a 'first' in many directions. And what is more pleasing is that it was rung by the Sunday service band. Miss Slack's future performances will be watched with interest.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1958

Honour To Derbyshire

HEADING our list of peal ringers for 1958 is Mr. Derek P. Jones, with a total of 119 peals, all of which have been rung on tower bells. Of this total Mr. Jones conducted 76, and this makes him the leading conductor of the year.

A native of Hertfordshire, Mr. Jones started ringing at St. Mary's, Hitchin, at the age of 13, which is nearly 22 years ago. He rang his first peal (on handbells) during the war while at Oxford University, under the influence of Mr. John E. Spice. He took up school-teaching after four years in the R.A.M.C., and has been in Derbyshire for nearly five years, ringing until recently at Derby Cathedral, but is shortly to instruct the band for the new ring at Church Gresley. His peal total is just under 400, and nearly all of these have been rung from 1954 onwards.

Another Derbyshire ringer, Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, of Fairfield, who is now at Birmingham University, is second on the list. He reached his century with 40 minutes to spare! To Mr. Woodruffe goes the distinction of ringing the most handbell peals in the year (38). Of his peals he conducted 72.

Mr. John A. Acres, of Leicester, who headed the 1957 list with an even century, has 84 to his credit this year, and is placed third. He lost 35 peals and 19 other attempts were either postponed or cancelled due to bad weather or other causes.

Mr. Philip Mehew, of Stotfold, Beds, rang 80 peals, all on tower bells, and he was closely followed by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking, with 79 (conducted 41). Mr. Cannon rang his peals in 73 different towers. The year 1958 was a good one for Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, whose 74 peals will help him towards the 2,000 mark.

This has been a memorable year for Miss Patricia A. M. Forster, of Derby. The year of her engagement saw her as champion lady peal ringer, with a total of 52, all rung on tower bells. Second lady is Mrs. Ruth M. Border, of Coventry, with 47.

Our list is not complete—several well-known ringers have not submitted their totals.

Peals conducted are in brackets.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Derek P. Jones ..	119 (76)		119
Brian J. Woodruffe ..	62 (36)	38 (36)	100
John A. Acres ..	63 (2)	21 (6)	84
Philip Mehew ..	80		80
A. Patrick Cannon ..	79 (41)		79
Ernest Morris ..	57 (6)	17	74
J. W. Cotton ..	73		73
G. E. Fearn ..	69 (9)		69
H. William Barrett ..	63 (6)		63
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	56 (2)	7	63
John R. Mayne ..	62 (49)	1 (1)	63
Brian G. Warwick ..	51 (50)	7 (4)	58
Gordon A. Halls ..	57 (10)		57
Ernest J. Jelley ..	57		57
Frank Osbaldiston ..	41	15	56
Peter Border ..	54 (41)	1	55
William H. Dowse ..	39	16 (1)	55
John A. Anderson ..	54		54
Brian Harris ..	53 (8)		53
Patricia A. M. Forster ..	52 (1)		52
Robert B. Smith ..	46 (4)	6 (2)	52
Ian M. Holland ..	50 (19)	1	51
J. R. Kennett ..	31 (1)	19	50
E. T. Chapman ..	49 (14)		49
T. J. Lock ..	47 (16)	2	49
Ruth M. Border ..	47		47
Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	47 (5)		47
K. R. Dunstan ..	47		47
Leslie Boughphey ..	46		46
J. Pinfold ..	45		45



MR. DEREK P. JONES

John Worth ..	43 (19)	43
J. Pailing ..	41 (11)	41
Alan J. Frost ..	40	40
Trevor N. J. Bailey ..	39 (5)	39
Cyril A. Wratten ..	36 (9)	3 (3) 39
Diana J. Perrins ..	33	3 36
Bryan Pattison ..	36 (19)	36
H. David Holland ..	35 (1)	35
John M. Jelley ..	27 (5)	7 (3) 34
P. G. K. Davies ..	33	33
D. H. Niblett ..	32 (11)	1 33
R. S. Morris ..	32	1 33
Norman J. Goodman ..	32	32
John R. Cooper ..	31 (2)	31
W. L. Exton ..	31 (23)	31
G. Pearson ..	31 (2)	31
Norman Smith ..	30 (10)	30
J. Martin Thorley ..	27 (10)	3 (3) 30
R. Bettley-Cooke ..	27 (11)	2 29
T. Cullingworth ..	29 (11)	29
Mary C. Payne ..	29	29
Ian H. Oram ..	29 (4)	29
A. V. Pearson ..	28 (14)	28
Alan R. Pink ..	28 (22)	28
William Rogers ..	28 (16*)	28
James H. Musson ..	27 (24)	27
P. Brent-Wherry ..	10	16 26
Ernest J. Ladd ..	26 (12)	26
F. W. Midwinter ..	26	26
T. E. Sone ..	26 (8)	26
Michael R. Bennett ..	25	25
P. A. Corby ..	25 (16)	25

* One silent peal.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The annual meeting of the Society was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 17th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Martin's and St. James', Clerkenwell, followed by an excellent tea in the St. Martin's canteen.

The business meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall, presided over by the Master (Mr. F. J. Cullum). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. Audsley, E. Barnett, G. Cross and R. Newman.

The secretary (Mr. A. W. J. Butler) in his report stated that only four peals had been recorded by the Society during the year: Yorkshire Surprise Major at East Meon (conducted by R. Baldwin), Stedman Cinques at Lincoln (conducted by J. Millhouse), Erin Caters at Hillingdon and Erin Triples at Erith (both conducted by T. Francis). The peal at Lincoln was deserving of special mention since it was the first peal of Cinques to be rung for the Society by an entirely provincial band. Twenty-seven new members had been elected during the year—less than the previous year, but there were several potential members in the offing.

Quarterly meetings had been held at Bexley and Hatfield, and joint meetings with the South West District of the Essex Association at Prittlewell, the Middlesex County Association at Bishopsgate, and the Ancient Society of College Youths at Beddington. This was the highlight of the year and a most successful event: it was hoped that now that the two Societies had met together that they would do so again.

The Society had lost five members by death during the year: Messrs. G. F. Carter, J. L. Morris, D. Priestley and W. Sear, and, quite recently, Mrs. E. Beer. The meeting stood in silent tribute to their memory.

SUNDAY HELP WANTED

Service ringing at headquarters was being maintained, but some additional help would be welcomed at St. Martin's on Sunday mornings. The monthly practices had improved considerably, which was most gratifying.

The treasurer (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne) in his report said that although the accounts had not been finally audited, they showed a satisfactory state of affairs.

The following new members were elected: Mr. M. Carter (Finchley), Miss Anne Hull (Highgate), Mr. M. Lewis (East Finchley), Mr. D. Wilkinson (Northfleet), Miss Angela Martin (Liphook), Mr. E. Jenner and Mr. S. Jenner (Edenbridge), Mr. Ian Ogilvie (Golders Green) and Mr. J. Warner (Edenbridge).

Before vacating the chair, the Master intimated that he did not wish to stand for re-election. He said he had enjoyed his term of office but thought that the Mastership should go round. Mr. P. N. Bond was then elected Master, after a ballot, and said he was greatly honoured and would do his best for the Society during the coming year.

Other officers were elected as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. J. Butler; assistant secretary (to deal generally with dinner arrangements), Mr. F. J. Matthews; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. N. Stum; junior steward, Mr. I. Oram; trustees, Messrs. T. H. Francis and A. W. J. Butler; auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mrs. T. H. Francis. Mr. F. J. Cullum was elected as Central Council representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. L. Morris.

Mr. A. R. Ling was thanked for his past services as steward, and it was regretted that he could not continue to carry on.

Thanks were accorded to the ladies who had prepared the tea, to the Vicar of St. Martin's for the use of the bells and the hall, and to the Vicar of St. James', Clerkenwell, and Mr. W. Prockson and Miss M. Prockson for the use of the bells and having everything in readiness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Annual Meeting At Repton

The prevailing arctic conditions, with the country snowbound, restricted the attendance at the 13th annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at Repton on January 10th, but members and friends assembled from Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Winshill, Measham, Overseale, Newhall, Lulington, King's Bromley, Duffield, Derby, Chelaston and Nottingham.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Harcombe) and an address based on the history of bellringing was given by the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt. Bellringing, the Archdeacon said, was a witness in which ringers performed a specific work for Christ, and the art—now spreading—was traceable to well over 1,000 years B.C.

Following tea, prepared by the local lady ringers, the business meeting was held with Mr. W. H. Curson presiding.

Three ringing members from Winshill, one from St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, and one honorary member were elected before the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) presented the statement of accounts for 1958, showing a small deficit balance, due to a non-recurring item of expenditure.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in his report, spoke of the loss to the Guild by the passing of their president, the Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert, also W. J. Coxon, H. H. Hurdman and W. Bosworth. The members stood as a mark of respect. Guild membership was now 19 honorary and 109 ringing members.

During the year 33 peals had been rung at 14 towers in four counties and with eight conductors. Mr. D. P. Jones headed the list of conductors with a total of 24. Overseale, Pudsey, Braunstone, Biddenden and Ashted Surprise Major were recorded for the Guild for the first time. The hon. secretary and Mr. D. P. Jones were the Guild's leading peal ringers with 28 and 27 respectively. Personal 'milestones' were: J. W. Cotton 300 peals, W. F. Woodward 100, D. P. Jones and P. W. Grice 50 each.

Following the adoption of the reports, a discussion arose regarding a peal that was rung on a day when a meeting had been arranged and so did not conform to the rules of the Guild. It was mentioned that the peal was rung during the morning of the day in question, so did not interfere with the attendance at the meeting. It was proposed that the peal be withdrawn from the submitted list, but upon being put to the vote the proposition was defeated.

Election of officers: President, the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Foster; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. S. H. Jones, W. J. Leach, W. F. Woodward and W. G. Soar.

The meeting closed with the president expressing the Guild's thanks to the Vicar of Repton for conducting the service, for use of the bells and to the ladies who had prepared tea.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 60 ringers were present at the annual meeting of the South West Branch, held at Plympton St. Maurice on January 24th, and these included Mr. Maurice Atkins (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. W. Simmons (general treasurer), Mrs. Hood (the newly-appointed chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch) and Mr. Pearce and Mr. Sanguin (secretary and chairman respectively of the North West Branch). The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Sholto-Douglas). The business meeting followed tea.

Mr. T. G. Myers gave his report, which, he said, was not of the greatest encouragement. No peals had been rung, and only one quarter peal (at St. Andrew's). The highlight of the year was the ambitious and successful outing of Emmanuel ringers, when, leaving Plymouth on the Friday afternoon, ringing took place at Chewton Mendip that evening, six towers in Bristol were visited on the Saturday, and Burnham-on-Sea on the way home. Another very successful trip was arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collins, of Croydon. In his report as treasurer, Mr. Myers was able to report a satisfactory state of affairs, with a credit balance of nearly £30, including £3 6s. in the Instruction Account.

Election of officers resulted in all the retiring officers being unanimously re-elected, as follows: Chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel); hon. secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers (St. Andrew's); auditor, Mr. Owen Thomas (Emmanuel); representatives to General Council, Messrs. J. P. Sims (captain of Emmanuel ringers), Harold Milford and Fred Day; Press officer, Mr. H. H. Thomas.

A Guild certificate was presented to Miss Marks, of St. Budeaux, by the general secretary, Mr. Atkins. The Rector of Plympton St. Maurice was elected an honorary member.

After the usual thanks from the chair, Mr. Day stressed the importance of beginners being given precise instruction, particularly in regard to 'place finding.' He also said he thought the Ringers' Prayer should be said each Sunday, either by the Vicar or by the ringers' captain.

H. H. T.

TWO CANADIAN WEDDINGS

Last week's mail from Canada reported the weddings of two ringers who have associations with Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, B.C.

On June 24th Miss Mary Emmerton was married to Mr. David Barlow. The bride, who learned to ring at Christ Church, later left to study at Reading University, where she took part in the ringing at local towers. Since her return she has been lecturing at Norfolk House School and Victoria College. Mary is one of the most able and regular ringers at the Cathedral. A silver tray, suitably inscribed, was presented to her by the ringers.

The other wedding was of Lieut. T. Aikell, R.C.N., and Miss Marilene Brown, from Nova Scotia, which took place in the Naval Chapel in the R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, on November 1st. Lieut. Aikell always takes part in the ringing at Christ Church Cathedral when his ship is in port. After the wedding a reception was held in the 'Naden' wardroom, to which all the ringers were invited. A silver tray was also presented to Lieut. Aikell.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

The first quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Deal on January 17th.

The afternoon began well with some excellent ringing on the light six of St. Leonard's with a service touch of Cambridge. The Rector (the Rev. C. C. G. Tufton) conducted the short service in church.

Some 53 members took tea, most adequately supplied by the Mothers' Union and ringers.

The business meeting was presided by the Rev. S. Evens (curate at St. Lawrence's, Thanet), who deputised for the chairman.

Mr. B. J. Luck, secretary and treasurer, reported that a notable achievement of his office was the highest membership of all the Kent Districts. The loss of Barham and the gain of the tower of Boughton were reported. Twelve new members were elected, eight from the new tower. The District representative's report deplored that at the last committee meeting the business proceeded with such haste that discussion of various aspects of the agenda was not possible. This was due to arranging the dinner to follow, allowing only two hours for business. No doubt this will be avoided at future meetings.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for Ospringe (8) and the by-meeting for Elham (8). Dates will be advertised. The annual social was fixed for November 14th.

The collection at the service was given to the church, to be donated to a fund of the Rector's choosing.

T. C. P.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

About 85 ringers gathered at St. John's, Croydon, for the District annual meeting on January 24th. By 3.10 p.m. the bells were ringing in rounds, and touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Major were successfully rung. The Vicar (Canon Warren Hunt) conducted shortened Evensong and gave an address. This was followed by the unveiling and dedication of a new memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston, bell-founder and tuner. This tablet has been mounted above the doorway to the staircase of the ringing chamber. The unveiling was performed by Mrs. Johnston, who was accompanied by her son.

Meanwhile the Croydon ladies and friends had been preparing an excellent tea in the Silverdale Hall, to which a large company moved. Guests of honour were Mrs. Johnston and her family and the Vicar.

The business meeting followed, with the District Master in the chair. The annual report stated that the number of peals rung (29) was an increase of 61 per cent., quarter peals (104 in 20 towers) an increase of five per cent., and membership seven per cent. The standard in the striking competition was higher. Of the 254 members, 41 were in arrears with subscriptions.

The retiring officers were re-elected, but Mr. H. V. Young is replaced by the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall. The 1959 programme was adopted, and £2 6s. was collected for the Bell Fund.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I comment on the letter from Mr. A. R. Bridges in your issue of January 23rd? I take it we are only speaking of bell ringing when it occurs at the beginning of a broadcast service.

The problem here is that every moment extra which we give to bell-ringing takes away from the length of time allotted for the service itself. Though we know that there are many people in this country deeply interested in bell ringing, we feel that the primary object is to provide listeners with a religious service, and therefore, I believe rightly, we restrict the bell ringing actually broadcast to about one minute.

The other question which Mr. Bridges raises, why the church bells cannot be broadcast if the programme ends two or three minutes before time, is largely technical. When one programme has been broadcast by all transmitters throughout the country, and the programme that follows consists of separate broadcasts from different Regions, a number of complicated engineering processes are involved, and these cannot be moved forward a minute or two at a moment's notice.

There is no question of a possible confusion with the interval signal, as Mr. Bridges suggests.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. COBB,
Publicity Officer, B.B.C.

CHESHIRE MEN'S FOUR IN A DAY

Dear Sir,—May I offer my congratulations to the Cheshire men on ringing four peals of Surprise in a day, and especially to Mr. Basil Jones, who is a one-armed ringer.

Those ringers who have rung more than two peals in a day will realise the amount of stamina and staying power needed by a ringer who has the use of both arms: with only one arm this must be doubled, especially as the fast times would require even more hard work.

I think I am correct in assuming that this is a record for a one-armed ringer, and it is certainly one that will not be broken in a hurry.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Birstall, Leicestershire, on September 20th, 1958, as the composition rung was false to that method.

I offer my apologies to the band and to all others who may have been caused any inconvenience.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Wigston.

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I give notice of withdrawal of a peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'in hand,' rung at Leicester on October 21st, 1958, and published in 'The Ringing World' dated October 31st, 1958. I tender my apologies to the band, and at the same time wish to express my thanks to Mr. Shirley Burton for pointing out the error.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. STANFORTH.

Leicester.

TACKLED IN NAVAL FASHION

Dear Sir,—When the six bells of West Overton, near Marlborough, were rung last August for the wedding of the daughter of Capt. J. D. Mansfield-Robinson, C.B.E., R.N., they were heard for the first time for some years. It was then hoped that the bells would be rung regularly and the training of a young band was started.

As a result of an ill-advised attempt to clock the tenor, these efforts were halted. A rope tied to the clapper was lowered through the hole normally occupied by the proper rope, which was itself hauled up and thrown over the frame into the second's pit.

At a later date the second was pulled off, and as the bearing caps had been left unsecured, the resulting tangle caused the bell to jump out of its bearings. Fortunately, the frame offers little clearance, and the bell jammed after falling only a few inches. Presumably the culprits did not appreciate their narrow escape.

As in the case of so many country churches, there are many claims on the available money, and Capt. Mansfield-Robinson was determined to try to repair the damage on a self-help basis. With the aid of another officer and the writer, the bell (of four to five cwt.) was re-hoisted. In the absence of any knowledge of the principles of bell hanging, the problem was tackled using the methods which served to hoist out the best bower anchor in pre-war battleships. The bell was successfully rehung.

A week later the repaired wheel was replaced and a vast accumulation of jackdaws' nests removed from the bell chamber by the aspiring ringers—all local Scouts. Capt. Mansfield-Robinson is now learning to handle a bell at Winchester Cathedral, by kind permission of Mr. W. S. Lampard, and hopes that the village bells will soon be rung regularly for Sunday services.

I hope this will serve as a warning of the results of ignorant interference, and an encouragement to those faced with unusual problems.—Yours faithfully,

J. MERRITT.

Lt.-Comdr., R.N.

Worthy Down, near Winchester.

ODD AND EVEN PEALS

Dear Sir,—There are no C.C. Decisions relating to peals of Odd and Even. They have in the past accepted peals of (1) Doubles and Minor, (2) Triples and Major, (3) Caters and Royal.—Yours, etc.,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

CORRECTIONS

Peal of Minor at West Tarring (page 54) was rung on Saturday, December 27th.

Peal at Stoke Bishop (page 55) should read three extents Kent Treble Bob, four of Plain Bob.

The peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Bolton on January 1st (see page 53) was composed by Roger Baldwin.

LOOKING FORWARD WITH 'FATHER TIME'

Dear Sir,—What a wonderful 'Front Page' message our January 16th issue brought us from 'Father Time'! No name? What a pity!

There are I think, however, two comments worth the adding. First, to the footnote hope that Stephen Ivins and Pat Cannon would ring 50 peals together. Yes—both would get the big hand, but not, I hope, a big hat, unless in which to bury their differences rather than air them in these columns. It may have seemed funny at first but is now, I think, a little pathetic: for I heard one old-timer say that 'they've only to add a few cartoons and it could be called "The Ringers' Comic Cuts." Comic Cuts, indeed!

As to the second, must we, every first month of each year, read what some anonymous body thought of the Christmas morning ringing? What reader, or reader anywhere, needs to be told which ringing was good and which bad? Let us all remember one thing (and forget the rest) that from whichever tower the B.B.C. decides to broadcast, we shall hear the best ringing that that tower company can give us.

Let the ringing come from city and small country parish—for to the listener it is just 'bell a'ringing'—then it is all over—the time for comment has faded with 'Stand!'

We have read of the need for the 'Almighty Band'—(by the almighty—for the B.B.C. exclusively?). Yet when we get it the whole spirit of Christmas Day ringing—from the ringers' viewpoint—will be lost. (B.B.C., please note.) Read, too, of the introduction of some classy blood into a doubtful company for the occasion. Where is the Ringing Master who would stand down a recruit (provided, of course, he or she was not at all capable) to make way for Class—and how many members would he expect to turn up at the next ringing meeting if he did?

It was my pleasure to stand at Wymondham Abbey in the much criticised Christmas Day ringing of 1956 (comment—fair). We were passing, as many another company has done, and will again, through a lean time—we even had to borrow two ringers to make eight—but we rang, as we were asked, and rang our best. We had young 'uns'—(butterflies in tummies an' all) who wouldn't have missed it for worlds.

Let the bells ring out, then, for Christmas, 1959—for all the year—with power to elbows and mind of the learner—with power to patience and encouragement of the teacher; and with that precious gift, the ability to think on one's own faults. To nip differences in the bud, and to wear a small hat!—Yours, THOMAS E. SPIGHT.

WITHDRAWAL ASKED FOR

Dear Sir,—I note that in the last half column of rignarole published in your issue of January 16th and signed by Brian Warwick, there is no indication that he proposes to withdraw a peal which he now discovers to be false.

Apart from side-issues, failure to withdraw a peal known to be false savours of dishonesty, and brings no credit to those concerned.

The actions to be taken by the committees he mentions should be obvious.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

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LETTERS—Continued

SPICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Brian Warwick's letter about the peal of Spiced Cambridge and Superlative which he conducted at Hugglescote.

I would now like to explain my own position with regard to the calling of the same arrangement. During Mr. Lock's peal-ringing tour of Wiltshire in September, 1957, I was asked to call a peal of these two methods spliced, at Marshfield, Gloucester, and luckily Stephen Ivins was in the band, and before we started he asked me what arrangement I was calling and I said the one published by the Peals Collection Committee of the Central Council. He then pointed out to me that this would be false if I started with Cambridge and rang more Cambridge than Superlative, but he explained if you start with Superlative and ring each long course SCSCSCS and each short course SCCS, so that you ring more Superlative than Cambridge, then the peal would run true. This I did and the peal was rung and published.

Now going back a few years before this mistake was brought to light by Stephen Ivins by his letter in 'The Ringing World,' I called a peal in all good faith on Saturday, January 13th, 1951, at St. Denys', Rotherfield. This is apparently false, but I have not withdrawn as such because I feel as Brian Warwick does, that the onus falls on the Peals Collection Committee, and I also shall await their decision on the matter with interest. I wonder how many more conductors have been caught out and are keeping quiet: I must admit I wasn't going to do anything about it as it means altering all the Association's peal records of Sussex, and after all it is a Central Council publication.

In any case, as I've said before in a letter to 'The Ringing World' some years ago, any Spiced Surprise peal is 'suspect,' no matter how genuine the conductor may be, and in my opinion these should all be 'unpeired' the same as silent peals.

If my memory serves me right, about the same time Mr. Philip A. Corby, now of Sevenoaks, wrote a very good letter about Spiced Surprise peals—and who dares to doubt his integrity as a conductor? Perhaps Mr. Corby could get this question of spliced ringing put on the Central Council's agenda at Southport this Whitsun, and also a decision to let our peals stand as rung.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rotherfield, Sussex.

SPICED SURPRISE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—With reference to Brian G. Warwick's letter, I would point out that I wrote to 'The Ringing World' some time ago pointing out the falseness of the arrangement of Spiced Cambridge and Superlative in question, with the object of warning conductors so that they should not ring false peals unwittingly. A letter from W. E. Critchley followed in addition.

However, Brian Warwick is not the only one to have called it—I have found at least a dozen in back numbers of 'The Ringing World' which ought to have been withdrawn when I first wrote, but of course to mention names would be odious. The simplest check is to see whether more Cambridge was rung than Superlative—if so it appears that only Middleton's or the variations thereof with tenors together will run true.

We had the misfortune to ring a false peal at Oxford last year, in 10 methods, and some of us may remember that Harold Cashmore and his band rang a false peal of 12 Spiced 'in hand,' though neither of these were published. It is always disappointing in cases such as this, for the performance of the band is as praiseworthy as if the peal had been rung true.

A case in point is the peal rung 'in hand' by Peter Staniforth and his band (see 'Ringing World' of October 31st, 1958) of Spiced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, which will have to be withdrawn owing to a misunderstanding as to how the methods should be rung in the four-lead course produced by a 'before.' It seems most probable that this was due to carelessness on my part in writing down the arrangement to be used, and I should like to express public regret to those who took part, for on handbells this was a very noteworthy performance.—Yours sincerely,

Oxford.

STEPHEN IVIN.

CHISLEHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Much has been said on the subject of plagiarism and lack of originality in composition. It is therefore with a sense of nostalgic pride in the achievements of a brilliant young man, so lately taken from our midst, that I send to you for publication in due course the figures of a composition of Chislehurst Surprise Major.

As a method, Chislehurst is hardly worthy of a second glance and the falseness of the method is such that a peal is obtainable only by parting the tenors. In John Morris' composition the tenors are, in fact, parted for just under half the peal.

It seemed to me a pity that the skill and ingenuity employed in the production of these figures should go unremarked—hence this letter. I know of no short answer but it seems rather sad that the distortions of Hattersley's famous peal of Superlative which are so numerous these days should bear equal claim to 'Composed by . . .'.—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

5,184 CHISLEHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

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Rung at St Nicholas', Chislehurst, for the Kent County Association on January 13th, 1959.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

The inaugural meeting of the new Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. Giles', Lincoln, on January 17th. Officers elected were as follows: President, Mr. J. A. Freeman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Brown; Ringing Master, Mr. J. L. Millhouse; representative on Guild committee, Mr. J. Freeman.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers of the old Lincoln District.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
60 Years And Never Late

A presentation of a writing set was made at the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 17th, to Mr. Wm. T. Holding, of Crewe, who has completed 60 years as a Sunday service ringer.

The presentation was made by the chairman of the Crewe Branch (Rev. Francis G. Gentry).

Except at holiday times, Mr. Holding has been in the tower to take his rope without being absent or late throughout the 60 years.

He has been a ringer under nine incumbents. He began in 1898, when the Rev. G. Howson was Vicar. Mr. Holding says that his interest in bell-ringing is still as keen as ever, but with increasing years he finds it difficult to climb the 52 steps to the ringing room. He says that if the ropes could be lowered to ground level he would still be in his place twice each Sunday, but now can only hope to attend on special occasions.

Mr. Holding's interest in the church has not been confined to the helfry. He was a Sunday School teacher for 25 years, a churchwarden for eight years, and a sidesman for many years.

Mr. Holding, who was pleasantly surprised to receive the gift from his fellow ringers at Christ Church, Crewe, expressed his sorrow in having to make a break in the Sunday service ringing. He thanked his colleagues for the present and the kind thought behind it.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Kettering Branch was held on January 17th, about 60 members and visitors being present. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon H. G. L. Roberts), who in his sermon likened the life of the Church to ringing. Each activity in turn he said—servers, choir, Mothers' Union, men's group, ringers, youth organisations—had its part to play. Each had a turn 'at the lead.'

At the business meeting, presided over by the Guild president, all the officers were re-elected except that Mr. G. Wright replaced Mrs. B. Austin on the committee. Seven new members were elected, and a first peal certificate was presented to Miss D. Chapman, of Isham (received in her absence by Mr. A. Garley).

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Isham on April 11th and a practice at Pychley on February 4th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, has been elected a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association in succession to the late Mr. Percy J. Johnson who, at the time of his death in October, 1958, had held this office for 25 years. Mr. Barton's election is a fitting tribute to the many years of service which he has given to the Association, particularly in the office of peal secretary, a post which he held for 30 years up to 1950.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Despite a rather cold and unpleasant day, over 40 ringers and friends attended the annual District meeting of the St. Albans Branch on January 17th.

Ringing commenced at St. Peter's, where the 10 bells were kept going until 5 p.m.

After an excellent tea, provided by the local ladies, Mr. G. Dodds presided at the business meeting when once again Mr. S. Huckle was re-elected as District secretary, and Mr. J. D. Painter was elected as the new Ringing Master.

The business meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

Ringing continued at St. Stephen's, where the new ring of six was enjoyed by all.

M. D. F.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Chertsey District**

On January 17th the annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Oatlands, with ringing at Weybridge in the afternoon. About 35 ringers attended, including the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. C. Denyer), the hon. general secretary (Mr. S. Russell) and the peal recorder (Major Bragg).

After the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. B. McKitterick, M.A.), tea was served in the Church Hall. The business meeting followed, which was presided over by the Ringing Master. Mr. R. Collins and Mr. J. King were re-elected as District Ringing Master and Assistant Ringing Master respectively. Miss E. Loveland replaces Mrs. H. Stirland, who has recently left the district, as hon. secretary. Mr. W. Shepherd remains auditor, and Mr. T. Luxford was re-elected to the executive committee. It was also proposed that the Guild officers be nominated en bloc.

In his report Mr. R. Collins stated that the meetings held in 1958 had gained better support, with an average attendance of 40. Although membership was down by nine on the previous year, he thought this was mainly due to the fact that several members had failed to pay their subscriptions. A number of peals had been rung and seven people had gained their first peal. In reply, the chairman said he was very satisfied with the progress of the District and that he was most impressed with the success of the summer festival, which was revived last June after a number of years.

Fifteen new members were elected. The meeting concluded with a discussion of several topics of general interest to the Guild as a whole.

H. E. P.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

At the annual meeting, younger members of the East Grinstead Guild said that another dinner should be held, and were told by the committee, 'If you want a dinner you must arrange it yourselves.'

On January 10th this event took place at the Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, and what a success it was! The afternoon began, as usual, with ringing at St. Peter's Church, afterwards meeting in the bar of the hotel, before going upstairs for the meal and usual toasts. Then the young people really took charge. They gave several sketches and a comical fashion show, and the two girls sang songs and a duet. Afterwards there was handbell ringing and party games, one of which was identifying photographs of Kent and Sussex churches. It was surprising the number of mistakes that were made.

Everyone agreed that it was the best dinner ever held and it was decided to leave it to the youngsters in future. The stars of the show were Margaret Cadd, Ann George and Messrs. S. Jenner, G. Fry, B. Jeffrey and J. Warner, with Mrs. E. J. Gadd (the only adult) at the piano. The arrangements were made by Mr. E. Brunger.

C. A. B.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held their annual meeting at St. George's, Barking, on January 17th, when ringing, which ranged from call changes to Superlative, was under the direction of the District Master, Mr. L. W. Bullock.

At the business meeting, held in the belfry, officers elected were Messrs. L. Bullock, Master; L. W. Bullock, secretary; D. Hewitt, treasurer; G. Longdale, steward. Three of the local band were elected members. Evening ringing was at St. Mary's, Woodford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**South Oxon Branch**

Despite the inclement weather, over 40 members and visitors were present at a meeting of the South Oxon Branch at Thame on January 17th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. N. Middleton-Evans, assisted by Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild).

Tea was served in the Church Hall, after which a short business meeting was held.

Mr. T. Bowles, vice-chairman, presided, supported by the general secretary, Miss Cross; the hon. librarian, Mr. Roper; and the Deputy Master of the Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe.

Considerable discussion took place on the proposed revision of the boundaries of the Branches and the possibility of forming a new Branch.

Mr. H. Badger, Branch secretary, said that he intended to resign from that office at the next annual meeting, having now moved out of the district. The annual meeting will be held at Benson on April 18th.

Methods rung included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Bicester And District Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Ambrosden on January 10th and although it was a very cold day there was a very good attendance. Visitors came from Witney and Radley.

The fine eight bells at Ambrosden were rung to rounds, Doubles, Triples and Major methods. The Branch service, a shortened form of Evensong, was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Hugh Benson. Mr. David Smith read the lesson and Mrs. Harper was the organist. A ringers' tea was served by Mrs. Radcliffe and members of the Mothers' Union.

At the business meeting five new members were elected to the Guild and the next meeting was provisionally arranged for Launton on May 2nd or 9th.

The general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross) suggested that the young ringers were the best ones to recruit new members of their age to the towers in their area. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the ladies who provided the tea, Mr. D. Smith, Mrs. Harper, the hon. secretary and Mr. G. Taylor, the local captain.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION**Monmouth Branch**

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held at Abergavenny on January 10th. The very cold weather no doubt accounted for the 'poorer than usual' attendance. However, good use was made of this fine ring of ten bells, and a warm welcome was extended to the visitors from Hereford.

The choral service was conducted by Canon M. E. Davies, assisted by the Rev. Chris. Soraris. A very welcome tea was provided by the 'wives and ringers' of Abergavenny tower. These ladies were thanked by Mr. Davis, of Hereford Cathedral.

Present at the meeting was Mr. W. Horsington, Mayor of Abergavenny, and a ringer there for many years.

Mr. George Ward, tower captain at Abergavenny, was elected Branch Master. The secretary gave a favourable report of the past year and mentioned that 24 new members had been elected.

Lower Machen was chosen for the next meeting with Llangatlock-Viben-Avel as an alternative.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**Frome And Midsomer Norton Branch**

The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch was held at Chewton Mendip on January 10th. The bells were raised in peal and commenced with London Surprise Major and continued until 4.30 p.m.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Kingdom) conducted the service, with his wife as organist. Tea was partaken in the Village Hall with 73 persons present.

The business commenced with the chairman (the Rev. N. Mitchell, Radstock) calling attention to the small sum of money now being paid to the Association as affiliation fees and oftentimes paid by the ringers themselves. He felt that at least one guinea per annum should be the bounden duty of all Parochial Church Councils for the voluntary service given by the ringers in their various churches. There had been some response to this and the general committee was now introducing this idea into the other branches. A wholehearted response to this appeal would enhance the financial stability of the Association and enable them to make larger grants to bell restoration schemes.

Ringing friends were welcomed from the Gloucester and Bristol Guild, the Oxford Guild and from the distant territory of the Association.

Election of officers ensued:—The Rev. N. Mitchell, chairman; Mr. E. J. Chivers, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. G. Beck, Ringing Master. Mr. F. Savage was welcomed as the new Deputy Ringing Master instead of Mr. D. Hoare, who had taken on the responsibility of general secretary. The Rev. N. Mitchell proposed, seconded by Mr. D. Hoare, that the former chairman, Mr. J. T. Dyke, be elected as president of the Branch. This proposition was enthusiastically greeted by all members, whose earnest desire is that Mr. Dyke may once again be seen in their midst. Seven new members were also elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. H. P. Kingdom and the organist, Mr. H. Baber (local captain), his wife and her band of lady helpers for a bountiful tea. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

SIDDINGTON, GLOS

After being silent for approximately three years, the bells of St. Peter's Church, Siddington, have been refitted. A service was held on December 20th attended by ringers from a wide radius, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Emlyn Jones). Mention was made of the work done by Mr. J. Hope, who has been instrumental in raising most of the money needed for the repair of the bells. Mr. Hope, who is 82, is a native of Fairford, and has been a ringer all his life. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar. Mr. Hope raised the fund for the repair of Fairford bells in 1927.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting of the Sheffield and District Society, held on January 3rd, was well supported. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major were rung.

An enjoyable tea was provided by the local ringers, and after the business meeting ringing continued at Sheffield Cathedral. Here methods up to Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Maximus were rung. A reasonable standard of ringing was maintained throughout the evening and much help was given to learners.

The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on February 7th.

S. C.

OBITUARY

MR. T. PYLE

A members of the Lincoln Cathedral Company until about ten years ago, Mr. Tom Pyle has died at his home at Washingborough, Lincs, at the age of 83. After leaving the city, he continued to ring at his village church up to the end of his life. In his younger days he was a keen sportsman, and as well as playing cricket and taking part in athletics, he was a left-winger with Lincoln City F.C. 60 years ago. In the evening, following his funeral, ringers from Lincoln and Washingborough rang the bells muffled as a last tribute to an old friend.

MR. H. KNIGHT

We regret to announce that Mr. H. Knight, tower master at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, died on January 28th, aged 86 years.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe Branch

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 17th, when despite the atrocious weather, 70 members and visitors attended, representing 19 towers. The Guild Office was said by the Vicar (the Rev. Francis G. Gentry). Tea was kindly provided by the Church Council, and prepared and served by the ringers' wives, under Mrs. R. D. Langford.

At the business meeting, at which the hon. secretary (Mr. Wilfred Kerr) reported on the year's working, he said there had been a slight decline in peal ringing but an improvement in 'what mattered most,' Sunday service ringing. There had also been an increase in membership.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. Frank Stenson), in giving his report, called attention to arrears in active ringing members' subscriptions, and asked for a bit more interest in this matter.

All the officers, with the exception of Mr. Herbert Sutton (Ringing Master, six-bell towers), were elected; Mr. Frank Moreton was elected to succeed Mr. Sutton, and is probably the youngest Ringing Master ever to be elected in the Branch.

An omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the very pleasant and profitable proceedings was moved by Mr. R. D. Langford. A presentation of a writing set was made to Mr. William T. Holding, on his retirement as a Sunday service ringer at Christ Church for over 60 years.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The 12th annual meeting of the Newark District, held at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, on January 17th, was extremely poorly attended, only four District towers being represented. A fine tea was served in St. Mary's Rooms by the Newark Parish Church Society and their wives.

The business meeting was held following tea, the Rev. Mr. Coulton taking the chair. The statement of accounts and the secretary's report for 1958 were read and approved.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, F. W. Midwinter; hon. secretary, W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, J. D. Clarke; two committee members, J. D. Clarke and C. J. Copp. The collection for the bell repair fund realised 11s. 6d.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the curate for taking the service and the chair at the meeting, and the ladies for tea was proposed by Mr. J. D. Clarke.

W. L. E.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—Practice night during Lent is Wednesday, 7 to 8 only.—E. Buck. 3821

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—Commencing Feb. 3rd, practices until Easter will be on Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. to 9.15 p.m., instead of Wednesdays. 3820

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Members should have received a circular: those not replying may be struck off the mailing list. The ringing week will be at Lodge Hill, Pulborough, Sussex, from August 8th to 15th, 1959. The dinner will be on January 2nd, 1960, and the next tour at Sheffield, August 5th to 13th, 1960. Further details and circulars from the new secretary-treasurer, D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 3795

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, 4 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3808

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3785

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 7th, Hereford. Cathedral 3 p.m., All Saints' evening. Service, Cathedral. Tea and meeting, College Hall. Names, please, to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 3793

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boxley (6) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Mr. W. Gosling, The Street, Boxley. 3741

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. Parr, 1, Quarry Lane, Killamarsh, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 3761

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc.—I. Butcher. 3780

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. each) at St. Maurice's Hall, 4.30 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Bells (12) available for one hour after service. Names for tea essential. No names no tea.—P. Dickinson, Sec., Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 3794

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, Rotherham, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. George West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, Rotherham. 3795

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Smith, Dis. Sec. 3796

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Deferred annual meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. 3816

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Feb. 14th, Tunbridge Wells. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Please notify by Feb. 12th B. Collison, 169, Queens Road.—C. A. Bassett. 3801

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3817

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 14th, Emmanuel (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3800

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 3804

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall 5.15 p.m., with usual business to follow. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith. 3781

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at St. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. Service. St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' 3808

Church Hall 5 p.m. Further ringing after meeting at Holy Trinity (8). Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Miss M. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 3803

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Annual meeting, Leominster (10), Saturday, Feb. 14th. from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service.—J. F. Fox, Hon. Sec. 3812

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Coddington, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 3813

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Great Amwell, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3806

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Whiston, near Rotherham. Ringing 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. T. E. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Rotherham. Good attendance, please!—E. A. Wardill, Dis. Sec. 3797

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Kendal, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby. 3818

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at St. Peter's (8), Walsden. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Hudson, Sec. 3805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Everton, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 17, September Road, Liverpool, 6. 3802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting, Billesdon (8), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Feb. 11th to J. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon, Leics. General committee meeting, Monday, Feb. 9th, in St. John-the-Divine's Vestry, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3732

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 4.15 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2 to 4 p.m. Tea break, 4.15 to 5 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 3751

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Dinner, Saturday, March 14th. Afternoon ringing. All past members welcome. For further details please contact as soon as possible Miss M. Ross, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester, 14. 3796

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Fan Makers' Hall 5 p.m., followed by annual business.—C. Neal, Asst. Dis. Sec. 3799

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Loddon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, certain to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 3773

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Reading, Saturday, Feb. 14th, St. Mary's (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing in evening at St. Mary's and Caversham (8). Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 3807

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bus service from Retford and Bawtry. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 3798

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual divisional meeting at Arundel (8) on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 10th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3815

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Special annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, St. Thomas's, Newport, marking 150th anniversary of opening of bells as ring of eight. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 3814

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LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, St. Mellons, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea, please. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 3809

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MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, in 17 Minor methods (see page 55), was Mr. G. Leonard Thompson's 50th peal.

The peal of 5,184 London Surprise Major at Bushey on January 1st (see age 53) was rung for the Hertford County Association.

The peal of Plain Bob Royal at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (see page 50), was rung for the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the treble bell, the gift of the late Mr. William Willson, first Ringing Master at the church.

On Boxing Day, 1908, Mr. E. Barker conducted his first peal at Shouldham, Norfolk. Fifty years after to the day, he returned to the tower to conduct a quarter to commemorate the event. There is one other survivor of the original band—Mr. R. Bowen—and his son rang in the anniversary quarter.

Moving to Birmingham shortly is Mr. J. E. Wightman, of Sandhurst. He will be greatly missed in his own tower and church, where he is secretary of the P.C.C. and superintendent of the Sunday School. 'There are few men like Jim,' writes our correspondent, 'and he will be a great asset to the tower and parish he is going to.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The first quarterly meeting of the year took place in bright but cold weather at Benenden on January 24th, and was attended by some 30 visitors from ten towers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Jessop Price), with Mr. J. R. Cooper (Ringing Master) at the organ.

After tea in the Village Hall, Mr. B. Collison, of Tonbridge, acted as chairman for the business part of the meeting, at which five new members were elected.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to Mr. R. J. Brown who made the local arrangements, and to the ladies who served the tea and who coped so successfully with the unnecessary difficulty caused by people who expect an organised tea in a little village without notifying the organiser.

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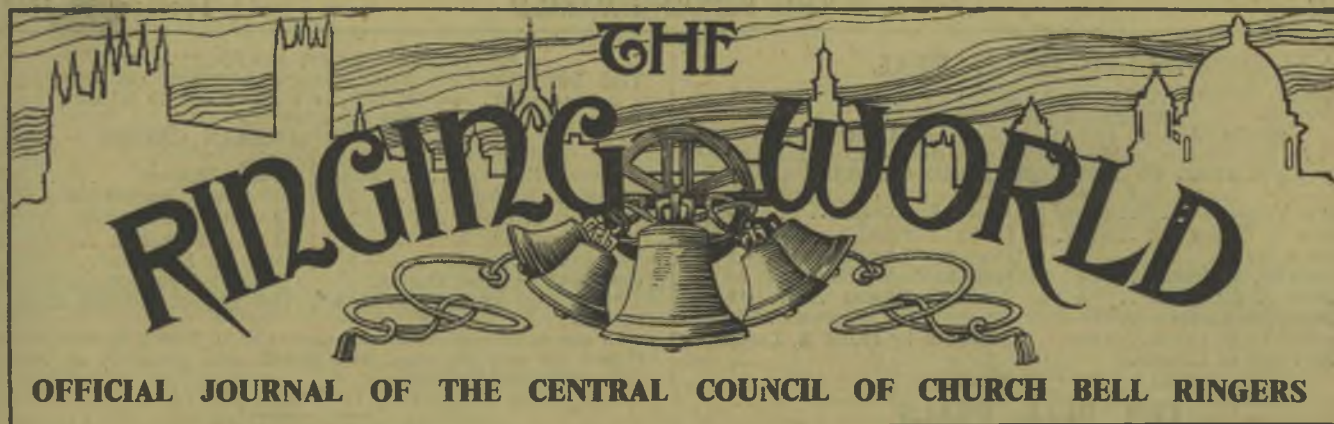
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GREAT YARMOUTH CLOCK CHIMES

By the REV. GILBERT THURLOW

OUR clock has been silent and motionless these last 16 years and more, ever since 2.35 a.m. on June 25th, 1942, when its works collapsed in flames. But soon it will once again be alive and moving, proclaiming to all that the Church itself is alive and moving with the times.

The Central Council for Care of Churches has put me in touch with their consulting expert, Mr. T. R. Robinson, of Bristol, who is perhaps the greatest expert in the country outside the profession. The proposition eventually selected by him, and confirmed by Mr. Dykes Bower, was that G. and F. Cope and Co., Nottingham, should be entrusted with the work.

It is impossible properly to abbreviate a technical specification such as theirs, but it may be noted that it will have a $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds pendulum with an 'Invar' steel rod, a precision double three legged gravity escapement, and it will be automatically wound by a $\frac{1}{4}$ h.p. electric motor. The hands will be of heavy gauge sheet copper, finished with double thickness 22 carat English gold leaf. The hour strike unit will be driven by a $\frac{1}{4}$ h.p. electric motor, controlled by a mercury switch and magnetic brake; the hammer which will strike the hours on the tenor bell will weigh 60 lb. The quarter chime unit will be similarly constructed. There will be proper provision for lifting all the hammers clear of the bells before they are rung up. The clock as a whole, and in addition all switches and moving parts, will be properly enclosed in accordance with the best modern practice.

The important question of the music of the quarter chimes demanded the most serious consideration and advice from the largest possible number of qualified people. It was felt that, as hundreds of thousands of people will hear them, including vast numbers from all over England, Yarmouth ought to have a really distinctive chime, which people will come in future years to associate with this place and with our great church. I therefore wrote both to the 'Yarmouth Mercury' and to 'The Ringing World,' the national bell-ringers' weekly, asking for suggestions.

A number were sent to me. The choice was narrowed by the fact that the chime sequence must repeat during the course of an hour. If you hum the Cambridge Chimes (wrongly called the 'Westminster Chimes') you find that the music of a quarter past repeats at a quarter to, half past repeats at the hour, and so on. This is in order to make

the chime barrel of reasonable size, so that it turns twice (and not once) during the course of one hour. This meant that hymn tunes and a good many other chimes could not be used.

It was felt that we ought not to copy the Cambridge Chimes. Since they were copied for the Houses of Parliament in 1859, they have become far too common, over 60 per cent. of the clocks erected in the last 40 years of the 19th century being equipped with them. As Starmer says in his 'Quarter Chimes and Chime Tunes': 'This wholesale reproduction is much to be regretted. A friend says that no less than seven public clocks near his residence play them, and as far back as 1895 Sir John Stainer wrote to some who were erecting a new clock: "You will be doing a kindness in turning out the Westminster Chimes, of which everybody is heartily sick".' And this, remember, was some 45 years before they became audible everywhere through the wireless!

Amongst the suggestions sent was one from Mr. Brian Price, of Felpham, Sussex. As a brilliant musician, bell-ringer and mechanic (he has built a 'ringing machine' as complicated as a telephone exchange, which will ring changes in any known method on miniature bells), he is very well qualified in this direction. He suggested a skilful adaptation of two themes from 'Dona Nobis Pacem,' by Bach. These happen to be precisely in the key of our new bells, they are extremely dignified and are magnificent music. We discussed these and other chimes with care, and invited readers' views through the 'Yarmouth Mercury.' This brought a letter from far away, from a lover of Yarmouth, who thought them magnificent. They were also warmly approved of by Cope the clock maker, Mears and Stainbank the bell-founders, the organists of Norwich Cathedral and Yarmouth Parish Church, and a number of other qualified people. It seemed, therefore, right to make use of these chimes, subject to the final approval of the architect, and this has been given.

The music of the chimes is as follows (transposed to the key of C for convenience in printing here). Theme 1, aedcbdcceAG; Theme 2, CDEFedecFEDC; Theme 3, GABCBabgCBAG. Thick capitals represent semibreves, ordinary capitals minims, small letters crotchets. Theme 1 is a quarter past, Theme 2 (twice the length of Theme 1) is half past, Themes 3 and 1 are a quarter to, and Themes 2 and 3 are the hour, whilst the tenor bell, a fifth below, completes the theme. What finer musical association could be desired than that of 'Dona Nobis Pacem'—'Give us peace'?

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 38½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
LIONEL S. WOODS 2	HARRY TURNER 8
PETER J. EVES 3	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 9
*DONALD M. SALISBURY .. 4	CHARLES E. WILLINGTON .. 10
*ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE 11
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN 6	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

DOREEN D. DUITON .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 6
HAROLD G. JENNEY 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
AVRIL THACKRAY 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON 8
BRIAN MARTIN 4	PETER J. STANFORTH 9
E. ALAN JACQUES 5	JOHN A. SMITH Tenor

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of John O. Lancashire, aged 94, for many years a member of the Cathedral Society.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*JOHN M. PARSONS .. Treble	ALFRED H. WEBB 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	FREDERICK C. WHITE 7
*JOHN DREWITT 3	RAYMOND G. BURTON 8
BRIAN R. WHITE 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
GEORGE BISHOP 5	EDWIN DREWITT Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.
* First peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
JOYCE A. PARSONS 2	STEWART F. KIMBER 7
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 3	DAVID E. PARSONS 8
ALAN ROGERS 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 9
JAMES PHILLIPS 5	*FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.
* 100th peal on the bells.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIS 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 3	GERALD PENNEY 8
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on ten bells.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	*BRIAN DAWSON 6
ALAN G. FOSTER 2	*GEORGE L. ROOBBOTTOM .. 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH 3	DAVID W. BRUNNING 8
*E. MARION KEY 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5	EDWARD J. WHITE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. 75th peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

In memoriam Herbert Knight, captain of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, ringers for over 60 years, who passed away peacefully on January 28th, 1959, aged 86 years.

Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Paul.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WALTER H. RAXTER .. Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
*COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 2	HAROLD F. RAXTER 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
*ROBERT W. COLE 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	*ROY STEPHENSON 5
LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 6
*BRYAN A. HUNT 3	JACK PETCH 7
JOHN P. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

* First peal.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. JOPP .. Treble	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 5*
ERIC T. LEE 2	ROBERT W. COLE 6
LEONARD MILLS 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN 7
COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 4	HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment and a farewell peal to Eric T. Lee.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	JOHN N. DISERENS 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	FRANK W. LEWIS 7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon T. B. Randolph) on his appointment as Archdeacon of Hereford.

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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

IAN TILLING Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK 2	GEORGE S. LEE 6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	DAVID G. FRENCH Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung following the induction of the Rev. Raymond Garth Heawood, M.A., as Vicar, and to celebrate the jubilee of the bells, which were consecrated in January, 1909.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

JOHN STANIER Treble	†DEREK PRICE 5
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
*REV. ALBERT WEBB 3	*DAVID BEACHAM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

*First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. †First of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ALLEN TWYMAN Treble	DEREK TAYLOR 5
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	GEORGE D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
NEIL D. LOMAS 4	*DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

*First peal of Spliced Surprise Major and 100th peal for the Guild.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*NORMAN W. COTTON .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	†DAVID W. BRUNNING 6
†DEREK P. JONES 3	†WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal. †First in the method. ‡First in the method 'inside.' D. P. Jones' 400th peal.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	JOHN JACKSON 6
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 3	†PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 7
*FRANK STEAD 4	STANLEY WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by STANLEY WALMSLEY.

*50th peal. †50th for the Association. First of Major as conductor. Rung for the Patronal Festival; also to mark the 17th wedding anniversary of Cyril Crossthwaite.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES LOWE Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 6
DEREK M. SAWYER 3	HARRY POYNER 7
MARY C. PAYNE 4	J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

First peal in the method as conductor. First of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Ernest F. Payne.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	ERIC YOUNG 5
HAROLD ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM TALBOT 6
ALBERT LAWTON 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE 7
CHARLES WEBB 4	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

First peal in the method by all except seventh ringer. First in the method on the bells.

A compliment to Albert Lawton on being made a grandfather.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
STANLEY JENNER 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 6
*CATHERINE M. POWELL (15) 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
GEORGE OLIVER 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

MARY H. HALL Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
*ELIZABETH A. BOWDEN .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT 7
PETER BORDER 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

*First peal in the method.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JACKIE BOLTON Treble	†JACK BAGNALL 5
*BARBARA SHEPHERD 2	†ALAN CAPSTICK 6
JAMES E. BURLS 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 7
WILFRED BOLTON 4	ROLAND F. ECCLES Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

*First peal. †25th peal together. The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a welcome to Andrew Ferguson (born January 9th, 1959), son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Woods, of Lancaster, on the birth of a second grandson.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WORTH Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
BASIL JONES 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WILSON Treble	†JOHN V. TEMPLE 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT 6
CECIL WADE 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
*FREDA P. GREAVES 4	NORMAN V. HARDING Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

*First peal in the method away from the treble. †First of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Norman V. Harding.

WOUBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 BOVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	DONALD E. COBB 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
DENNIS C. BOWEN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and on the bells.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., Jan. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

DAVID T. DARBY Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT 2	JEREMY A. M. SALTER 6
JOHN G. PUSEY 3	JAMES H. PAILING 7
*ROBIN G. ELLIOTT 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON 5
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
NORMAN H. HEWETT .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
CHARLES N. LEA 4	ROBERT TELFORD Tenor

Composed by E. S. POWELL.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal in the method by all. Ringers of 4 and 5 have now 'circled the tower.'

Rung in memoriam Richard Pattinson, who died on January 22nd, and who was captain and steeplekeeper at this tower for over 50 years and a member of this Association since 1902.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY HALL Treble	JACK BRAY 5
RONALD CHAEER 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	JOHN HALL 7
*HARRY BALDWIN 4	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*FREDERICK ROSS Treble	†CHARLES N. LEA 5
†ERIC N. HARRISON 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
†MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 3	†KENNETH ARTHUR 7
†GEORGE S. DEAS 4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal with a Treble Bob hunt, and of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method.

Rung in honour of the birth of Nicholas to Ben and Sheila Crowdy.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. Treble	F. ERIC ROBERTS 5
GORDON T. PETERS 2	ALBERT H. HARMAN 6
COLIN J. CHAMPION 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 7
MICHAEL F. LAYTON 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble

Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble JOHN R. SMITH 4

BETTY SYRETT 2 WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Treble CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 4

FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2 HAROLD STEVENSON .. 5

MARK W. LEWIS 3 CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung for Christmastide. Also a birthday compliment to Harold Stevenson.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Single Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

JOHN L. MELVILLE Treble DAVID C. URQUHART 4

RONALD G. RUSSELL 2 ROY W. SPENCER 5

FRED A. GINNS 3 RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Bell, wife of the tower captain and rector's warden of this church.

BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.

THE BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

AND

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Woodbine, London Scholars, Kingstone, Sandal, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD CHANT Treble HERMAN RUSBY 4

ERIC STAINROD 2 WILFRED F. MORETON .. 5

PETER CARBUTT 3 NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Barnsley and District Society.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

NORMAN TOMPKINS Treble GORDON W. LIMMER 4

GILLIAN BRIDGFORD 2 PETER CROOK 5

DAVID YOUNG 3 JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung as a welcome to Bolton of Gordon W. Limmer, of Burnham Beeches, Bucks.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Ipswich Surprise, Primrose Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*EILEEN A. WALPOLE .. Treble CECIL WADE 4

ALBERT E. SCOTT 2 JOHN A. COBB 5

FREDK. W. FRENCH .. 3 JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal of Minor.

A welcome to Bourne peal for the Rev. Canon Hugh Peter Laurence, inducted January 9th, 1959.

**EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANN GEORGE Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER 4
MARGARET A. LADD 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON 5
GEORGE FRY 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal on six bells.

A birthday compliment to Edward J. Jenner.

**KELSTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 80 lb. in G.

*RICHARD J. HALL Treble	ALAN F. LEE 4
*J. JAMES JEFFERIES 2	TERENCE J. MILSON 5
†DAVID J. BARNETT 3	*STANLEY H. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal. † First on six and 'inside.'

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, HOLBECK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 37, 50, 51 and 54. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GRACE M. BEARDOW Treble	F. KEITH WILLIAMSON 4
JOSIE R. HUTCHINGS 2	PETER DAWSON 5
JOHN RHODES 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to the ringer of the second.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

In 15 methods: (1) Castleton; (2) Peveril and Beeston; (3) Leasowe and Melandra; (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay; (5) Dover; (6) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone; (7) Fly. Tenor 13 cwt.

IVOR JENKINS Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON 5
NEIL D. LOMAS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Wheadon, of Wilmslow.

SHENINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

*WILLIAM IVINGS Treble	†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 3
*JOHN H. GREGORY 2	*ROBERT A. REEVES 4

EDMUND E. PEARSON Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. Walker Cook, a ringer at this tower since 1893.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROGER KING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
GEOFFREY PARTING 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

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

*MYRA J. WILKINS Treble	†PAUL G. KING 4
BARBARA J. KING 2	ANTHONY W. GIBBS 5
JOHN M. STALLARD 3	*BRIAN W. METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY W. GIBBS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Bob Doubles for all. First of Bob Doubles on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

GORDON A. HALLS Treble	DIANA J. PERRINS 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 5
JOHN A. ACRES 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

BENFIELDSDALE, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ANGELA FENWICK Treble	*THOMAS BULLERWELL 4
*FRANCIS THORNTON 2	CHRISTOPHER HERBERT 5
TERRY PRICE 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

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

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BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.
G. COLIN JACKSON .. Treble F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
FREDERICK DERRY .. 2 J. EDWARD BROWN .. 5
*PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3 WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal of Minor.

CALVERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 11 cwt.
*HERBERT A. DANIELS .. Treble ROGER CADAMY .. 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 2 GEORGE E. GREEN .. 5
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3 WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal of Minor.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of H. C. Edwards' first peal, which was rung on these bells.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.
FREDERICK C. ROPER .. Treble HARRY MOSS .. 4
BETTY SYRETT .. 2 ARTHUR E. COOK .. 5
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 3 CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor
Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
First peal on the bells since being augmented to six.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Kent, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.
PETER A. SHARP .. Treble G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
LOUIS WILLIERS .. 2 RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3 JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 St. Clement's and two 270's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.
DAVID BRAND .. Treble HARRY D. LISTER .. 4
*HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2 EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 5
RONALD G. BUGG .. 3 RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor
Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal in four methods.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2 *GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
HENRY TOOKE .. 3 WILLIAM CLOVER .. Tenor
Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.' A birthday compliment to Geoffrey R. Drew.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. Treble MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
JAMES LINNELL .. 2 J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. 5
BARRY SAUNDERS .. 3 WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
Rung for the christening of Roger Jonathan, infant son of George and Edith Shellard.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT GLEBELAND,

A PEAL OF 5092 SPLICED ROYAL

Being Plain, Gainsborough and Little Bob, with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. J. BRAY .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY .. 5-6
FRANK LORD .. 3-4 | GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 7-8
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 14 in D.
GERALD PENNEY .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. 5-6
*MICHAEL D. FROST .. 3-4 | JOYCE DODDS .. 7-8
STANLEY HUCKLE .. 9-10
Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal of Royal.

For the bicentenary of the opening of the British Museum.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 18, 1959, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
AT HILL CROFT, TOYSE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.
*MICHAEL J. TESTER .. 1-2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3-4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE .. 5-6
Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE.
* First peal on handbells. First as conductor on handbells. First handbell peal by members of the Soham Grammar School handbell club.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 20, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 7-8
Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
Rung in memoriam John O. Lancashire, late member of Leicester Cathedral band.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
IN THE JUVENILE COURTROOM OF ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DIANA J. PERRINS .. 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7-8
Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

WOODLANDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1959, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT 105, DONCASTER LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 54 methods: (1) Wainfleet, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Sibsey and Normanton Alliance, Bastow and Kent Little Court, Oxford, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Kent Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Marple, Braintree, Humber, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Walsingham, Fulmer, Cromer, Chalfont, Lammas, Olney, Stevenston, Tibenham Alliance and Little Bob; (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob; (5) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob.

HOWARD SCOTT .. 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5-6
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first extent, by Mr. H. Chant, is rung for the first time.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 27, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4 | MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 7-8
Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

HALF PEAL

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On Jan. 31st. 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: G. Owen 1, B. Groves 2, W. Dowse 3, J. Robinson 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6. Longest length for 1 and 4.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Kent (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, Freda Phillips (first of Grandsire) 3, R. Short (cond.) 4, W. Kent 5, Elizabeth Baker (first quarter) 6.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. Jones 1, P. Bray 2, G. C. Grant (cond.) 3, L. A. Fear 4, E. E. Bray 5, P. R. Saunders 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son to the Rector (the Rev. W. H. T. B. Davies) and Mrs. Davies.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 1st. 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. P. Brown 1, P. J. Spice 2, Helen Thoday (first of Stedman) 3, Joan Gray 4, D. J. Roaf 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 7, D. J. R. Martin 8. For morning service.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Jan. 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Kingston (first of Triples) 1, R. V. Hughes (first 'inside') 2, G. R. Marchant (first of Triples as cond.) 3, W. J. Goodfellow 4, W. H. Harford 5, D. J. Llewellyn 6, W. Dare 7, A. W. Smith (first away from lead) 8. 'Ad maiorem Dei gloriam.'

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Taylor 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, M. G. Swift 4, K. C. Vickers 5, E. J. Briden 6. For the patronal festival of St. Paul's, Horn Hill (daughter church).

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wallace 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Mrs. P. Vowles 4, P. Davis (cond.) 5, J. Relf 6, G. Hampton 7, J. Adcock 8. For evening service and as a welcome to Steven Charles Kirk, grandson of ringer of 8th, born January 15th. 1959.

QUARTER PEALS

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Feb. 1st. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, K. Ballington 2, W. Steen 3, G. Franks (first quarter) 4, B. Barker 5, A. Mould 6.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Jan. 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Glass 1, N. Mallett 2, B. H. Thompson (first on eight) 3, F. Wills 4, E. Glass 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, A. Mitchell 8. Rung on the 85th birthday of the treble ringer, who is ringing master at Heavitree.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 11th. 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss D. Robinson 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

IDLE, YORKS.—On Jan. 4th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Shelagh Bruce 1, F. S. Wilkinson 2, M. S. Bruce 3, D. P. J. Bruce 4, P. G. Walker 5, T. Hill (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong on the eve of the bells being taken out for repairs after 40 years' good service.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 4th. 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): W. Dowse 1, Miss M. Mackay 2, Miss D. Stafford 3, R. Smith 4, A. Osbaldiston (first as cond.) 5, C. Hadley (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 1st. 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Mackay 1, Miss D. Stafford (first in method 'inside') 2, A. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, W. Dowse (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWTON-ST.-LOE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hall 1, A. F. Lee 2, B. Davis (first as cond.) 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom 5, R. W. Stapleford 6.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 27th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): N. Chamberlain 1, E. Venn 2, J. Venn 3, R. Allsworth 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, S. Benstead 6.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Jan. 11th. 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: J. Garrett 1, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 2, R. Escott 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, W. J. Palmer 5, D. Hoare 6. For Evensong.

RADYR, GLAM.—On Feb. 1st. 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. J. Stickland (cond.) 1, T. T. Lewis 2, G. R. Marchant 3, B. R. Kingston 4, B. Taylor 5, G. M. Ray 6. First of Stedman for all except 3. For Evensong.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Clemens 1, H. Seymour 2, Miss A. Ince (first as cond.) 3, G. Clemens 4, E. S. Seymour 5, P. R. C. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Mitchell and Mr. C. H. Drewitt, two valued members of the tower.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Caters: E. G. L. Coward 1, G. F. Hoad 2, F. B. Jeal 3, R. M. Foreman 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, A. T. Shelton 6, J. H. Euston 7, W. H. Inwood 8, R. Sanders 9, J. Hanning 10. Composed and conducted by G. F. Hoad on his 82nd birthday and to commemorate his 65 years' ringing at Reigate.

RUSKINGTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sandall (first quarter) 1, Miss Muxlow 2, Mrs. Short 3, C. Muxlow 4, S. Warrington (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 1st. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. D. Fellows (first in method) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, Jill Tombs 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, D. H. Watson 7, P. W. Webb 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to M. T. Sprackling, B.Sc., who has obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree, University of Bristol, for research in physics.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st. 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: Ruth Gilling 1, H. W. Knight (cond.) 2, Hilda M. Kingcott 3, W. H. Kingcott 4, R. H. Brice 5, S. G. Smith 6, H. A. Price 7, J. K. Baker 2. First in method 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. To celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Fanny Hardwick.

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A farewell peal to Mr. Eric T. Lee was rung at Upton-on-Severn on January 10th in appreciation of his great help to many ringers in the Worcestershire Association where he has made numerous friends. Eric was the first joint secretary of the Society of Roving Ringers. At his home town, Godalming, and later at Midhurst, he did good work as an instructor. We wish him every success in his new post as engineering assistant at Wokingham R.D.C.

Bristol University Society has decided to apply for affiliation to the Central Council.

Miss A. Ince, who has only been ringing 12 months, called her first quarter at Redruth, Cornwall, on January 28th.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Gamston was the first for the Southwell Diocesan Guild where all the calls were singles. Five of the band are single!

Congratulations to Allan R. Jones who conducted his first touch (a quarter peal) of Stedman Triples at Northampton on February 1st. A creditable performance, and a good quarter was rung.

The successor to Mr. G. F. Roome as secretary of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is Mr. E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. Will holders of diaries please note.

After 23 unsuccessful attempts to produce a tuneable ring since 1606 at Steeple Ashton, Wilts, the ring of six will shortly be completely recast and made heavier. To date, five of the new bells have been adopted, the ringers being responsible for the tenor.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester Cathedral on January 26th would like to associate the names of Herrick B. Bowley and Richard A. Prime with this peal; they were, at the last moment, prevented from taking part through illness.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Mr. Leonard Derrick, captain and steeplekeeper at Holy Trinity, Nailsea, near Bristol, has been admitted to Cossham Hospital, Bristol, for observation following an illness affecting his sight, and will probably be undergoing an operation. His many friends in the Exercise wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. J. Bennett, on his world tour, sends greetings to all ringing friends from Honolulu, Hawaii, 'the Paradise of the Pacific.' We hope he was duly garlanded in honour of his 1,000 peals.

For his 85th birthday, Mr. C. Glass rang the treble at Heavitree, Exeter, to a quarter peal. His membership of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers extends for 73 years, and he is still the honoured captain of the Heavitree band.

The resident Cupid at Bristol University has been working overtime, judging from the number of congratulations to married or engaged couples announced by the Master at the Society's annual dinner.

A great welcome was accorded Mr. Geo. H. Cross when he made the journey from Devon to London to attend the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on Saturday.

The Society of Roving Ringers held their annual meeting at St. Albans last Saturday, when there was a large attendance of members. Mr. M. J. Horseman was elected Ringing Master and Miss Audrey Bailey and Mr. M. C. Austin hon. secretaries.

The band who rang the peal at Dickleburgh would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Catchpole, who kindly entertained them to tea before going to Diss where, joined by Mr. A. G. Harrison, they rang 720 St. Clement's Minor half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. W. Moss, former churchwarden at Diss.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL'S RECORD REUNION

THE annual dinner day of the University of Bristol Society took place on January 24th. Ringing commenced at St. John-on-the-Wall's at 9.15 where, despite the earliness of the hour, a large number of ringers was present. At the Cathedral a large company was anxious to sample the fine new ring of eight. Here one notable touch was three leads of Bristol Major. Ringers then proceeded to St. James', whilst ten members departed for a peal attempt of Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's which, unfortunately, came to grief after about an hour and a half due to two bells changing courses. St. Thomas' and St. Mary Redcliffe's were visited during the afternoon.

Ringling at the Society's home tower, St. Michael's, preceded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones. The organ was played by Mr. David Heighton, and members of the Society formed the choir. The lesson was read by Mr. John C. Baldwin.

THE DINNER

The dinner followed in the Senior Common Room of the University, by kind invitation of the president of the Society, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst. After an excellent meal, the president proposed the toasts to 'The Queen' and 'The Church,' and then new members were presented to him by the secretary. The president extended a warm welcome to the large gathering and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many former members as well as many visitors. At least four past Masters were present.

The secretary, Mr. Brian Wyld, proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' mentioned that a record number of 91 was present. He extended a warm welcome to the Dean of Bristol who, he said, had recently been introduced to the ringing fraternity by the rehanging of the bells of the Old Temple Church in the Cathedral, and also to the Vicar of St. Michael's, Mr. Frank Hansford (chairman of the Bristol City Branch of the G. and B.), the Masters of Oxford, London and Reading Universities, as well as many friends from the city and visitors from as far apart as Somerset and Norfolk.

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. Frank Hansford expressed gratitude to University ringers, as on occasions without their help the bells would be silent. They were always ready to welcome members, whatever their standard of ringing—and for the smaller member boxes could be supplied, and ropes lengthened too, in certain cases!

Mr. Jim Pailing, Master of Oxford University Society, then proposed the toast of 'The Society.' He said how pleased he was to hear of the good relations which existed between the University and city ringers. He congratulated the Society on its peal of 10,000 of Plain Bob Major in June, and concluded by saying how pleased he was to see so many members of the Society in the early stages of ringing—for these were the people on whom the future of the Exercise depended.

After thanking Mr. Hansford and Mr. Pailing for their kind remarks the Master, Mr. Patrick Bird, said he had recently seen it stated that there was a great revival of ringing in the Universities, but he thought that it would be better to say a great awakening, in view of the number of new University Societies formed in recent months; and to all these Societies he extended his best wishes for a successful future.

A University Society was invariably faced with the problem of a changing population. Three years was a very short time, and all too soon the pupil became the instructor. University ringing had, he said, been described as a 'hot-house process,' but so, it must be for its very survival. The Master spoke of the difficulties of instilling interest in the novice in view of the many other University attractions, but emphasised that every attempt was made to encourage the novice because a University

Society had a duty to perform, not only to itself but to the Exercise as a whole.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The greatest problem at the moment was, he said, 8-bell ringing; 8-bell practices were held periodically, but these were not sufficient, and he called upon members to take advantage of the help offered by the city ringers who were always ready to give help and advice. In spite of its problems, however, the Society continued to flourish, and recently it had been decided to apply for affiliation to the Central Council, a very important step in the progress of the Society.

The Master said quarter peal attempts had been instituted at St. Michael's on Sunday evenings to encourage those not yet up to peal standard. In connection with Sunday service ringing, they had so many ringers that he considered it his duty to send ringers to help other towers who were less fortunate, for he thought it better that three towers should ring reasonable rounds than have one tower ringing Surprise whilst two towers remained silent.

At the president's suggestion the company adjourned to the more friendly atmosphere of the lounge, where visitors remained talking to old and new friends and ringing handbells. A very enjoyable evening ended soon after 11.

The thanks of all concerned are expressed to Mr. Wyld for organising such a successful dinner.

J. K. A. C.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-Western Division

The icy wind which was blowing on January 10th did not seem to deter the South-Western Division when they held their annual meeting at Brentwood, for almost 100 members and friends were present. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Stokes).

The business meeting followed the pattern of all A.G.M.'s, a highlight being the large number of new ringing members elected. A sad note was introduced by the announcement of the death of young Roger Moore, of Epping, who had that week been killed in a cycling accident. Since the last meeting the Division had also suffered the loss of Mr. Nelder, of Wanstead, who, at the age of 90 years, was the oldest ringing member of the Division. Mr. Chalk recalled that Mr. Nelder was still singing in the choir when he was over 80. May they both rest in peace.

Mr. Willmington read an excellent report for the year, commenting on the healthy state of the Division, both as regards membership and finance. He commiserated with Hornchurch at having their bells out of action for such a long period. We were all pleasantly surprised when it was announced that the Brentwood ringers had generously entertained us to tea at their own expense! Our thanks are due to them for making us all so welcome, and to the Rector for conducting service for us.

J. E. H.

Lincoln Guild: Dinner In Honour Of New Branch

Despite the wintry conditions prevailing on January 17th, more than 150 members and friends were present at a dinner and social evening in Lea (Gainsborough) Women's Institute Hall to mark the formation of the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Prior to the dinner, a business meeting was held at Gainsborough in the Parish Church School Hall followed by a service in Gainsborough Parish Church conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. E. Roberts), at which the address was given by the Archdeacon of Lindsey (Ven. E. Lisle Marsden). During the afternoon ringing took place on the bells of Gainsborough Parish Church and also at Lea.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Canon J. E. Roberts (president), Mr. C. H. Baker (vice-president), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master), Mr. J. M. Blaikie (Guild representative). Messrs. J. M. Blaikie and M. L. Mann (auditors) and Mr. M. L. Mann ('Ringing World' correspondent).

It was also agreed that meetings be held during the year as follows: May 9th, Haxey and Owston Ferry; July 18th, Willingham; September 19th, Broughton; November 21st, Blyton and Messingham.

Lea Women's Institute Hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion and the tables were adorned with vases of daffodils and anemones. On the top table was a large white iced fruit cake, made in the shape of a bell, complete with canons and suitably inscribed.

Canon Roberts welcomed the guests and thanked Archdeacon Marsden for being present to propose the toast to the new Branch and for his inspiring sermon in the Parish Church earlier in the evening.

In proposing the toast, 'The West Lindsey Branch,' the Archdeacon said there was no ringing in the world to compare with that in England and some of the best was to be found in Lincolnshire. He welcomed the formation of the new Branch and said he had always felt the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was too top heavy. Now the Northern Branch had been split into three it would be more easily administered. Response to the toast was made

by Mr. C. H. Baker, who has recently completed his 50th year as a bellringer.

Following dinner, the Haxey handbell ringers played a selection of well-known tunes, and a tape-recording, with commentary by Mr. Lunn, was played of bells from 18 of the 19 towers in the Branch area. The bells not included were those of Redbourne, which are not in good enough condition to be rung.

Full Or Part-Time

Dear Sir,—Travelling to a ringing meeting on Saturday week, the only other occupant of the compartment was an ex-National Service boy. He politely asked what my badge was. I told him and described the meeting I was attending. To this he enquired: 'Is it full or part-time?'

I have yet to see outside the local Labour Exchange 'Ringers wanted full time for peals.' Could you also claim insurance benefits when not ringing?—Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON.

West Bridgford, Notts.

Eight young lady ringers then appeared on the stage and as they stood to their ropes in a very realistic looking 'belfry,' a recording was played of the eight bells of Gainsborough Parish Church, which the same girls had rung in the afternoon. They were Vivienne Richardson (Brigg), Shirley Guymer (Saxilby), Wendy Spacie (Blyton), Jean Blackburn (Messingham), Joy Till (Upton), Dorothy Golland (Epworth), Delia Smith and Mary Stapleton (Gainsborough).

The 'christening' cake was cut by Mrs. Baker (vice-president's wife) and handed round prior to the party breaking up about 11 p.m.

The excellent support given to this event, so efficiently organised by the hon. secretary (Mr. Lunn) is a measure of the keenness and enthusiasm in the West Lindsey Branch, which augurs well for its future.

RABBITS' GUILD FEAR VICTIMISATION

THE second annual general meeting of the Rabbits' Guild was held on October 4th, World Animal Day, and the Feast of St. Francis, Patron Saint of the Guild. As a precaution against intrusion or victimisation, the time and place of the meeting were not publicly announced. For the same reason the meeting is reported without the use of members' names or mention of their towers.

The Master began his address by expressing his pleasure in greeting such a large gathering, including members of every Guild, Society and Association, and of hundreds, he could almost say thousands, of towers. That the Rabbits' Guild, with its strict conditions for election, has so large and enthusiastic a membership so soon after its inception proves that it is supplying a great need for the depressed classes of ringing's underworld. (Tumultuous applause). He said that news constantly reached him of increasing respect for the devoted labours of rabbits in the belfry, and of more enlightened methods of instruction, following the principles laid down by the Guild. He thought it would not be long before the Guild's opinion would be sought as a matter of course on all questions pertaining to the recruitment and training of ringers on the one hand, and the avoidance of wastage through many preventable causes on the other. Indeed, already on more than a few occasions its advice had been asked for and gladly given.

He pointed out that the Guild is probably unique in that it is working towards its own eventual extinction. By that he meant that its labours in securing the welfare of rabbit ringers and demanding better instruction and conditions for them can only result in the production of fewer potential members. The Guild could, therefore, be very proud of its own altruism.

'THE BACKBONE'

'Finally,' he said, 'we must never forget that we rabbits are the backbone of the Exercise. Lacking though we all are in natural ability—or we should not and could not be members of this Guild—and humble though we must always be, no body of ringers can equal, far less surpass, our proud record of patient endeavour, stoical endurance of failure and scorn, and last in order but first in my estimate, faithful, regular and punctual attendance for service ringing.'

A becoming blush suffused his countenance as he ended on a personal theme, thanking the Guild for its telegram of congratulation on achieving his first quarter of Grandire Triples. A voice being heard from the back of the hall, 'No peals, please!' the Master smilingly replied that if it took him four times as many years to score a peal as a quarter, the Guild need have no fear of his living to be expelled for peal-ringing. (Cheers.)

The Society's report began with the list of those who have rung their first peals during the year (one at the 99th attempt during 40 years) and are therefore no longer eligible for membership. The meeting stood in silence before applauding heartily the exploits of their late brethren.

The next item was the Roll of Honour of instructors and Ringing Masters whose methods are approved, some by recommendation of their pupils, others by examination. The Roll already contains a fair nucleus of successful

candidates, but the secretary had to report that in far too many cases where a panel of senior rabbits had attended towers for test instruction, the teaching offered was of a very low standard, and admission to the Roll had to be refused. Their most frequent criticisms were haphazard ways and lack of planning, the permitting of bad habits, feeble discipline and the cruel and stupid practice of breaking the hearts of would-be ringers with Grandire Doubles. They complained, too, of a widespread failure to bring up learners in the faith that service ringing is primarily neither a hobby nor a social event, but a duty and a privilege. This part of the Guild's work is fast expanding and more volunteers are required for the panels of assessors.

DEPRAVITY!

It had come to the notice of the Guild that certain persons, not members, had made and worn devices which were, they claimed, the badge of the Rabbits' Guild. The meeting was shocked and grieved to hear of such depravity.

The remaining business of the meeting was then transacted. To prevent further fraud there is to be designed a Guild badge, to be worn openly or secretly at the discretion of members. In response to a pathetic request from some ex-member peal ringers to be allowed to retain a contact with the Guild a special badge is to be designed and issued to them.

It was resolved that a statement embodying the Guild's advice on teaching be drawn up and made available to Ringing Masters. The language is to be simple and direct. A resolution proposing that the Guild should compose and issue its own Learners' Manual was narrowly defeated, the strongest argument against it being that if Ringing Masters would use the books already available there would be no need for another.

To carry into effect the above resolutions an ad hoc committee was set up.

As several members adverted to the tendency in many towers to treat service ringing as an extra practice, this subject was fully discussed, when the extent of the evil became known for the first time. It was unanimously agreed that members of the Guild must at all times oppose this corrupt habit, and insist that their contribution to Sunday ringing is the best of which they are capable. 'Good rounds, not bad changes' is to be their motto. They must always steadfastly but politely refuse the invitation to 'have a go' at any unfamiliar or untried method on Sunday, rather than jeopardise service ringing.

Arising out of this discussion, it was resolved to send to the Central Council a message of congratulation on its decision to carry out a survey of Sunday service ringing, and to pledge the unwavering support of the Rabbits' Guild in all attempts to improve the standard of performance and to train and maintain bands in towers at present silent. Members will undertake more than their strict share of the sweeping and dusting of ringing chambers to relieve their more dismal aspects.

Ringing, which ranged from ellipses and ovals through rounds to Boh Minor, took place before the meeting, but could not be resumed after tea because it was not possible to replace the stays.

W. D.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

THE 12th annual dinner of the University of London Society took place on January 31st at the Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane. Prior to the evening's festivities an enjoyable afternoon was spent in ringing the new eight at St. John's, Hackney, the old eight at St. John's, South Hackney, and the new ten at St. Clement Danes—a good selection for the collectors of rare towers.

The attendance at this function seems inevitably to increase each year, and the previous record was again broken when 63 members and friends took their seats for dinner.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by the Master, Mr. Roger Keeley, in a manner which augurs well for his future as an ordinand. At the conclusion of his speech the Master presented a memento in the form of a silver bell to the retiring Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, the Rev. A. Powell Miller. In his reply, which he described as his last public appearance as rector, the Rev. Powell Miller spoke of the close association of the Society with his parish, and of the power of church bells as instruments of worship.

Mr. Wilfred Williams proposed the toast of 'The Society' in a witty and pithy speech. Mr. David Martin, in replying on behalf of the Society, recalled the early history of the Society.

The health of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Derek Sibson, and an impromptu reply was made by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who ably filled the gap left in the toast list by the absence through illness of Mr. Peter Bond.

In his concluding remarks during a successful evening the president, Mr. P. M. J. Gray, spoke of the heavy loss which had been sustained by the premature deaths of three of the Society's members within the last few months, and announced the inauguration of a fund to provide a memorial to J. L. Morris, David Priestley and G. F. Carter.

WADHURST CHURCH BEAUTIFIED

The Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wadhurst, has been enriched by a wrought-iron screen, beautifully carved, to separate the porch, which is the ringing chamber, from the nave acoustically. To the ringing chamber has been added a cupboard for clothes, and the bottom of the clock weight case has been camouflaged to match the same. The room has also been panelled, radiators boxed in, with recesses for handbells above and two forms provided for seating. The whole of the woodwork is of fumed oak. In addition a new carpet has been provided, and on the north wall a glazed peal record frame with 24 divisions. This magnificent gift to the church is from Mr. J. O. Fairbrother, in memory of his wife and two daughters.

The memorial was dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester (Rt. Rev. R. P. Wilson) during sung service on January 25th, when the church was filled to capacity and the ringers acquitted themselves well as befitted the occasion.

On the following Saturday a peal of Grandire Triples, the first in the method on the bells, was rung. All the peals on the six were Minor, and the two previous peals on the eight were Bob Major and Bob Triples.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S SIMULTANEOUS HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—The composition of Plain Bob Minor rung on November 30th, 1958, on six handbells (tenor 11 in G), conducted by me, was

W B H
— (a) (b) —
— (c)

repeated 41 times

with single for bob at (a) in the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th parts; singles at (b) in the 14th, 17th, 20th and 23rd parts and at (c) in the 25th, 28th, 31st, 34th, 37th and 40th parts.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. LANGTON.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

CHEAP NOTORIETY

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Cambridge University Guild, I was shocked to read in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' a report of a performance on handbells which was claimed as two peals of Minor. I have no objection to the resident members of the Guild wasting their time on 'stunts' like this; when I was in residence we did a good many mad things, but we refrained from publishing them in your journal.

This performance seems to me to be on a par with other things perpetrated in recent years: there is a section of the ringing community which appears to delight in making more or less cacophonous noises on bells purely to test the reaction thereto of the Central Council. Most ringers know that there has never been any real necessity for strict rules as to what is a peal and what is not: they base themselves on the unwritten rules that were formulated long before the Central Council was thought of.

I would suggest in all seriousness to the conductors of these performances on handbells rung simultaneously that they should withdraw their claims, by means of a letter to 'The Ringing World,' that two peals of Minor were rung. By their action in publishing this performance they have laid the Cambridge University Guild open to the suggestion that its members are irresponsible seekers of cheap notoriety. I know for a fact that this is not so, but nevertheless I sincerely hope that in the interest of the good name the Guild has hitherto enjoyed, the performance will be withdrawn. — Yours faithfully,

W. T. COOK.

Wimbledon, S.W.

GREAT YARMOUTH CLOCK CHIMES

Dear Sir,—May I warmly thank all those who, in response to my recent letter in 'The Ringing World,' sent me suggestions for the quarter chimes for Great Yarmouth Parish Church. Many of these were most interesting. The 'winner' whose chimes are described in an article on the front page of this issue, will have as his 'prize' the satisfaction of knowing that his chimes will lift up the hearts of millions of residents and holidaymakers in Yarmouth for generations to come. Thank you, Brian! — Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth Vicarage.

Dear Sir,—The composition of Plain Bob Minor rung on November 30th, 1958, on six handbells (tenor 13 in E), conducted by me, was

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Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROAF.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

SURVEY OF SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—As mentioned by Mr. Philip Gray in a letter in a recent issue, I shall be pleased to receive reports from individual towers of any special progress or success during 1958, if possible with a note as to what is thought to be the main factors for such success.

Such items as: Silent towers restarted, newly established change ringing bands and exceptional progress of established bands, first local band peals or quarters or local handbell peals of exceptional merit.

Will those with anything of interest on these or similar lines please write to me.

Completed Association Surveys should be sent to Mr. P. Gray, Orana, Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9.—Yours, etc.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

CHRISTMAS DAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mrs. Thirst in her plea for the abandonment of the annual comments on the Christmas ringing broadcast (see page 79).

These comments serve no useful purpose since, as Mrs. Thirst points out, anonymous criticism is valueless; indeed, the most obvious inference to be drawn from the fact that your critic withholds his identity is that he does not have the courage of his own convictions. — Yours faithfully,

DESMOND PAINTER.

Harpenden, Herts.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND COURSE

Dear Sir,—In view of certain comments which have been made on the subject of the Council's participation in the course at Dillington House, may I make it clear that while, on behalf of the members, I support the principle of the course and am grateful to the Dillington House committee for organising it and taking the financial responsibility for its presentation, for reasons which I need not enter into here the Council has not been responsible for the compilation of the syllabus of the course, the contents of which do not therefore necessarily represent the views of its members. — Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Hon. Secretary.

Crayford, Kent.

WEEK-END COURSE IN RINGING SUBJECTS

Dear Sir,—As readers of your issue of December 19th last may have noted, in both the letter from the secretary to the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Barnett) and the advertisement by the College of Campanology, we propose to run, in the forthcoming Easter vacation, a short residential course in ringing subjects at the Somerset Education Committee's College for Adult Education, Dillington House, near Ilminster, Somerset.

Dillington House is a large and beautiful country house situated in its own extensive grounds surrounded by parkland. The house has been internally modernised in view of its educational purpose to accommodate 40 persons.

The College of Campanology has accepted our invitation to co-operate, and following its advice and that of Mr. Barnett also, we have decided to change the original mid-week proposal to one of a weekend, when interested persons might more conveniently attend.

The course will begin on Friday evening, April 3rd, 1959, with dinner, followed by the first session. Lectures with discussions and demonstrations will continue throughout the next day, Saturday, April 4th, and on Sunday morning, April 5th, the course finishing with lunch on that day.

It is intended that lectures and demonstrations should cover the following subjects: Belfry Care and Maintenance, Planned Training in Elementary Ringing, Theory of Method Structure, Introduction to Conducting, and Composition. A practical period is also envisaged.

Proposed lecturers are all well known in the Exercise and include the president of the Central Council, and the Principal and an Examiner of the College of Campanology.

The inclusive charge of £3 3s. per student covers tuition, board and accommodation, and any local travelling costs in connection with the studies.

It is considered that the course will be of interest and benefit to all over school-leaving age, but particularly to those with some knowledge of ringing and especially to would-be instructors.

Those interested are requested to write for reservations and details, as soon as possible, so that the best arrangements may be made for all concerned. Support of these proposals may enable a series of courses to be run, with varied programmes to suit requirements. — Yours faithfully,

HARVEY SHEPPARD.
Warden.

WEST OVERTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Lt.-Comdr. Merritt in his letter infers that West Overton bells have not been rung for several years. However, the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild did hold a meeting there on December 21st, 1957. Although not many attended, we found the bells went quite well despite the lack of artificial lighting, and some good and varied ringing resulted. I, for one, look forward to an early return to this tower. — Yours faithfully,

R. J. JOHNSTON.

Chiseldon, Wilts.

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LETTERS—Continued

PARSONS AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have been following the correspondence concerning the Bow peal with some interest, particularly as I am a tower foreman and also a churchwarden.

It does not appear to have been mentioned that an incumbent (with the churchwardens) is just as much responsible for the bells and fittings as he is for any other part of the church. One would normally assume, therefore, that 'permission to ring a peal' would imply exactly what it says, and that incumbents should know that a peal extends to not less than 2½ hours under normal circumstances.

The fact that incumbents in general do not appreciate this fact only goes to prove that they do not, in most cases, take the interest they should in their bells. We so often hear the phrase 'my bells' used when a question of authority is brought up, but if one asked a very simple question relating to the bells, or inquired as to the last time the incumbent even visited the belfry (let alone the bell chamber), the odds would be on getting a negative reply in both cases.

To be fair, there are parsons who do take interest and, where this applies, the results can usually be seen in many ways—the number and quality of the ringers, and in their ringing, with youngsters always coming along. Usually, the exact opposite is apparent in a tower where no one outside the actual ringers (if any) takes any interest. I doubt if there can be any more disheartening task than trying to teach, and bring along, young ringers without the support of anyone, apart from, perhaps, one or two loyal ringers. There are as many unactive ringers as there are active ones; and although there may well be many reasons for this, I feel certain that, if a poll were taken, most of the fault would lie with the incumbent who looks upon his bells as 'something to do with my church,' rather than a very real and important part.

The result obtained from this attitude is that those ringers who are interested enough will find towers other than maybe their own to ring in, with the situation where we find fewer towers ringing, either for service or practice, because no interest is shown by those whose job and responsibility it is to be interested. I fully appreciate that ringers are not exactly asked to take up ringing—it is essentially a service given to the Church, and no one would wish to alter that; but I do wonder sometimes how many parsons would give their services to the Church whether they were asked or not.

—Yours faithfully,

Brightwalton, Newbury.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession two old photographs showing six workmen of the now extinct firm of John Warner and Sons. These were taken outside the main doors of different churches, together with bells, clappers, wheels and ropes. One who was a foreman, George Dunn, has been recognised by Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth. Two others, John Phillips and John McKenny, were well known to me. Five members of the firm were Plympton men.

The inscription on one bell is as follows: 'Richard Nairn Dean 1739.T.L. To the Glory of God Amen. Edward R. Currie S.T.B. Dean. Fredrick Gorham Titchhurst, Alfred Uwins, Churchwardens. Ascension Day, 1890.'

I should be very pleased if someone could give some information about this bell. Apparently it was recast in 1890. The photographers were John Chaffin and Sons, Yeovil.—Yours faithfully,

W. G. LAVERS.

Plympton, Devon.

MORE RINGING OF THE CHANGES
IN KENT

Dear Sir,—On a recent practice night at Bethersden a touch of Minor finished up with a great crash whereupon one ringer was heard to remark, 'I hope Reg Pellet didn't hear that!'

So you see, Reg, the good handlers can't always maintain good striking and sometimes the not so good handlers strike the bells very well—I've heard some good call change ringing by the Woodchurch band in the past and certainly hope to hear some more.

I recall that a few years ago the Woodchurch band rang call changes for over two hours to celebrate a royal event—this is often spoken of around the district and not many ringers can boast of such a feat—their captain, Mr. Town, called the changes, I believe, and deserves credit for doing so.

Actually I do drop into one or two neighbouring towers to lend a hand sometimes, but owing to personal circumstances my ringing activities have had to be curtailed quite severely in the last few years. I would point out that if any ringer is interested in becoming a good handler he must get out and about and ring on all sorts of bells and with all sorts of ringers. This is the only effective way (I dare say Pat Cannon will confirm this statement).

Most of the great men of the Exercise have travelled very many miles for their ringing, and it pays off in the end.—Yours,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

ST. CLEMENT DANES'

Dear Sir,—Some few weeks ago I read in 'The Ringing World' that ringers would be welcomed to help with the ringing for Sunday service ringing at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand. So on Sunday, January 25th, with a friend we travelled to London with high hopes of a ring on these fine bells, but alas! our hopes were soon gone.

As we walked towards the church the bells were being raised so we entered the church and were about to climb the steps to the ringing chamber when we were stopped and told that visitors could not go up. I told this young man that I was a ringer, but he still said I could not go up as the bells had been booked by the ringers already up there. He added that they were two short and the conductor was ill, but still he would not let us go up, but told me to apply to a Mr. Barnett for permission to ring on Sundays.

Please, Mr. Editor, could you or any of your readers tell me the address of Mr. Barnett, as I should very much like to have a ring on these fine bells. Owing to my duties I am working nearly every Sunday, but maybe I can fit one in at a future date. I have rung in many towers up and down the country, but this is the first time I have been refused permission even to enter the ringing room. I must say it was a very cold welcome on a cold Sunday afternoon.—Yours truly,

CHARLES S. SMITH.

Ford End, Chelmsford.

[Note.—The address of Mr. E. A. Barnett is 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford.—Ed.]

Dallington, Northampton

Dallington, Northampton, ringers decided at their annual meeting on the following title of their Society: 'Dallington St. Mary's Guild of Church Bellringers' (affiliated to the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Central Council of Church Bellringers).

Officers elected were: President, Mr. G. Morgan; tower captain and secretary, Mr. E. Nobles; assistant tower captain, Mr. J. G. Chapman; treasurer, Mr. K. Alton.

The Central Council's survey form was filled in.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
ASSOCIATION

South and West District

The annual general meeting of the South and West District was held at Harlington on January 17th. Despite the bad weather there were 35 members present. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London Surprise, and the light ring of eight bells here was put to good use.

The business meeting took place in the Church Hall after the service and an excellent tea. The following officers were elected for 1959: District chairman, F. W. Goodfellow; Master, D. Fowles; secretary, E. R. Gotham, 14, The Meadows, Trenches Farm, Langley, Bucks. To the members' great regret, Mr. W. H. Coles, who has been vice-president and presided over meetings of the South and West District for very many years, was unable to stand for the newly-created post of District chairman owing to pressure of business. For the same reason, and because he had moved out of the district, Mr. W. T. Cook was unable to take office for a further year as District secretary. Members expressed their confidence that the new officers would be able to carry out their responsibilities as efficiently as their predecessors.

The secretary's report for 1958 showed that during the year there had been a marked increase in activity in the District, and special mention was made of the new bands recently formed at St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, St. Stephen's, Ealing, and Norwood Green, while increases in membership were reported from other towers. The secretary warned the meeting, however, that the standard of striking, both at meetings and among the various Sunday service bands, left a great deal to be desired.

In an attempt to remedy this situation, it was moved that the 'service touches' at each meeting should be rung by a complete band from one tower or another—the idea being to encourage members to attend meetings who would not normally do so, as members of their local bands, and also to have a chance of getting at least one touch at each meeting well struck, to serve as a standard of comparison for learners.

A proposal that, in view of recent events at Bow-in-the-Road and elsewhere, incumbents in the District should be written to, pointing out the dangers of allowing indiscriminate use of their bells to visiting ringers, which might have unfortunate repercussions on local bands, was defeated by apathy among the members in the shape of five votes to four against, with 25 or more abstentions.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success. W. T. C.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. D. Fletcher 1, R. Bird 2, J. C. Perrin 3, D. W. Woodcock 4, A. M. Macve 5, C. F. McGill (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,248 St. Clement's: R. Larkin 1, J. C. Perrin (first in method) 2, R. Bird (cond.) 3, P. J. Milton 4, A. M. Macve 5, C. F. McGill 6. First quarter in method on the bells. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob: R. C. D. Fletcher 1, R. Bird 2, D. W. Woodcock 3, J. C. Perrin 4, C. F. McGill 5, A. M. Macve (first as cond.) 6.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Peers (first quarter) 1, Rachel Stacey 2, G. Orchard 3, C. Chalwin 4, J. E. Camp (first as cond.) 5, D. Lawson 6. For Evensong.

BENFIELDSE, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Wilkinson 1, H. Aitchison 2, W. Tyson 3, N. Errington 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, J. Lishman 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 21th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Peggy Williams (first quarter) 1, Mary R. Andrews 2, Brenda M. Foster 3, Judith R. Cox 4, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, H. Williams 6. For morning service.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 25th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. North 1, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 2, A. W. Gravett 3, A. W. Bond 4, F. Page 5, H. Stalham 6, H. W. Woolven 7, J. H. Lilley 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Jackson (first of Minor) 1, M. Rothwell 2, B. Wyld 3, Jane Cook 4, R. Blackler (first as cond.) 5, P. Bird 6. Also at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, City, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Trueman 1, E. F. Hancock 2, J. M. Stallard 3, J. D. Painter 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, F. D. Mack 6, J. H. Pailing 7, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 8. Rung before the dedication of a processional cross in memory of Marwood Paterson, Priest, B.A., Vicar of St. Thomas', 1923-1948, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, 1947-1948. Also on Jan. 29th, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, Shiel 2, Blacknell (first of Doubles) 2, B. Shackleton (first in three methods) 3, D. J. Hunt 4, J. Brain (50th quarter) 5, I. M. Roberts (first quarter) 6.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Harrison 1, Margaret E. Panton 2, W. Glover 3, G. Nichols 4, R. C. Thrift 5, I. R. Panton (first as cond.) 6. For morning service, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Drury 1, G. Talbot 2, Miss S. Buchanan 3, J. Martin 4, P. H. Lawson 5, D. G. Blows 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. First of Triples 3, 5 and 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bartlett 1, Eileen Godwin 2, P. Wakefield 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. Jefferies 5, R. Wenban 6, W. Godwin (cond.) 7, J. Dowdeswell 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Michael William) to Joyce (nee Morse) and Arthur William Tucker on January 2nd.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, E. Winters 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For the Christmas carol service. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, A. Harris 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, G. Cherry 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1958. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, A. C. Harris 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, K. C. Timbury 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. S. Ashton, Pirton, and Miss J. Butcher, Stotfold.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Welman (first quarter) 1, J. Maple 2, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 3, M. Fromm 4, M. J. Newth 5, R. Panton 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Hazleden 1, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 2, Monica E. Collins 3, P. Bird 4, F. Oldroyd 5, W. Morey 6, E. J. Wells 7, L. Luig 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to Miss Ann Cox and Miss Joan Beazley.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Geary (first quarter) 1, R. Keeves (first 'inside') 2, D. Taylor (first 'inside') 3, H. Curtis 4, A. Cozens (cond.) 5, J. Powell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Garratt.

HATFIELD BROADBOK, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Leeming 1, Judith Harding (first of Major) 2, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 3, Susan Jackson 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, M. Hawkes 6, D. Sibson 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 1, M. W. Seymour (first of Stedman Caters) 2, T. G. Bannister 3, Mrs. J. Hill 4, J. Hill 5, N. D. Robinson 6, A. M. Stacey 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, F. C. Price 9, M. J. Palmer 10. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong 2, B. Mills 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hanley 1, A. Hodae 2, D. Salter 3, W. Baker 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6. For morning service.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Lufkin 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, D. West 3, Miss H. Stewart 4, W. Rouse 5, E. Smith 6, L. Sharp 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,380 Doubles (240 Rev. Canterbury, 720 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire) of J. Allgrove (first quarter) 1, Linda Kew 2, Pamela Jervis 3, J. Muller 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. Birt 6. Rung to enable J. Allgrove to ring his first quarter in this call-change tower, also 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Adamson.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Kerchev 1, Evelyn Ray 2, M. E. Downs (cond.) 3, C. M. Dring 4, J. T. Mannering 5, P. J. Hayward 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Peter Hayward, captain of the local band, who is leaving the district.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Edwards (first in method) 1, A. B. Allcorn 2, E. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, G. King 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, J. Harris 8.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 1st, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wallace (first quarter) 1, E. Talbot 2, Miss D. Crowe 3, R. J. Cook 4, G. Harvey 5, J. Euston 6, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For morning service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Susan Wetherley 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, B. Davis 3, A. F. Lee 4, T. J. Milson 5, C. Barrable (first quarter) 6, D. J. Barnett 7, P. R. Young 8. Jointly conducted by 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the dedication festival, and as a farewell to Kathryn Rigden, who has left for Singapore.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: R. Chapman 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss C. Ford 4, Miss V. Hester 5, M. Austin 6, L. Woods (first as cond.) 7, M. Bland 8, A. Salisbury (first 'inside' on 12) 9, C. Willmington 10, F. Gant 11, J. Waugh 12. First quarter on 12 for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Laws (first on treble) 1, Miss J. Whitecher (first 'inside') 2, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 3, M. C. Austin 4, H. Duncan 5, Miss J. Macbeth 6, D. Hawkins 7, K. Scrimshaw (first quarter) 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,344 St. Clement's Bob Major: P. D. Chapman 1, R. J. Chapman 2, W. Dowler 3, F. W. Sykes 4, E. E. Holman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, T. Hawkins 8. First in method for all. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mary G. Carnochan 1, S. H. Hoare (cond.) 2, R. G. Smith 3, S. F. Dolley 4, E. Durant 5, W. G. Paul 6, D. Laud 7, R. G. Bell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. S. Dale, churchwarden.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Clampin (first quarter) 1, W. S. Butler 2, B. Crook 3, H. Dorking 4, E. W. Bright (cond.) 5, J. Warner 6. For morning service.

OBITUARY

MR. A. W. BALDWIN

Mr. A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester, passed away on January 26th at the great age of 96. He came to Cirencester about 34 years ago from Fakenham, Norfolk, and joined the local band. With them he rang until about ten years ago, when failing eyesight prevented further ringing, but he remained interested right to the end.

Mr. Baldwin helped to ring in a muffled peal for Disraeli in 1881.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, and the ringers were represented by Mr. F. J. Lewis and Mr. W. A. Godwin, two very old friends.

On the Tuesday evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled as a last tribute: F. J. Lewis (conductor) 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. 2, B. Wakefield 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, H. L. Cooke 5, P. Morgans 6, W. H. Hayward 7, P. J. Lewis 8. F. J. L.

MR. JOHN CURRY

Mr. John Curry, of Crossgate, Pinchbeck, died at his home on February 3rd, aged 81 years. He had been in ill health for about 20 years and had not been able to ring for the past 12 years. He learned to ring at Surfleet under the Rev. H. Law James, but on getting married joined the Pinchbeck band. He rang about 80 peals, his last being in 1944. He was a foundation member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The funeral service took place on Saturday, February 7th, at St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, the half-muffled bells being rung by members of the band and friends from neighbouring towers both before and after the service.

MR. HERBERT KNIGHT

Mr. Herbert Knight, a well-known and highly-respected figure in West Midland ringing circles, died at his home in Wolverhampton on January 28th following a stroke.

Mr. Knight, who was 86, had been tower master at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, for over 60 years, and it was a coincidence that he should have been taken ill while ringing on a practice night on the 12 bells with which he had been associated for so many years.

A native of Somerset, Mr. Knight came to Wolverhampton some 65 years ago, and until his retirement he was associated with the printing industry. A member of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford since 1894, Mr. Knight had for 40 years of his membership officiated as lay secretary until his resignation in 1949.

His total of peals exceeded 500 in a wide variety of methods. Perhaps two of the most noteworthy of these peals was one of Grandsire Triples which he conducted whilst blindfolded, and a silent peal of Stedman Triples in which he took part. In his young days, when public transport was not what it is today, Mr. Knight would often walk miles to ring in peal attempts and attend practices at towers on the outskirts of Wolverhampton.

A man of sterling character and of a quiet, unassuming nature, he was always ready to give advice and assistance to learners. He will be greatly missed, and future meetings of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford will hardly be the same without him.

The funeral service took place at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on January 31st, and was conducted by the Rector, Canon J. Brierley, who was assisted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, lay secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. There was a large congregation, which included officials and many members of the 'Staffords' and other ringing friends. Before the service the bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled. The sympathy of Mr. Knight's ringing friends and acquaintances is extended to his daughter and sister in their bereavement. May his soul rest in peace. F. C. A. B.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

About 60 ringers attended the first annual meeting of the Mansfield District held at Mansfield on January 24th, with about 14 towers being represented.

Ringing took place at Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse Churches, and tea was provided by the local ladies in Grove House.

Mr. S. W. Fossey took the chair at the business meeting. The ten new members elected were Miss B. Salt, Mrs. M. E. Gibson, B. Hinchcliffe and J. Andrews (Hucknall), D. W. Camm, D. J. Camm, D. Gibbs and M. Brown (Eastwood) and H. Prout and G. Oakley (Warsop). Mr. J. R. Ketteringham was transferred from the list of non-resident life-members to a resident member. The Rev. P. M. Caporn, of Eastwood, and the Rev. C. W. A. Pegler, of Greasley, were elected vice-presidents.

The balance sheet and secretary's report were read and accepted.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; hon. secretary, Mr. D. H. Rooke; committee, Mr. A. Brown and Mrs. M. Woodhead; Ringing Master, Mr. H. T. Rooke. The Bell Fund collection amounted to £1 3s.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hucknall on March 7th as a joint meeting with the Nottingham District.

It was proposed as a recommendation to the general committee that when stocks of the present badge are exhausted a smaller badge be produced.

After appropriate votes of thanks a short service was conducted in Mansfield Parish Church by the Rev. E. W. C. Bale immediately after the meeting.

Ringing again continued at both towers until 9 p.m. in a wide variety of methods ranging from rounds to Southwell Surprise.

D. H. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District At Borden

A very happy and successful meeting of the Rochester District was held at the ancient Village Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Borden, on January 24th. Under the leadership of the District's new Ringing Master, Mr. C. S. Jarrett, the bells were kept going to the usual standard methods till 4.30 p.m., when the ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. John G. Phillips). The captain of Borden tower, Mr. E. C. Barton, read the lesson. Tea, which was kindly given by the local ringers, was served in the Village Hall to over 70 ringers and friends.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. Mr. T. Barton, the District secretary, apologised for Mr. W. A. J. Knight, who was absent owing to a chill. Mr. A. Dunk gave a full account of the committee meeting at Maidstone, dealing with the Central Council's visit to Ireland, peal booking fees and belfry repair funds. He was supported in these reports by Mr. B. May and Mr. G. Butcher.

The District secretary and Mrs. T. Barton were congratulated upon their marriage last month at Tunstall, where both are service ringers. Congratulations were also extended to Mr. Charles E. J. Norris and Mr. Harry Springle, of Chatham, upon their 50 years' membership of the Kent County Association.

One new member from Stockbury and six from Rainham were elected. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £1 18s. 10d. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. E. C. Barton and the ladies and friends who helped and provided the tea.

F. C.

NOTICES

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MARRIAGE

SODEN—WILLIAMS. — On Feb. 5th, 1959, at St. Alban's Church, Northampton, Bertie O. Soden to Mildred E. Williams. Future address: 23, Highlands Avenue, Spinney Hill, Northampton. 3855

DEATH

KING. — Suddenly on January 31st, 1959, George King, of 1, Church Terrace, Salehurst, Robertsbridge, aged 69 years. He had been a bell-ringer at St. Mary's, Salehurst, for 50 years. 3826

IN MEMORIAM

WOLSTENCROFT. — In loving memory of Ada, died December 21st, 1953, and Walter, died February 8th, 1957. R.I.P. 3824

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CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE (new 5).—Open day for ringing, Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. K. R. Upton, The Vicarage, Linton, Burton-on-Trent (Swadlincote 7318). 'Buses from Burton.—D. P. Jones. 3750

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House, 5. Notify for tea by Feb. 16th. Ringing, All Saints', 3 p.m. Both towers after meeting.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 3829

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 3847

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wortley, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Day School. Names by 19th to Rev. F. V. Robinson, The Vicarage, Wortley, Sheffield. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 3840

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. J. Brown, The Moat Cottage, Benenden, Cranbrook. Gentlemen cordially invited. Buses: Services 97 from Ashford and Tunbridge Wells every two hours: 127 from Tenterden. 3811

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SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Dunblane Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 2 to 5 p.m., thereafter special meeting to consider new draft rules.—Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh, 15. 3830

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, on Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee 11 a.m. Service at noon. Luncheon 1 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Full ringing programme.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimeys, Offham, Maidstone. 3842

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central District held their annual meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill on January 31st. This fine ring of eight was put to good use by a large number of members and visitors. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Finch) in the Memorial Hall, followed by a buffet tea.

Before the business meeting commenced Mrs. K. Lock (president) thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome, the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea, and Mr. E. Rowe, who had made the ringing arrangements.

In the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. Savory, whose husband was ill, Mrs. Lock was voted to the chair. Attendances at meetings in 1958, reported the secretary, had improved and there were now eight honorary and 61 fully paid-up members. The secretary's report was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Rose. The financial position was very satisfactory and the accounts were adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Lock.

The officers elected for 1959 were: Vice-president, Mrs. Savory: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. S. Bullock; committee, Mesdames Hart, Collins, Bagworth and Rose; representatives to general committee, Mesdames Hart and Collins. Mrs. Bullock was congratulated on her last year's work. Two new members were elected.

The president reminded members that her term of office expired this year and a new one has to be elected at the annual general meeting at Southport in May. Nominations were invited.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative. H. S.

A PEAL ON STEEL BELLS

The steel bells of St. Clement's, Hastings, cast in 1863 by Naylor, Vickers and Co., of Sheffield, are well known to ringing visitors to this seaside resort. Although the weight of the tenor is only 19 cwt. its diameter is 60in., which would be equal to a 40 cwt. bell of proper bell metal. They are all very odd-struck, the tenor being exceptionally slow at handstroke, rather like Christ Church, Dublin. Several well-known ringers, amongst them the late Keith Hart, expressed the opinion that they were unpealable to Major! An attempt was made in 1947 with four of the band who were successful on January 31st. Three peals of Triples have been rung—Stedman in 1912 and two of Grandshire in 1936. Anyone who wants to ring an awkward tenor will find no better example than the one at St. Clement's, Hastings.

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A		3 2 4 6 5	
—		2 4 3 6 5	
—		4 3 2 6 5	
B		2 4 3 7 5	
—*		4 3 2 7 5	
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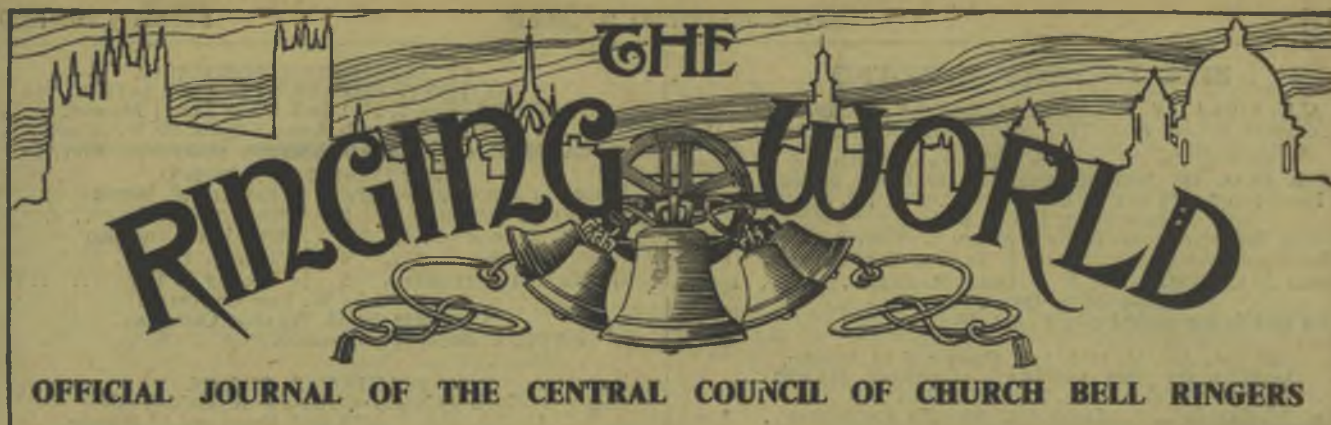
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THE ROMANCE OF THE FALSE PEAL

By ERNEST MORRIS

HOW humiliating it is to any composer who has the misfortune to be 'found out' in producing a false peal, and what a disappointment to any band ringing one. There is little consolation in the fact that nearly all composers—both great or otherwise—have 'fallen for it,' and strange to say, more often than not in the simplest methods. Yet this happens from time to time, and will go on doing so. In the early days of our art, when men were groping more or less in the dark as it were, one could understand that many false compositions were produced and rung. Several of the early peals of Grandsire Triples on the Holt's ten-part plan were rung with ordinary singles halfway and end, thus being false. The first peal at St. Mark's Church, Leicester, was like this, and we used to say it was so ashamed of itself that the tablet erected to commemorate it can hardly be read owing to the lettering—red capitals and gold letters on a light brown background—being faded badly.

Some time ago Mr. Peter Crook wrote in these columns that there ought not to be any such false peals nowadays if young conductors would take the Central Council's publications. Yet even there one finds many false compositions which are supposed to be collections of the best in their several methods. We are reading about the false Surprise peals even today! They are by such eminent men as C. H. Hattersley, A. Knights, A. Craven, H. Dains, J. A. Trollope and others. Sometimes we see a perfectly true peal of little more than the usual length reduced falsely by putting in a shortening course or part in the wrong place. Such a one is that by J. A. Trollope—Bob Major reduced falsely (C.C. Collection).

One recalls a similar case where a perfectly true peal of T.B. Major by F. Robinson was so reduced falsely and rung five or six times, including the very fine performance in ringing it on the back eight of the old Bow Bells.

On one occasion the late Arthur Knights called a peal of his own composition—Grandsire Caters—at Chesterfield, and at its conclusion said: 'You have rung a false peal, gentlemen!'—he had noticed while actually ringing a false course coming up! And speaking of Grandsire Caters, the late John Carter composed and called one with a band of veterans all over 70 which—years afterwards—was found to be false. In this same method there are compositions in the C.C. Collection by William Willson and C. H. Hattersley which are false. My own very first effort, based on a musical plan by F. H. Dexter, who pronounced it true—both his and mine were rung—after over 20 years later—was proved false!

Some years ago here at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, a peal of Bob Royal was rung, and whilst in progress a large stone and other smaller ones fell down from the spire. On investigation later the spire was found to be unsafe and taken down. The facetious say it was this false peal of Bob Royal that did it. In that simple method the C.C. Collection has one by H. Dains that is false.

The writer on one occasion was invited to take part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral with Messrs. Wm. Pye and company. By a mischance my train from Leicester was so late that I missed the connection at Nottingham. The band assembled and a substitute took my place, and I arrived at Lincoln to hear the best part of a most excellent peal. Over a year later the composition of this peal was found false, so at least I missed that one!

In 1887 the late Sir A. P. Heywood composed and conducted a peal of T.B. Royal which proved to be false, but the same band rang another—a true one—the next year to replace this. A similar event in 1894 happened when John Carter called a peal of Stedman Caters which was false but was rectified by the same band ringing a correct version a year later. The meticulous Charles H. Hattersley produced and rang a false peal of Stedman Caters, which later on I had the misfortune to call on handbells; and in a similar way the late W. H. Inglesant had one of the same method that was rung several times.

One recalls in connection with famous long peals the record peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick, Glos, of nearly 12 hours duration. (I was invited to be in this but could not go on account of business.) After the band had rung in one attempt of over nine hours the tenor man gave up, so James George volunteered and rang it to the peal. Alas, on the figures being published it was found to be false.

The long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark—a most brilliant performance of over nine hours on those heavy bells—many years later was found to be false in its composition.

Gabriel Lindoff on one occasion in the North of England composed and conducted the then record length of T.B. Major (17,000 changes), and that was false. What tragedies these must have been to the bands concerned.

Some years ago the Yorkshire Association printed a list of false peals that had been rung—about 40—and Mr. Barton, the peal secretary, wrote about some of them thus: 'A very old one, a four-part of 5,440 Bob Major, by Thos. West, was rung at Otley in 1882. In this peal Jasper Snowdon took part, and it is remarkable that he overlooked this composition as it is hopelessly false. This goes to prove, once more, how easy a false composition can pass scrutiny, no matter how capable the scrutineer may be.' Other false peals Mr. Barton pointed out included D.N.C.B. Major, by J. H. Blakiston, and among them such famous names as Henry Johnson (T.B. Major and Stedman Caters), C. Severn (T.B. Major), Geo. Lewis (Bob Major), W. Sottenstall (T.B. Major), J. Thorp (T.B. Major), Rev. H. Law James (Cambridge Royal), Sam Wood (Grandsire Cinques), A. Craven (Bob Major) and others.

Even in these enlightened days we still find our greatest living experts in this field producing false compositions of Grandsire Caters, Surprise Major, and so on. Not being satisfied with single methods, they are producing false 'spliced' ones!

We come back to the old but true saying: 'To err is human.'

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BELL FOUNDRY WEEK-END

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JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DIANA J. PERRINS .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt.

JACK N. BROWN .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
MARY C. PAYNE 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
JOHN FREEMAN 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 11
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 6	H. STEWART BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

700th peal by ringer of 11th.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. JOYCE DODDS .. Treble	† VERNON GREEN 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
* H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 3	GEOFFREY DODDS 8
REGINALD W. REX 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 9
FRANK W. LEWIS 5	† HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by W. PAGE.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.
‡ 26th peal of Surprise Royal on the bells (conducted 23).

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	* GERALD PENNEY 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK 3	* WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. 8
* PATRICIA DOORN 4	* JACK S. DEAR 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND 6
FRANK H. HICKS 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
RAYMOND P. WOOD 3	* HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 8
* ARTHUR J. HART 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 9
LEONARD STILWELL .. 5	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER (C.C.C. No. 53).

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	* CYRIL GRIFFITHS 7
ERNEST STITCH 3	KEITH WILLIAMS 8
ALAN G. FOSTER 4	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY 5	GEORGE DEAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Herbert Knight, for 64 years a member of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and the Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN HAYS .. Treble	JOHN RYDER 5
JOHN ORME 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN 6
ROY FORSTER 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
CECIL RADDON 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 CHOLMONDLEY BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. Treble	CYRIL CROSSHWAITE .. 5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
J. BARRY PICKUP 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band.

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BARNES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

ANNE C. GARNETT Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 5
GILLIAN NEAL-SMITH .. 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Laurence,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT Treble	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 5
*DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 2	DENNIS COOPER 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Arranged by J. R. KETTERINGHAM.

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday peal for Cyril Wright.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ANDREW N. STUBBS .. Treble	DAVID T. DARBY 5
DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY 6
*RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
*NIGEL J. MAGGS 4	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. A. M. Salter.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD F. B. BRYANT .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. 2	RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7
GEORGE BEENEY 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by EDWARD F. B. BRYANT.

* 550th tower for a peal. First of Major on the bells.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*JOHN HALL Treble	†EDWARD C. GARRETT .. 5
†GEORGE H. HANCOCK .. 2	VICTOR A. PERRY 6
†WILLIAM H. COLLINS .. 3	RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 7
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 4	†FREDERICK W. HANCOCK Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

Rung in welcome to Colin Sydney, son of the conductor, born on December 23rd, 1958.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK MORTON Treble	BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 5
†LEONARD COPNALL .. 2	GEORGE A. PACKER 6
JOHN E. BROUGH 3	HENRY PARKER 7
*DEREK A. N. HOLLAND .. 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Major, and in the method. † First of Major in the method.

Rung as a thanksgiving and welcome home for the Rector, now restored to health after a serious illness.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Egwin,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN STANIER Treble	*DEREK PRICE 5
REV. ALBERT WEBB .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	REGINALD W. WOODYATT 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

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

Rung as a compliment to the local Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Hughes, on his 75th birthday.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	MICHAEL SOLLEY 6
A. WILLIAM BIRD 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 7
*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. 4	PETER KINDRED Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Treble	NORMAN SMITH 5
MILTON FOWLER 2	*H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 6
*SUSAN CHADDOCK 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
†ALFRED SMITH 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First in the method as conductor.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
BRIAN AUSTIN 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 6
AVRIL THACKRAY 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*JUDY ROBINSON Treble	JOHN H. ALLEN 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ANTHONY A. UPTON .. 4	MURIEL REAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Triples.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
CYRIL HANCOCK 3	STANLEY JENNER 7
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4	CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle.' First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung in memoriam the Fairbrother family, to whom a wrought-iron screen and oak belfry furnishings were dedicated on the previous Sunday.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

PETER WOODWARD Treble	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN S. SEAGER 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	*KENNETH PARK 7
GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung to welcome Susan Anne Chant.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's (2nd observation).	Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 6
MARJORIE LEGG 3	GWILYM G. SALMON .. 7
PHILIP N. TUBBS 4	*SIDNEY G. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since restoration.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.
*BARBARA FOSTER .. Treble	*JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 2	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 6
*RONALD DENNISON .. 3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 7
*ALLAN SMITH, JUN. .. 4	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. 50th peal on the bells since being rehung.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
ROGER K. STRETTON .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Rung on the Feast of the Purification of the B.V.M., the 66th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

A first birthday compliment to David Andrew Warwick, son of the ringers of treble and third, godson of the ringer of the fourth.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Tues., Feb. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
JAMES H. PAILING 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
STEPHEN IVIN 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 7
BRIAN R. WHITE 4	FRANK A. BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	REGINALD ROWLEY .. 6
NEVILLE JENKINS 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
VERNON GREEN 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. H. Broad, verger for 14 years.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.
GEORGE MARRINER .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
ALAN J. SMITH 2	WILLIAM PARROTT .. 6
*PAULINE F. SPRACKLING 3	ALBERT CHEESMAN .. 7
FRANK OAKSHOTT 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. SMITH.

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

Arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, on February 10th.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. GRACE .. Treble	†ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 5
*HAROLD W. DUNSDON .. 2	HENRY L. BISHOP 6
FRANK E. GODDEN 3	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 7
ALEX R. WOODLEY 4	†ROBERT B. BLOND .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal on the bells, 24th together.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 COTSWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	JAMES H. PAILING 6
DERMOT J. ROAF 3	FRANK A. BARRETT .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method (E.W.T. B 63/1).

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 BENTLEY BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

*GEORGE WATERMAN .. Treble	*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
ROY DUESBURY 3	IVAN COOPER 7
H. FRANK PIKE 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 100th peal together. First in the method, which is No. 271 in C.C. Collection.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Christopher Derek Alderson, instituted and inducted the previous evening.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.
*JENNIFER S. STERLAND .. Treble *GEORGE DUDLEY .. 4
†MARGARET A. ELSEY .. 2 *PHILIP IMMINS .. 5
HAROLD KILBY .. 3 RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome home to Philip Immins on his return from H.M. Forces.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. Treble ROBERT ALLCOCK .. 4
FRIEDA M. FROST .. 2 JOHN E. COUZENS .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 3 TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
C. REX WALLER .. Treble W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 4
*DAVID COUPERTHWAIT .. 2 ROGER J. PALMER .. 5
*MICHAEL J. TESTER .. 3 RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN Tenor

Conducted by R. J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal 'inside.'
Rung by Soham Grammarians as a last tribute to Mr. Basil M. Bacon, of Chippenham Park, chairman of the school governors until his death on Christmas Eve.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) College and Wavertree College.
(2) London Bob and Lytham Bob, (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury
Pleasure, (4) St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, (5) Double Oxford
Bob and Thelwall Bob, (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Hereward
Bob and Plain Bob: with 224 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.
M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) Treble J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 4
P. J. SHIPTON (Pembroke) 2 A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 5
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. 3 *P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) Tenor

Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

* 25th peal. First peal in 14 methods by all the band.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
JAMES R. MUSSON .. Treble JOHN A. COBB .. 4
WILLIAM R. MARSH .. 2 *MARGARET A. JEPSON .. 5
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 3 JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.
*RONALD HEMMING .. Treble ARTHUR D. COOK .. 4
WALTER H. RAXTER .. 2 TERENCE A. SPARKES .. 5
PAUL CATTERMOL .. 3 HAROLD E. RAXTER .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOL.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, also the bicentenary of the birth of Robert Burns.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) St. Albans Delight, (2) Wragby D., (3) Neasden D., (4) Charlwood D., (5) London Scholars' and Kingston T.B., (6) Sandal and Capel T.B., (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*LOUIS WILLDERS .. Treble *†G. LEONARD THOMPSON 4
†MARY C. PAYNE .. 2 RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
†JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3 †JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 50th peal together. † First in ten Treble Bob Minor methods.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.
*PAMELA BELLAMY .. Treble STAN. N. BRISTOW .. 4
†MICHAEL W. TOZE .. 2 DAVID T. NORTH .. 5
†REGINALD A. TOZE .. 3 EDGAR QUICK .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD TOZE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal, first attempt.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt 2 qr. in F.
*RICHARD J. HALL .. Treble *TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 4
*†BRIAN DAVIS .. 2 ALAN F. LEE .. 5
*J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. 3 †RONALD W. STAPLEFORD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in three methods. † First on six bells. ‡ First peal.

DEFYNNOG, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNOG.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 11 240's (five callings) and 20 120's (ten callings). Tenor 14½ cwt.
MELVILLE O. ALCOCK .. Treble ALFRED REYNOLDS .. 4
RALPH E. SCUDAMORE .. 2 DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. 3 *ROY WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to M. O. Alcock, of Llandilo, who is 'emigrating' to Surrey.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (186 singles, no bobs). Tenor 8½ cwt.
GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble DAVID EMMERSON .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2 HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
TERENCE RANDALL .. 3 RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Spliced Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and ten extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*MARTIN J. BAILEY .. Treble EDWARD A. GAUTREY .. 3
*JOHN E. GODDARD .. 2 EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 4
MICHAEL F. AMOS .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal.

Rung by the St. Lawrence's Society of Change Ringers.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods (42 variations), being one extent each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune: Rushall, All Saints, Marchington: St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, St. Andrew, Shareshill, Norwich; Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Walsingham; St. Martin's, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, Mileham; St. Simon's, St. Alban, Cassington, Shropham, Eynsham, Elford; Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Bob, Besthorpe, April Day, Seighford; Costessey, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Southrepps and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

*HOWARD NICHOLS .. Treble	ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. 4
WENDY BIRD .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	DAVID STAPLES .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal.

Rung as a tribute to Mr. Frank Pendry, who has recently retired from his position as tower captain of this church.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 120's (ten callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*M. RUTH CHICK .. Treble	DENNIS A. PIKE .. 4
LESLIE V. MORRELL .. 2	GORDON WALFORD .. 5
W. RONALD TRICKEY .. 3	ALAN G. COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal

Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. L. Taylor).

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall, and three differently-called extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
MRS. J. RENDER .. 2	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5
JOHN POTTS .. 3	ALAN SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. Treble	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
GEORGE GREAVES .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
GEORGE A. COOK .. 3	TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung in memory of A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester, who was made a member of the above Association in 1901.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VIVIAN RICHARDSON .. Treble	†JOHN M. BLAIKIE .. 4
G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 5
CHARLES H. BAKER .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal. † First of Surprise. First peal for the West Lindsey Branch.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, every call a single (206 calls). Tenor 14 cwt.

*ELIZABETH M. JACKSON .. Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 4
*BERYL W. ABBOTT .. 2	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 5
ANGELA GRAINGER .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal.

A compliment to Mr. Brian J. Wylde (secretary of the Society) on his coming-of-age.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Melton District.)

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in four methods, viz.: (1) and (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's Bob. (4) and (5) Oxford Bob. (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

THOMAS TEMPLETON .. Treble	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 4
J. HARRY COOK .. 2	ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 5
*HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

Rung as a tribute to 85-year-old Evander L. Littlewood, who has been ringing at Asfordby 70 years; also to Mr. Gilbert M. King, B.Sc., on his retirement as organist and choirmaster, and in appreciation of his 17 years' service.

DYRHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN A. POWELL .. Treble	HENRY TAYSON .. 4
*MICHAEL J. WEBB .. 2	HERBERT T. FERRIS .. 5
JOHN FERRIS .. 3	*ANTHONY SALMON .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. FERRIS.

* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.

Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Bristol.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER AYRE .. Treble	†STANLEY HUCKLE .. 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 2	‡GERALD PENNEY .. 5
*EDWIN J. UPTON .. 3	*MICHAEL D. FROST .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL D. FROST.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge Minor. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DIANA J. PERRINS .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 3, 1959, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. J. R. RENDER .. 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS .. 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's and Reverse, 288 Wellington Little Bob and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 407 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5—6
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3—4	†DON C. EXELL .. 7—8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
 * First peal of Spliced in eight methods 'in hand.' † First of Spliced.
 Mrs. Marshallsay has now rung each pair to a peal of Spliced Major in eight methods.

QUARTER PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Shields 1, Miss Groves 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, H. Luck 4, T. Milsted 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8. Rung prior to annual meeting of the local band, also a birthday compliment to 2.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Eland 1, C. Corderov (cond.) 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, C. B. Aldridge 5, R. B. Blond 6, J. P. Blond 7, E. J. Grace 8. For Matins.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. G. Smithson 1, F. G. Boyce 2, E. G. Benton 3, H. Lubbock 4, D. R. R. Andrews 5, W. C. Medler (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. John Fellingham.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, Freda Phillips (first 'inside') 2, C. T. Clarke 3, B. W. Willgress 4, K. Prime (first in method as cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. A birthday compliment to 1 and 2.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Knowles 1, Mrs. L. Hiscock 2, Miss H. Wright 3, P. W. Williams (first 'inside') 4, Miss M. Gibson (cond.) 5, D. S. Froome 6. Rung for the 15th birthday of the ringer of 4.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Turnbull 1, Rosemary Hick 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, M. Davies 4, K. Rutland 5, E. Johnson 6, A. Johnson tenor (covering).

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Sinfield 1, B. Whitney 2, J. M. Stephens 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, E. J. Hobbs 5, R. R. Churchill 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, K. C. Fleming 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Hobbs.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. M. Lander 1, Miss S. A. Dyer (first quarter) 2, Mrs. H. Price 3, D. L. Cull 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Miss S. A. Carter 6. For morning service, and as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wells, tower captain.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Cotswold Surprise Major: R. A. Reeves 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, Miss R. S. Hodgson 3, F. G. Wilton 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, G. F. Burton 6, D. N. Niblett (cond.) 7, G. W. Holland 8. First quarter in the method.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Double (with 7, 6, 8 covering): A. Smith (first on working bell) 1, T. T. Yeomans 2, W. Harford 3, P. J. C. Goodfellow 4, W. J. Goodfellow (first as cond.) 5, Vivienne King (first quarter) 6, M. Bennett 7, R. Roberts (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the wedding this day of Michael Carpenter and Margaret Way (vice-captain of Llandaff Cathedral Guild).

LONDON.—On Jan. 25th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Scott 1, B. B. Dibben 2, P. A. Lawrence 3, I. Oram 4, W. S. Deason 5, D. Hawkins 6, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 7, T. Price 8. First quarter for Sunday afternoon service band.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, Miss E. M. Hough 2, A. Jackson 3, M. J. Martin (cond.) 4, W. C. Chandler 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Longhurst, married in this church on February 3rd, 1934.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): A. Franklin 1, J. Jeyte 2, B. Coggin 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, M. Journeaux 5, T. Datching 6. First in seven methods for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan (first quarter) 1, Anne Hancock (first quarter) 2, Janet Evans 3, Wendy Bowak 4, C. Bingham 5, H. King (cond.) 6. For Matins, and a compliment to Louis Crump on his 12th birthday (North Weald's youngest ringer).

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Toye 1, J. B. Garrett 2, A. F. R. Hartley 3, J. W. Wallace 4, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. Havard 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob), 6, 8 covering: Miss B. Sargers 1, Miss F. Hankley 3, D. Munday (first 'inside') 4, E. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Comber 6, A. Sreater 7, G. West 8. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Channon (first of Major) 1, H. Miller (first of Major 'inside') 2, Pam Miller 3, Ann Aldridge 4, S. G. Peck 5, M. Stanvon 6, J. Wallman 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. A. Smith (first quarter) 1, H. Matthewman 2, Miss A. Mansfield 3, H. M. Payne 4, C. Lowe 5, H. Humphreys 6, E. F. Payne (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and to welcome Susan Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Payne.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. G. Paul 1, P. E. Pratt 2, R. G. Smith 3, D. Laud 4, E. H. Durrant 5, R. G. Bell 6, S. F. Dolley 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Cann 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Heard 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6. A compliment to a friend of Stratton ringers, Mr. Jim Tomsett, and Miss Margaret Baker on their wedding, January 8th.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath (cond.) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann 5-6, T. F. Varney 7-8.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Feb. 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Spreadbury (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss P. Miller 2, Miss A. Aldridge 3, A. Spreadbury (first 'inside' and first of Treble Bob) 4, W. Vince 5, C. Aldridge (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. For Matins.

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Cottingham bells, East Yorks, will be silent for the next five months as an overhaul is in hand by Messrs John Taylor and Co., including the recasting of the seventh. This bell was cast in 1739 by E. Seller, of York, and gives a dead sound compared with the other bells. The overhaul will cost about £600 and all the bells will be fitted with ball-bearings.

Mr. Louis Willders has 'completed the circle' of Blankney, Lincs, tower.

The first peal on Tytherington (Glos) bells, a nice five, was rung on February 7th.

Mr. Harry Poyner, of Leicester, who has been teaching at Ormskirk, is shortly taking up an appointment at Shrewsbury.

It was Richard Hough (not Haigh) who was commended for his entry in our Christmas Quiz. Richard is at Marlborough School, where he has started a band. We regret the misprint.

Arranged by Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, a bell-foundry week-end was held at Loughborough, by kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, when four peals were rung. 'Physically, three in one day at the foundry is a straightforward assignment,' writes Mr. D. P. Jones.

Ringers in West Kent would like to congratulate the new Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths upon his election. They are looking forward to meeting him on numerous occasions in their towers during his term of office.

Mr. J. H. Cook and his 16-year-old son, Roland, circled to peals Asfordby tower, Leicestershire, on February 7th, the performance of the father being for the second time. Roland is the first Asfordby-born ringer to conduct a peal on the bells.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

We are getting more clerical ringing members. The Rev. T. H. Dart, Rector of Aldershot, and his senior curate, the Rev. A. Brown, have joined the Guildford Guild, and the Rev. E. W. B. Cordingley, Rector of Stevenage, the Herts County Association. At Salisbury Theological College there are eight ringers and 15 students learning to ring at the various city churches.

Charminster, Dorset, proposes to augment its ring from six to eight. Towards the cost of £600 approximately £300 has been raised.

The ringers of the peal of Minor at Thorner, Yorkshire, on January 31st, would like to express their appreciation of the hospitality shown to them by Mr. and Mrs. Hartley.

Mr. Ranald Clouston is retiring from Hampstead Borough Council in May, after three years' service. He hopes then to have more time for detailed inspections of Suffolk towers.

Mr. T. A. Palmer, of Aldbourne, secretary of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, is in Saverne Hospital, suffering from concussion and facial injuries following a cycling accident. He is reported to be making satisfactory progress and hopes to be discharged from hospital in a few days.

The bells of Wallingford, Berks, are to be rehung on ball bearings and the frame strengthened: their re-opening will be announced in 'The Ringing World.' These early 17th century bells (tenor 21½ cwt.) have been regarded as 'men's' bells, and until January this year service ringing was call changes. A new band has now been formed and includes lady learners for the first time in the history of the tower. It is hoped that when the restoration is completed more learners will be attracted.

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NEW SURROUNDINGS FOR CUMBERLANDS DINNER

THE BELL, at Holborn, where countless dinners of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have been held, is no more. For the Society's annual dinner on February 7th a new headquarters had to be found and a happy choice was The Deacon's Restaurant, Walbrook, where an excellent dinner was served amid pleasant surroundings.

It was a happy evening for the new Master, Mr. Peter N. Bond, and among those who gave him support was a number of Masters, including Mr. George H. Cross, from Devon. A contingent from Newark were also present.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. F. E. Hawthorne spoke of ringers' indebtedness to the Church and that he thought 99 per cent. were members of the Church. Unfortunately, he said, they had some ringers who for personal gain would endeavour to ring anywhere and anyhow. If they thought that a church had a ring of bells and there was some difficulty in the past in ringing a peal there, they would make application to the Vicar or Rector, couching their letters in terms known to ringers but not to many incumbents. Some of these clergy might think that a peal was from five to ten minutes or three-quarters of an hour—whereas it would take 2 hours and 40 minutes or 3½ hours. He asked ringers seeking permission to ring a peal to first approach the local captain, or, if writing to the incumbent, let him know that it would be three hours' continuous ringing.

They had to bear in mind that during the last 50 years ringing had become much more a part of the life of the Church than formerly, and to maintain that happy state they should keep the closest relationship between the incumbent and ringers and to avoid heavy ringing in a built-up area.

The Rev. Meredith Davies, Vicar of Shoreditch, made a delightful reply, recalling many of his experiences, both humorous and sad, in regard to his 26 years spent as a prison chaplain.

BELLS A GREAT HERITAGE

He said he was rather disappointed that there were some incumbents who did not value their bells. He looked on bells as part of their great heritage and part of England, and the harmony of bells was as sweet to-day as in the bygone ages. He was really proud of Shoreditch bells as he listened to them pealing that day, and he was very thankful to Mr. T. Francis, who came to Shoreditch each Monday to train a young band.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by a past-Master, Mr. T. H. Francis. He spoke with pride of the record of the Society, going back 200 years to the day it was founded by George Patrick, and mentioned that the stalwarts of the Society in past centuries had their counterpart in this age in Jack Goldsmith, Tom Coles and George Cross. They remembered with gratitude those who had gone before. Some had been good ringers and conductors, some composers, some writers, some did spade work behind the scenes, but they had all helped the Society in their way.

IN AUSTRALIA

The Society in its early days was composed of very few members in and around Shoreditch and its influence was not much outside of London. But as travel became better the Society expanded until today they had members in all parts of the country and in various parts of the world, notably Australia. They had members who left the Society never to return, some through differences of opinion, others through outside influences. They had learned their ringing in the Society but never thought to give anything back. In spite of these losses the Society lived on and its membership went from strength to strength.

At the present time London was short of ringers; the Society was short in London and in consequence London ringing had suffered. But ringing for the Society was being carried on in other parts of the country. 'We may ring and ring peals for our edification, but we ring primarily for the service of the Church and the love of God. With that thought in mind I ask you to stand and drink to the Society so that we may grow from strength to strength.'

Replying, the Master said he felt that night very proud but very humble to be in the chair. Very proud to be Master of this great Society but very humble when he thought how difficult it was to follow their recent Masters—Messrs. George Cross, T. Francis, Walter Ayre, F. E. Hawthorne, H. E. Audsley and F. J. Cullum.

He asked members to support their monthly practices, which had been going very well of late at St. Martin's, and also their quarterly meetings. During the past year four peals had been rung, and particularly noteworthy was the peal rung by Midland members, of Stedman Cinques, at Lincoln Cathedral.

The company stood while the following five members, who had died during the year, were remembered: Messrs. G. F. Carter, J. L. Morris, D. Priestley, W. Sear and Mrs. E. Beer.

The Master recalled that history was made by the joint meeting of the Society for the first time with the Ancient Society of College Youths. They had gained 29 new members during the year, which was rather fewer than in recent years, and he asked members to do all they could in helping forward recruitment. He acknowledged the great assistance the immediate Past Master had been to him and also the work of the junior steward, Mr. Ian Oram, and his mother, in the dinner arrangements.

The Society's secretary, Mr. A. W. J. Butler, proposed 'The Guests.' This was acknowledged by Mr. T. W. White and also, on behalf of 'The Ladies,' by Miss J. W. Garner.

The entertainment was of a high order, with unaccompanied singing by the St. Martin's Quartet, popular airs at the piano by Roy Kirkby, and recitations by Miss Carol Kirkby and Mr. David Russell.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were Miss J. W. Garner, the Rev. M. Davies, the Rev. G. Blacktop, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, G. H. Cross, I. H. Oram, M. Cross, J. Huxter and T. W. White.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Prockson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Huckstepp, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton.

Messrs. A. W. J. Butler, A. Cutler, N. Steere, R. Caporn, R. A. Kirkby, M. Lewis, S. Jenner, G. Jeffrey, M. Carter, J. Warner, B. V. Collison, I. Zass-Ogilvie, Tall, J. Witherington and A. J. House.

The Misses V. Smith, J. R. Cox, J. Beresford, Ivy Roe, H. Talbot, A. George, M. Harte, Nolan, C. Pulling, A. Hull, V. Hester, M. Prockson.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS, 1958

	Tower	Hand	Total
D. H. Rooke	29 (19)	—	29
D. Butterworth	27 (4)	—	27
G. Challans	25	—	25
H. T. Rooke	25 (10)	—	25

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

North Lindsey Branch

The Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which covered a large area and had been in existence for 60 years, has been divided into three Branches.

The three former Districts are now the North Lindsey Branch, West Lindsey Branch and the Central Branch.

This change will simplify the administration and give all Branches equal representation on the Guild committee.

The first meeting of the North Lindsey Branch was held at Barrow-on-Humber on January 24th, and followed a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Hutchin).

Canon H. Thackray, Rector of Bigby, was elected president, Mr. G. W. Moody secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray Ringing Master, Mr. F. Lord Branch representative on Guild committee, Messrs. M. Walker and G. Dobbs auditors.

It was agreed to have six meetings in 1959.

Mr. Bray said he hoped these meetings would be well supported, and mentioned that the Branch had a good proportion of young ringers. He had been pleased to find during a recent survey that there was fairly regular Sunday service ringing in many towers in the Branch, although the ringers were not all members of the Guild.

The president said the name North Lindsey was very appropriate to the area. He wished the Branch every success, and said that a good team spirit would enable the Branch to become stronger and make progress.

He hoped the young ringers would continue to support the Branch and keep records of ringing and other events that would be of interest in future years.

UNIVERSITY TOURS

Tours will be held as under:—

Birmingham.—Somerset, April 4th to 11th. Kent in summer.

Bristol.—Youth hostelling, Wiltshire, June 12th to 17th.

Cambridge.—West Yorkshire, August 23rd to 29th.

Leeds.—One-day tour, June 20th.

London.—Northumberland and Durham, last week in August.

Manchester.—Lincs, Notts and Derbyshire, July 12th to 22nd.

Oxford.—Cambridgeshire, March 28th to April 3rd.

Reading.—Norfolk and Suffolk, July 5th to 12th.

Sheffield hope to hold a short tour.

Southampton may accompany Reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harding's Silver Wedding

On Saturday, January 24th, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Harding, of Roydon, King's Lynn.

After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. Harding entertained the ringers and other friends to dinner at the White Hart Hotel, Spalding. Among those present were Mr. Harding's mother, who had travelled from London for the occasion, and Mrs. R. Noon, Mrs. C. Wade, Mrs. C. Burrell, Mrs. S. Bennett and Miss R. Gagen and the band, whose names will be found in the peal columns.

The toast was proposed by Mr. R. C. Noon, and a social evening followed which was much enjoyed by all.

This is the second time Norman has taken part in a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major for a silver wedding, the other being his first peal in the method on September 12th, 1928, at Shere, Surrey, on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Goldsmith.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION SALUTES THE BRIDE

THE seventh annual dinner and social of the Derbyshire Association proved to be an unqualified success. Every available seat was occupied and there were about 30 disappointed people who were unable to obtain a ticket.

About 100 guests enjoyed a substantial meal of turkey and plum pudding served at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. The proceedings were quite informal, and there was only one brief speech, made by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who congratulated the Derbyshire Association on the prominence it had attained in the Exercise, mainly through the activities of their younger members. Although he greatly admired and appreciated their performances, there were occasions when the enterprise and enthusiasm of some of the younger ringers in the ringing fraternity caused him not a little amusement.

He instanced the case not long ago when the extent of Plain Bob Major was attempted, and he understood from reports in the Sunday papers that provision was made on that occasion to provide some relaxation from the monotony of such a long stretch by having bottles of beer and cigarettes placed in strategic positions for consumption during the peal. He suggested that the monotony might have been further reduced by having a barber in attendance when he could have provided them with a haircut and shave!

Another instance of cause for amusement was the avowed desire of certain other ringers to ring seven peals in one day! This was apparently only spoiled by the selfishness of some people living near the towers where the peals were desired!

TWO PEALS AT ONCE

Yet another instance was this business of ringing two peals at once. If these peals were rung in the way he imagined (there seemed to be no authentic information) he did not see why the idea should not be extended, and the ringers could have a piece of simple apparatus constructed to fit their heads to which a bell could be attached, also a bell could be fixed to each elbow, and possibly one to each knee, making it possible to ring seven peals at once!

He had learned that two prominent Derby ringers had decided on matrimony and he felt they would all wish him to say that if Patricia made as good a wife as she was a ringer, she would do. He proposed a toast to the future happiness of Gordon Halls and Pat Forster.

Then followed the more important feature of the evening—the bestowal of the coveted order of 'Capita Magnissimuss' on the most worthy belfryman of the year in the Derbyshire Association. This award has been concocted and devised by those two arch conspirators, Denis Carlisle and Gordon Halls.

THE CITATION

With much mock solemnity, Miss Pat Forster was summoned to come forward whilst Ben Cooper read the citation, which is as follows:—

'You, Miss Patricia Mary Anne Forster, although a member of the gentler sex, have shown beyond all shadow of doubt that you are a worthy candidate to receive the most coveted award of Capita Magnissimuss.

'You have not enacted any colourful adventures similar to those performed by your predecessors, rather you have gained this

award because you epitomise that strange creature—the female bellringer.

'One word crystallises the objects, aims, desires, aspirations and motives of the female bellringer—Hunting. You, like other female ringers, entered the hunt, followed a straight line and have, barring last-minute accidents, brought home your quarry.

'Cunning, audacity, persistent tenacity, the weapons of other medal holders are all in your armoury, but in addition you have the advantage of such female attributes as tenderness, cruelty, cupidity and meekness.

'As an innocent schoolgirl you came to Derby to join the Teachers' Training College. What the object of their training was we are not sure, but they certainly don't teach you the joys of the handstroke at home and the Tittums position—at least not in the campanological sense.

'You were able to handle a bell when you arrived in Derby and within a few weeks you were taking your first steps in hunting. After a rapid search of the area in the company of fellow huntress and near medal holder, Vivienne Horton, you were disappointed to find that all the most attractive males were married.

'Unlike Vivienne, who extended her activities to the more profitable fields in the Birmingham area, you made the best of things and settled for the perhaps not so well-endowed Gordon Halls.

'He liked peal ringing so you became a peal ringer—he liked to ring fancy methods so you learned fancy methods. After 75 peals with the object of your affections, or, rather, intentions, he began to notice you, but you must do greater things to make him react so . . .

'You decide to display your ability by conducting a peal: of course you must not appear too clever so you timidly ask Gordon to instruct you on how to conduct. The lengthy lessons enable you to be alone with him, and at the same time in the role of a teacher his ego is inflated.

'Does he realise that you are different from other ringers, that you are a girl—no, his voice drones on—he's too preoccupied with Wrongs, Middles and Belfores to think about a home—his breath down your neck is barely warm. At last luck comes your way—he buys a new pair of glasses—he can see now that you wear a jumper and skirt—not trousers.

'The plan goes ahead—you must not fail to get the peal—you choose your 21st birthday for the occasion—that will make him realise you have well passed the age of consent.

'Taking no chances the band is chosen—seven conductors and yourself ringing Middleton's. All goes well, the only handicap is that in order to get in first you have to call the bobs half a lead early.

'Gordon is impressed with the successful accomplishment of the peal, but more so with his own ability as a teacher.

'Greater efforts are needed.

'Well knowing the sadistic nature of your erstwhile swine, beg pardon, swain, and knowing the gloating pleasure he derives from seeing the mighty fallen, you conceived and set yourself the most audacious task of deflating the ego of one of the greatest veterans in the Exercise—none less than JAFUS, alias Frank Smallwood, himself.

'This peer of belfrymen, raconteur of belfry stories, convener of "The Ringing World" editorial committee, most ancient youth of the College, ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral, is known throughout the kingdom as a specialist in Stedman Triples—holders of the role of Capita Magnissimuss pale into insignificance beside his noble stature.

'What courage to select him as your target—what prowess to trick him in his favourite method!

'The stage is set at Ashbourne, where there has been no peal for 35 years, the method of Stedman Triples.

'All goes well, course after course is tapped off in perfect rhythm. The quarter peal is passed when two people enter the church, bringing goods for harvest festival. Both look very cold, one is carrying a cabbage and the other is frozen to a marrow!!!

'The great one is irritated by this intrusion, his concentration falters, he looks round—this is your chance. You are both in the slow—he comes to give you one for your last whole turn—you turn his one into two and lo and behold you have changed places with never a falter in the rhythm. Your brilliant success is only revealed to the amazed Jafus at the course end when the conductor calls "Stand—two and three have crossed over." Two and three are Miss Forster and Frank Smallwood.

'Having now proved your skill, courage and cunning, all manly virtues—you have now only to demonstrate your femininity. This is easy—you starve yourself for a whole week prior to a peal attempt at Cresswell—halfway through the attempt you genuinely swoon through "man-nutrition" into the arms of your choice. Even he is able to carry you in your emaciated state, and he does so, thereby demonstrating what little manly strength he has. Later, at the home of Bessie Holmes, you quickly recover after eating everything on which you can lay your hands.

'Gordon is now your protector—the time is ripe to hook the poor fish. You skilfully manoeuvre him alone one evening to the R.A.F. Club, where you unobtrusively keep his tankard full. He feels a warm, satisfied glow creeping over him—he broods on a long engagement, say five to ten years—hardly realising what he is doing he pops the question—"Will you marry me?" Quick as a flash you reply—"Yes, next February 14th."

(TO THE AUDIENCE)

'Some of you here may not believe the facts cited in this citation—you may say "this is not true—her motive is an obviously genuine interest in bells and bellringing."

'Sad to say you have been hoodwinked—next Saturday Pat's motives will appear in their true colours when she gets married to Gordon at a church where the only bell music is provided by gramophone records.

'Miss Forster, it gives me great pleasure to award you the medal of the most noble Order of Capita Magnissimuss—you entered the hunt—kept steadfastly to your line and now your task is almost completed—next week you may proudly call "Stand"

He then placed the insignia of the order round Miss Forster's neck. This insignia has to be seen to be believed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APOLOGY PREVIOUSLY SENT

Dear Sir,—No one will regret more than the members of the Peals Collection Committee of the day, of which I was a member, and on behalf of which an apology was sent by the convener of the present Committee a year or so ago, that a false arrangement of Spliced Surprise was included in the Collection of Peals of Major. To anyone with more than an elementary knowledge of the subject the mistake is so obvious—once it has been pointed out—that the astonishing thing is it remained undetected for so long.

The Committee did not claim to be infallible, however, but I think it is fair to say that Council publications of the present day maintain a high standard of accuracy, especially compared, for instance, with the 1908 Double Norwich Collection, in which 12 peals are false in one way or another. Everyone dislikes ringing a false peal, naturally, but I completely fail to understand the reasoning behind the proposition that a false peal in a book bearing the Council's *imprimatur* should be counted as a true one. The next step, no doubt, would be to claim that if one rang a false peal which was published in 'The Ringing World' when it was owned by Mr. Goldsmith, that was hard luck; but now that the Council runs the paper the Editor and the Committee would virtually be guilty of criminal negligence.

Peals, even of Spliced Surprise, are cheap enough these days (one can always help the score along with a few more handbell peals of Doubles, or Bob Minor or Bob Major, if there is any fear of not qualifying for the 'Leading Peal-ringers' list), and Mr. Peter Border has set out both forcefully and accurately what should be done if one has been unfortunate enough to ring a false one.

It must be said that Messrs. Warwick and Rogers have at least admitted what has happened, but it seems from Mr. Ivins' letter that quite a number of people have not. They might profitably consider the examples set them in your issue of February 6th by Messrs. Jelley and Staniforth.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

SPICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read in your columns the views of Mr. Brian Warwick on false compositions. When the Central Council have adopted the rule he suggests (i.e., that false compositions may be rung if they have previously been published by the Central Council), I shall certainly ask for my new peal of Stedman Triples to be published. It is far more musical than those bad old true compositions, having Queens, Tittums and Whittington's occurring each three times. Perhaps we might even improve on Mr. Pitman's excellent peals of Spliced Surprise—I am sure that, with this new ruling, 15 or 16 methods, with all the work for every bell, would not be a very tall order!

But why stop at compositions published by the Central Council? you may well ask. Indeed, I look forward to the day when we need only ring the appropriate number of plain only rings to score a peal. After all, one false composition is just as false as another!—Yours sincerely,

ROGER BALDWIN.

Nottingham.

STANDARDS MUST NOT BE LOWERED

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Ivins pointed out in his letter of February 6th, the falseness of the arrangement of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative was made clear by letters to the 'R.W.' on September 27th, 1957, and October 18th, 1957.

I am not at all sure what Mr. Warwick and Mr. Rogers expect any committee to do about their false peals. Even if an Act of Parliament was passed authorising them, the peals would still be false, and despite Mr. Rogers' views, surely the Association concerned will delete his peal from its records, whether or not he is willing. Personally, I am rather disturbed at the attitude of mind betrayed by these two ringers: no matter who was responsible for the error, that cannot and must not be an excuse for lowering standards of peal-ringing to the extent of accepting blatantly false peals.

I feel I must amplify Mr. Ivins' slightly loose statement in his letter, in which he suggests that 'if more Cambridge than Superlative is rung . . . it appears that only Middleton's . . . will run true.' I have checked various arrangements of the two methods, and assuming that each course is called the same, find that the following arrangements will *not* run true to Middleton's: (a) CCSXSCC, (b) CSSXSSC, (c) SSXCSCS, (d) SSCXCSS, (e) SSSXCCC, (f) SCCXSCC.—Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Convener, Peals Collection Committee, C.C.

'COOKING' A PEAL

Dear Sir,—With all respect, my friend Mr. Rogers has, I think, confused two rather different issues in his letter on Spliced Surprise.

As far as compositions are concerned these, like all other compositions, are capable of proof and may readily be subjected to the skilled scrutiny of our able composers. Any composition which has been rung and is afterwards found to be false must by the tradition and custom of the Exercise be withdrawn as soon as the falseness is known, regardless of the understandable disappointment of the ringers who took part. Many great performances have been marred in this way, not least the wonderful long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, or Mr. Kippin's Treble Bob Major on the back eight at Bow.

Quite obviously, the peals to which Mr. Rogers refers were false and should be withdrawn, as should the other similar performances to which Mr. Ivins refers in his letter. The fact that the figures arise from an error in a Central Council publication is quite irrelevant. Even the great are not infallible, and many less excusable false compositions have appeared in earlier Central Council publications.

The second issue is the question of performance of peals of Spliced Surprise, which was in fact the subject of my letter of some time ago to which Mr. Rogers refers.

Briefly, it must be obvious that to a conductor who is able to transpose readily when he is ringing it is very easy in 'spliced' in the event of a miscall to get the bells back into the required position in a very short time without arousing the suspicions of the rest of the band. Such behaviour is, however, grossly dishonest, and any conductor who indulges in that sort of

thing is beneath contempt. It would be impossible to legislate for this sort of thing and not worth the trouble anyway, since most peals can be 'cooked' by a dishonest conductor, although in a single method the deception is less easily concealed.

There is, however, another aspect which gives rise to real concern, namely the unconscious error in calling which could occur without the conductor realising that he had committed it.

In many of the compositions being rung these days there are usually several alternative combinations of methods which are interchangeable, and the sequence of these combinations is entirely a matter for the conductor's memory which, all questions of honesty apart, could from time to time be at fault. Is there a case for requiring that such performances should be umpired? The practical difficulties of providing umpires are of course considerable, but what do you think?—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

ANOTHER CONDEMNATION

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse the remarks of W. T. Cook on condemning the 'performance' of two handbell peals by the Cambridge University Guild, and publishing same in the 'R.W.'

Everyone knows, or should do, of the struggle to keep the finances of the 'R.W.' solvent, and it is most undesirable that sums of money donated by first quarter pealers should be spent on the publication of 'stunts,' and subsequent correspondence.

If this was an attempt to goad the members of Oxford University to some action, then the 'peals' should have been printed in a college magazine and copies forwarded to the appropriate persons.

I personally think that what is required now is a withdrawal of the two peal claims, together with a subscription to the 'R.W.' towards the cost of printing the undesirable peals, and the not so undesirable but nevertheless unnecessary correspondence consequential thereto.—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

RECORDS BEING WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—We are advised by our local 'record shop' that all 78 speed records are to be gradually withdrawn from March onwards.

This will presumably include the well-known record of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster (H.M.V. C. 2098) and other bell records. In case this information is not generally known, I hope this word in season may perhaps help some of your readers who may like to make enquiries about these records before it becomes too late to obtain them.

I may perhaps say that in our family we have obtained great pleasure and delight from 'Columbia D.B. 1637'—Queen's Chimes and Whittington Chimes, rung at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London, by the Ancient Society of College Youths. The rhythm and striking of this ringing are superb and those glorious old bells are heard at their best. You will observe the appropriateness of the number of the record!—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**Salisbury Branch**

The annual meeting was held at St. Paul's, Salisbury, on January 31st. The Rector (the Rev. T. E. Dobson) conducted the Guild service, assisted by the Rev. A. Phillips (Vicar of Danierham).

A company of 51 then sat down to tea, after which farewell had to be said to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Phillips, who have been keen honorary members and are now leaving for Shoreham, on retirement.

Mr. H. A. Roles (Branch chairman) presided at the business meeting, at which all the retiring officers were re-elected and ten new members elected. The following dates and places were provisionally fixed for 1959 meetings, subject to confirmation:—March 7th, Durrington and Amesbury; April 25th (quarterly), Winterslow and Sarum St. Thomas; May 30th, Hindon and East Knoyle; July 18th (quarterly), Broadchalke and Coombe Bissett; September 12th, Compton Chamberlayne or Shrewton and Chitterne; October 17th (quarterly), Damerham and Martin; November 28th, Codford and Steeple Langford. It is also hoped to organise a half-day outing on September 26th.

The first grant was voted out of the Branch Bell Restoration Fund—£5 for Sarum St. Martin—as soon as the immediate work on the sixth bell is put in hand.

Mr. Roger Fry reported that a Guild had been formed in Salisbury Theological College to teach the ordinands to ring. At present there are eight ringers in the College, and 15 students are learning at one or other of the neighbouring churches on a weekday afternoon.

The bells of Wilton, St. Paul's, Salisbury and St. Thomas', Salisbury, were open during the afternoon or evening, and everyone had a chance to ring, from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise.

SPALDING RINGERS' DINNER

The ringers of Spalding Parish Church, along with a number of friends, were invited to dinner at the Greyhound Hotel, Spalding, on February 5th by the Vicar (Rev. Canon M. H. R. Syngé). At the short meeting held prior to sitting down to dinner, all officers were re-elected for a further year in office. It was with mixed feelings that the company heard the Vicar announce he would shortly be leaving to take up an appointment as precentor at Lincoln Cathedral. He sincerely hoped that any member visiting Lincoln would call on him, and that they would give his successor every support.

After an excellent meal, a most enjoyable series of games, quizzes, and some handbell ringing, arranged by the Rev. R. W. H. Nind, concluded the evening. Mr. J. Ames, the captain, in his vote of thanks wished the Vicar every success in his new appointment, and thanked all those who had made the evening such a success.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

A welcome to the Northern Section when they met at Brecon for their annual meeting on January 24th was extended by the Dean (the Very Rev. W. E. Jones), who conducted the service. Members of the Mothers' Union provided tea for the 40 ringers present. The Rev. V. Davies, of Llangosse, was voted to the chair for the business meeting. The officers were re-elected and an encouraging sign was the election of 19 new members and one new tower, Llangosse. The collection for the Restoration Fund amounted to £1 3s. 6d., and £2 was granted to Llangosse towards the repair of their bells. The next meeting will be at Llanelly Hill.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The winter meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Bradley, near Bilston, on January 21st. The last occasion the Society met at Bradley was as far back as 1902. The reason for this lapse of time was due to the bells having been unringable for over 50 years. Following restoration work in 1957 Bradley tower now possesses a delightful ring of eight with a 10 cwt. tenor.

The recent meeting attracted an attendance of 85 despite the counter-attraction of the nearby Wolves-Bolton cup match. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. C. Smith, Ringing Master.

As there is at present no vicar at Bradley, the service was conducted by the Society's clerical secretary, the Rev. C. H. Barker, who also gave the address. An excellent tea was kindly provided by the members of the local band and their ladies. Arrangements for this very successful and enjoyable meeting were made by Mr. J. D. Holden, of Coseley. It was regretted that Mr. W. Bayliss, a member of the Bradley band in 1902, was unable to attend the meeting owing to ill health.

The next meeting will be at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent on March 21st, by invitation of Mr. B. G. Key and members of St. Paul's band.

F. C. A. B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A District meeting was held on January 10th at St. John's, Hackney. About 60 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening, and they all expressed pleasure concerning the new ring there. A company of 40 sat down to tea provided by the new band of ringers at this tower.

At the business meeting the assistant secretary remarked upon the unique position of the ringers at St. John's. Under the instruction of Mr. Dennis Neal, from the Upper Clapton band, eight young men from St. John's have been holding weekly practices at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. Now at last the bells of the new church are ready, and there is a completely new local band capable of very good striking to take over the ringing there.

C. F. N.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting of the Leeds and District Society held at Ossett on January 31st was well attended, and full use was made of the excellent ring of ten between 3 and 9 p.m., with a short break for tea and the business meeting.

At the business meeting the president welcomed ringers from Bristol and Durham, and five new members were elected from the Ossett company.

Of the 14 rings of ten in Yorkshire, Ossett is a candidate for the number one position, and it was unfortunate that some of the ringing did not do justice to the bells.

The February meeting will be held at Birstall—another fine ring which the Society is fortunate to include in its list of towers.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION Northern District

Expressions of thanks were passed at the annual meeting of the Northern District at Halstead on January 31st to Miss H. G. Snowden, for her work for the District, when she did not seek re-election as District Master. Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association, presided, and the District officers elected were Mr. H. A. Pratt, Master; Mrs. M. Moore, secretary; Messrs. J. Elliott and J. Warner, general committee.

During the past year six peals had been rung, five meetings held with good attendances and the bells of Stebbing rehung. Nine new members were elected and Great Yeldham selected for the March meeting.

Messrs. H. W. Smith (Dunmow), S. Dace and F. Wiseman (Sible Hedingham) were nominated for life membership. Among other nominations received were Mr. R. C. Heazel, Association Master; Mr. F. V. Gant, secretary; Miss Snowden, Central Council representative.

The Rev. E. A. Bandon (Gosfield) conducted the service, and Miss Snowden acted as organist. The tea, in St. Andrew's Hall, was arranged by Miss Snowden.

ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER

Speaking at the dinner and annual meeting of St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers (Dorchester), held at the Wessex Restaurant on January 10th, the Rector (the Rev. P. J. Heaton) said that the Tower Repair Fund now stood at £600, but it seemed doubtful whether any repairs could be carried out unless at least £1,000 was reached. The Rector said the ringers were doing a fine job under difficult conditions and he hoped the position in the tower with regard to numbers would improve still further in 1959.

New members elected were: Messrs. P. J. Short, A. H. Patterson, G. R. Churchill, M. H. James and Miss W. Bongard.

Officers elected were: Master, the Rev. P. J. Heaton; Deputy Master (captain), Mr. R. H. Duke; vice-captain, Miss B. J. Dyke; correspondent, Miss A. S. Kemp; treasurer, Miss B. J. Dyke.

St. Peter's tower is in a bad state of repair and £3,000 is needed to put it right, although there is nothing wrong with the bells themselves. The bells may have to be silenced while repairs are actually being carried out, which includes re-roofing the tower and pointing stonework from top to bottom. Any donations towards the Tower Repair Fund may be sent to R. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset.

Sherwood Youths

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), on January 31st. The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. Frederick Salter; secretary, Mrs. P. Clarke; treasurer, Mr. Walter Nichols; steward, Mr. Percy Ball. Ringing was of a fairly good standard throughout the day and a variety of methods were rung.

Derbyshire Association Dinner—Cont.

The Derbyshire Association Choir then went into action and in spite of their conductor, Denis Carlisle, gave an excellent account of themselves. Fun and games were the order of the evening, and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all present, thanks to the efficient and painstaking efforts of the organisers—G. Halls, D. Carlisle and A. B. Cooper. During the evening a demonstration of unusual handbell ringing was given by Bryan Woodruffe, Roger Baldwin and J. F. Smallwood. Tunes were also provided by a Derbyshire company.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERGAVERN, MON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ald. W. Horsington 1, G. Ward 2, Miss Temlett 3, B. Jones 4, N. Ward 5, R. Jones 6, G. Lewis 7, R. Horsington 8. For morning service on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of Wales to dedicate a stained glass window given in memory of Colonel Williams by his family.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, J. L. Girt 3, J. J. Prentice 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, R. F. Taylor 6. For carol service.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Sitch 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, M. Blond 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

BRINKLOW, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,269 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. S. Aylett 1, Miss D. Elson 2, F. W. Perrens 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, R. Winter 5, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. S. E. C. Whitcombe on the occasion of his induction.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Bettley-Cooke 1, B. Gillian Schofield 2, P. M. Dawson 3, H. B. Schofield 4, R. Rayment 5, A. E. Hartley 6, F. A. Munday 7, W. Lee 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Feb. 1st, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering): F. J. Lewis (cond.) 1, P. J. Lewis 2, B. Wakefield 3, F. J. Lewis (jun.) 4, P. Morgans 5, W. Hayward 6, W. Wrigley tenor. For evening service.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. L. Melville 1, Diana M. Lawless 2, F. A. Ginns 3, J. Goode 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Bell, wife of the tower captain and Rector's warden.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Clarke 1, C. Webb 2, E. Summers 3, D. Salter 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, P. J. Woodzyer 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For evening service. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Josephine Pole 1, P. J. Woodzyer 2, June Richardson 3, D. Fowles 4, T. S. Baker (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For evening service.

CUFFLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Beale (first quarter) 1, B. McKie (cond.) 2, N. Clark 3, B. Greenwood 4, A. Boyd (first 'inside') 5, A. Bull 6. Also on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Figgis (first quarter) 1, B. McKie (cond.) 2, A. Bull 3, B. Greenwood 4, A. Boyd 5, L. Dale (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles 4 and 5.

EAST WILBRAHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Brown 1, P. Pig 2, E. G. Hibbins 3, W. J. Quinney 4, A. R. Heponstall (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Capt. R. S. Hicks, who restored the bells and provided a new frame in 1958.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Celia Lawrance (first quarter) 1, J. Sims 2, Brenda Stark 3, J. Hurrell 4, E. J. Coode 5, R. Clarke 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Howard 1, Pauline Spittle 2, Gladys Anderson (first of Major) 3, H. E. Good 4, A. S. Besant 5, R. C. Spittle 6, D. G. Spittle 7, C. W. Munday (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Treble 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, P. Murgatroyd 4, C. Turner 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6.

GREAT HORKESEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Bloyce (first of Minor) 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, P. Perkins 3, A. Cansdale 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, B. Gibbons 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, R. Parish 2, J. Collins 3, F. Hoad (first in method) 4, V. Tipton 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, D. F. Mufet 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Wilson 1, J. H. Fielden 2, J. B. Pickup 3, P. Schofield 4, C. Ashworth 5, W. E. Wilkinson 6, B. A. Tomlinson 7, N. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. D. O. Forshaw to the living of Heptonstall.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hall 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, B. Davis 3, A. F. Lee 4, T. J. Milsom (first as cond.) 5, R. W. Stapleford 6.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. E. McDonald 1, H. Brown 2, F. E. Faga 3, W. A. Catern 4, Wm. Hill 5, J. Stewart 6, Rev. J. J. Fielding 7, J. T. Dunwoody (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 3 and 4. Rung for the anniversary of H.M. the Queen's Accession.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Jefferies (first of Minor) 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, Sandra Lewis 4, J. R. Hobbs (first of Minor) 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. V. Baker 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, G. F. Rooome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, B. E. Jeffery (Edenbridge) 6, A. R. Jones (first in method as cond.) 7, Miss N. G. Williams 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For morning service.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): B. Priestley 1, Miss H. Pugh (25th quarter) 2, Miss P. Drury 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. F. Gain 6.

OXFORD.—On Jan. 11th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss L. Forward 1, Miss R. R. Corner 2, Miss M. Gould 3, Miss C. Woodward 4, R. A. Jackson (cond.) 5, M. Journeaux 6. For Matins.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, L. B. Coles 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Morford (cond.) 5, L. Batten (first quarter) 6.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 720 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, Jean Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, S. H. Ashton 5, A. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1958. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Josephine Harris (first quarter) 1, A. Harris 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, M. Chalkley 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to June Butcher and Stan Ashton, who were married the previous day.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, R. C. Cann 2, H. Trewin 3, J. H. Bowden 4, R. Pearce 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, O. Gittens 8. Rung after the dedication of the new peal bow.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, W. J. Harvey 2, W. G. Lavers 3, E. M. Atkins 4, H. C. Spencer 5, D. J. Roberts 6, W. J. Simmonds (cond.) 7, A. J. Garbett 8. First of Stedman for 2 and 6.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Berry 1, F. Smith 2, E. Griffiths 3, A. Greenough 4, J. Blond 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, E. Garrard 7, E. Bucknell 8. For Evensong, being the last changes rung on the bells before being dismantled for restoration and rehanging.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Salter 1, Mrs. D. Gay (first on eight) 2, D. Gay 3, A. H. Reed 4, P. N. Tubbs 5, D. North 6, G. Walford 7, W. F. Slocombe (cond.) 8.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Thorpe (first of Minor) 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, C. E. Cooper 3, H. T. Bonshor (first of Minor as cond.) 4, A. E. Hinman 5, G. A. Bowcutt 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brummitt, of Whissendine; also a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. Brummitt and also to the conductor.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE KING
AN APPRECIATION

A ringer at St. Mary's, Salehurst, for 50 years, and for the last 30 years captain and towerkeeper, Mr. George King never missed Sunday service ringing or a practice night if it were possible to get there. Not a great peal ringer by present day standards, he was a good striker and could not tolerate bad ringing. He only rang 33 peals, 26 of them being on Salehurst bells. With his last peal he completed the circle on these bells.

His passing is a great blow, not only to his local band but to many visiting ringers. As the cortege left the church his own band paid tribute to him with a well-struck half-muffled 336 Grandsire Triples, his favourite method. E. T. A.

MR. GEORGE PIDWELL

St. Martin's, Ruislip, has lost an old friend by the passing on February 13th of Mr. George Pidwell. He came to Ruislip in 1948 from Mitcham, and was a regular attendant at service ringing at Pinner on Sunday mornings and at Ruislip on Sunday evenings. When his health allowed, Mr. Pidwell attended the veterans' gathering in London: he loved an outing. He gave up his home about two years ago and went to live at the old people's home at South Ruislip. It was here he died after a long period of failing health.

MR. H. WILLOWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. H. Willows, of 36, Grove Road, Retford, Notts. His passing has left a gap in the band of East Retford Church, where his usefulness as a heavy-bell ringer and his regular attendance endeared him to the company. Mr. Willows had a number of peals to his credit, and was a frequent attendant at ringing meetings in the area. The sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

A request from the Rector of Ashwell for an instructor to start a new band there was received with keenness at the meeting of the Northern District at Baldock on January 31st. The secretary was instructed to convene a meeting with Ashwell ringers to see how many were interested in the art and to report back to the next meeting.

Mr. H. S. Bonnett, who was unable to attend the A.G.M., asked for more information regarding the proposal for a ring of ten in the District. He was informed that the sub-committee had not yet met. The chairman (Canon F. G. Brenchley) said Baldock would gladly accept an extra two bells, but it was no use trying to provide the additional bells when the fabric was in need of repair.

The Rector of Stevenage (Rev. E. W. B. Cordingley) was elected a ringing member and Mr. M. Stracey, of Duxford, a non-resident life member. The next meeting will be held on March 7th at Norton, with Erin Triples as the special method.

The service was conducted by Canon Brenchley and tea was provided by the wives of the local band. The attendance was disappointing.

RADCLIFFE, LANCs.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. W. Limmer 1, J. Thornley 2, Gillian Bridgford 3, D. Young 4, R. Leigh 5, D. Vincent 6, P. Crook 7, F. Reynold (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Eccles, of Morecambe, and also the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Lancaster R.C. Cathedral.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In collaboration with the Kent District of the Ladies' Guild, the Lewisham District quarterly meeting was held at St. George's, Beckenham, on January 24th, some 70 ringers attending. Fourteen Lewisham District towers were represented. Evenson was attended.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, where ample justice was done to an excellent meal provided and served by Mrs. A. M. Rawlings and her friends.

Mr. A. S. Richards presided at the business meeting and opened proceedings by welcoming the Ladies' Guild, and thanking them for their courtesy in allowing the Lewisham District meeting to be held first. Mrs. F. M. Mitchell (Gravesend) replied, and gave a very welcome message of greetings from Mr. Mitchell.

Six ringers were elected into the Association and the elections of four members previous to peal attempts were confirmed. Miss M. R. Andrews (Bexley District representative) read an excellent report of proceedings at the general committee meeting at Maidstone.

Mr. E. A. Barnett informed members of an outstanding performance at Eltham on January 3rd, in which Miss B. Slark, of that tower, conducted Holt's Original at her first attempt to ring a peal! It was decided *nem. con.* that the meeting's very warm congratulations be conveyed to her for a momentous achievement.

Mr. E. Barnett read extracts from a letter he had received from Mr. J. Bennett, who was enjoying a world cruise. Mr. Bennett was for a long time a resident of Beckenham, and played a prominent part in Lewisham District ringing over a great span of years.

Mr. P. A. Corby mentioned that that day was the 62nd anniversary of the election of Mr. E. Barnett into membership of the Association. He congratulated him on long and continuous service, and wished him many more years of active participation in the Association's affairs. The meeting endorsed these remarks with acclamation.

Mr. E. Barnett thanked the company for their good wishes.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Most of the towers in the District were represented at the annual meeting of the Farnham District, held at St. Michael's, Aldershot, on January 31st.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Dart, and a male choir of bell-ringers led the ringing. An excellent tea was served by the lady ringers of Aldershot. Mr. C. W. Denyer (Master) was chairman for the business meeting, when both the Ringing Master and hon. secretary (Mr. C. J. Beadle) reported that the District had progressed slowly during the year, and stressed the need for certain towers to be given more experienced help.

Eleven new ringing members were elected, including the Rev. T. H. Dart, of Aldershot, and his senior curate, the Rev. A. Brown.

The election of new officers resulted in Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot) becoming Ringing Master and Mr. W. H. Viggers (Aldershot) assistant Ringing Master. All other officers were returned unopposed, being Mr. C. J. Beadle, hon. secretary; Mr. R. H. Mills, hon. treasurer; Mr. F. Cherryman, executive committee member; Dr. W. Wright, hon. auditor; Miss M. A. Cass, correspondent to 'The Ringing World'.

The District decided to support the proposals of the Master contained in a letter to the Districts, viz.: That the term 'junior members' should be abolished and all members to pay a subscription of 2s. 6d.; that the A.G.M. should be held on the Saturday before Palm Sunday each year; that the names of all paid-up members should be printed in the annual report, and that the summer festival of the Guild be held on the first Saturday in June.

M. A. C.

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BIRTHS

MORETON.—On February 13th, 1959, at 37, Thornes Lane, Wakefield, to Jo (née Roper) and Wilfrid Moreton, a son (Adrian Michael).

RUSS.—On Feb. 15th, 1959, to Ron and Edith Russ, of 69, Addison Road, Reading, a son (Stephen Scott). Both well. 3896

ENGAGEMENT

PAYNE—FULLER.—The engagement is announced between Colin Michael, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Payne, of 4, Council Houses, Felmersham, Beds, and Jean Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Fuller, 6, Althorpe Street, Bedford. 3873

MARRIAGE

CLAMP—COTTERILL.—On Saturday, February 7th, 1959, at All Saints', West Bromwich, by the Vicar (Rev. Preb. N. W. Watson, M.A.) and the Vicar of Tong (Rev. Brian Skelding, M.A.) between David Clamp, of Harborne, and Jane Cotterill, of West Bromwich. Thanks to all the ringers who participated: also those who rang the quarter peal on Sunday, February 8th. 3864

DEATH

LEACH.—On February 9th, 1959, Frederick William Leach, of Berkhamsted, dear Father of Elsie Savory, 153, Queens Walk, South Ruislip. R.I.P. 3886

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ACCOMMODATION WANTED

TROWBRIDGE.—Keen ringer through promotion shortly being transferred to Trowbridge urgently requires accommodation. Married (31), no children; unfurnished house or flat preferred. Anything available will be considered.—F. W. Slocombe, 5, Court Drive, Wellington, Somerset. 3879

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY.—Will all visiting bands wishing to ring write to F. G. Beddow, 10, Judith Butts, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. The visitors' peal for 1959 is booked for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 3891

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL.—An attempt is being made to form a University Guild of Ringers. Will those interested please contact F. H. Hayes, c/o Students' Union, Bedford Street North, Liverpool. 3861

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3822

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter's (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3841

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3843

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S, and W. District.—Meeting, Ealing, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing at St. Stephen's, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Further ringing at St. Mary's 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. Regret own tea arrangements.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Please note that there will be no ringing before service at All Saints' Church. Service 4 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3885

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3847

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—Feb. 21st at 3 p.m. induction of the Rev. A. A. Muxlow by the Lord Bishop. Ringing ad. lib. after service. All welcome.—O. G. Barnard. 3895

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Exning, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (Newmarket) bells available after meeting. 3835

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. 3823

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wortley, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. 3840

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, Churchill. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 3858

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Carhampton (6) on Saturday, Feb. 28th, 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudhal, 3, West Close, Dunster. 3882

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Flitton, Saturday, Feb. 28th (note date). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Munday, The Old Vicarage, Flitton, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3867

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 25th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3872

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. prompt in Church Hall.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3892

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Darlington. Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m., St. Cuthbert's. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing at St. John's after tea. Names for tea by February 26th to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 3890

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Bristol East, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 3880

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, Leckhampton (8), 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by February 24th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3875

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. J. Brown, The Moat Cottage, Benenden, Cranbrook. Gentlemen cordially invited. Buses: Services 97 from Ashford and Tunbridge Wells every two hours: 127 from Tenterden. 3811

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Birstall on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, to Mr. D. J. North, 1094, Bradford Road, Birstall, Leeds. 3860

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, please, to Mr. R. Morris, 2, Rosamund Avenue, Leicester. 3866

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, St. Mary's, Hall, Hinckley. Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 8s. 6d. each. Please notify by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley, Leics. Phone: Burbage 516.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3890

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at Winhill (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Burton Parish Church (8), 6 to 8. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Church Schools. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 3869

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, at Gressenhall, and not Swaffham as previously arranged. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Bunning, Bittering Street, Gressenhall, Dereham.—C. Tovell, Branch Hon. Sec. 3862

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 25th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3846

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wendover (6), Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 24th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 3876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting at Tackley, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing at Wootton (6) 2.15 p.m.; Tackley (6), 2.45. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Woodstock (8) 7.30 p.m. Tea reservations by Feb. 24th to D. Smith, Merryfield, Witney. All welcome. 3889

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Kegworth (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements—café in Kegworth. Please look up Bristol.—P. Clarke, Sec. 3863

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual general meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 26th, please, to Mr. V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford. 3849

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 28th—to discuss your affairs. Nominations for secretary, please. Names for tea to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 3870

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Saturday, Mar. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 2nd, to Mr. R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 3850

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3828

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Shorne, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, definitely not later than previous Monday.—T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 3865

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Eltham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 4th, to Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Eltham, Canterbury. Please enclose cash. Ospringe May 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3877

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchley, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3884

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).

—The 71st annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, March 7th. Chairman, Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman, M.A. (Vicar of Aston). Tickets, 18s. 6d. each. Peals will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025. 3748

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Durrington. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Also Amesbury, 6.30 to 8.30. Names for tea essential by March 3rd to Miss Eloise, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3887

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by March 5th Mr. A. C. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3881

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting will be held at Merstham (6) on Saturday, March 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. T. Cross, 8, Nailsworth Crescent, Merstham. 3871

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 4th, to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 3862

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Higher Walton, Saturday, March 14th, 3.15 p.m., Higher Walton Parish School Room. Higher Walton Parish Church bells available from 2.30 p.m., and after tea until 9 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the School Room, at a small charge. Names by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mr. J. Taberner, 35, Cann Bridge, Higher Walton, Preston. 3888

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross. 3878

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, on Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee 11 a.m. Service at noon. Luncheon 1 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Full ringing programme.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimeys, Otford, Maidstone. 3842

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The second annual dinner of the Monmouth Branch was held at the Tudor Rooms, Newport, on Saturday, February 7th. Once again this social occasion proved a great success and was attended by a goodly number of ringers and friends.

Thanks are due to Mr. C. Greedy for the use of St. Woolos' bells during the afternoon. Vocal entertainment after the dinner was given by a concert party from Newport Operatic Society, the pianist being Miss Dorothy Atwell, of All Saints', Newport. Dancing followed until 11 p.m.

On behalf of all present Mr. George Ward, Branch Master, sincerely thanked Mr. Jack James for arranging such an enjoyable evening.

LATE NEWS

MR. H. KNIGHT BEREAVED

Mr. H. Knight, tower captain of Wrington, Somerset, was bereaved on Saturday by his grandson, Philip Gilling, aged 10, being killed when an oil can exploded. Philip had already had his first ringing lessons. The sympathy of many friends is extended to the parents and grandparents.

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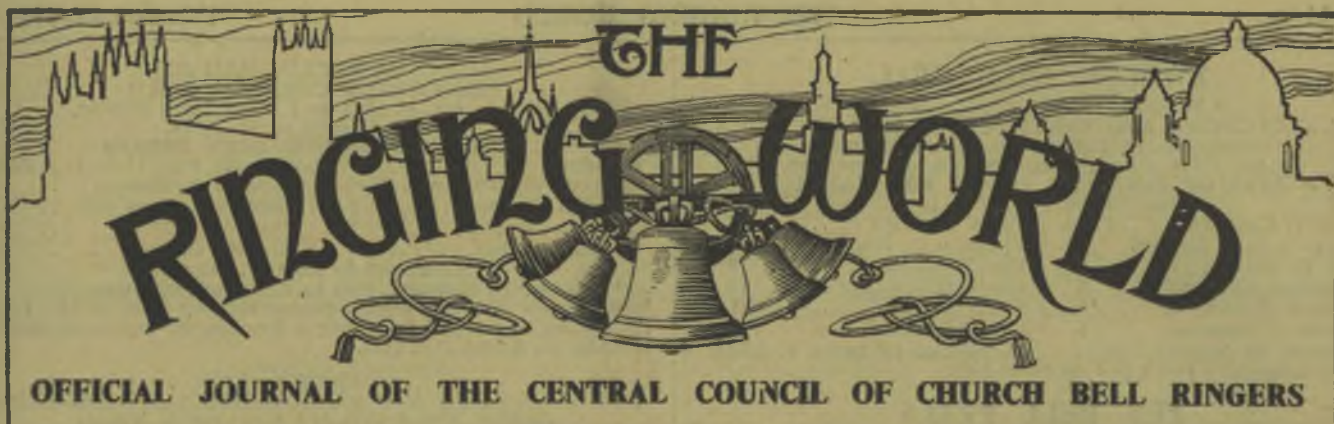
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THE PAGES TURNED BACK

IN the 'Bell News' of March 6th, 1909, appeared the following notice:—

'THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —Special practice meeting at New Mills on Saturday, March 13th, at 5 o'clock. Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob barred. Ringing friends welcomed.—A. T. Beeston.'

This made the Editor's hackle rise, and he had this to say:—

'There is a notice of a meeting to be found in this number where all who are concerned therein are told the following: "Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob barred." Such a notification is most unusual. There is some mysticism about it, for to make it complete and intelligible we should also have been told what methods were to escape the prohibition. We can hardly believe that Treble Bob is intended to be prohibited, for such an interdiction would shut out every one of the Surprise methods, all of which are, of course, Treble Bob.

'This meeting is said to be "a special practice meeting" at which only the ringing of certain methods will be permitted. Ringing friends are welcomed, we are told, but surely the invitation only applies to those who can ring other methods than those which are "barred." For should a ringer appear in the belfry who can only ring Grandsire or Plain and Treble Bob he will not be able to have a pull—he is "barred." Yet the first and last named of these methods are, in our opinion, equal as art work to the most abstruse methods. True they are not so complex, but their status, as examples of the ringing art, stand high indeed.

'We have said that the prohibition given in the notice referred to is unusual. Some few years ago, at a tower in the north of London, it was said that an embargo was laid upon everything below Surprise. Such an unhealthy ukase cuts both ways. We may have retaliatory special practices where those in authority may intimate that other methods are "barred." Should such a spirit be fanned into flame the effect will be calamitous.'

Had the Rev. A. T. Beeston desired, he could have torn the Editor's comments to shreds, but he refrained from entering into a wordy fray, and those of his friends did likewise.

One letter only referred the following week in support of the Editor, and Mr. Beeston's reply to this was to insert

in the March 20th issue a similar notice for a second practice at Reddish on March 27th.

April 3rd, 'Plain Speaker' enters the arena:—

'There is a topic at the present moment much talked about, though many of those who have expressed strong sentiments upon it refrain from publishing their opinions. This is the notice of a special practice by some members of the Chester Guild, whereat the introduction of several methods would not be allowed, or as the notice said, such methods would be "barred." Already some correspondence has appeared, and an article. The notice emanated from the Rev. A. T. Beeston, an accomplished ringer. It stated that at the meeting in question "Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob would be barred." It was pointed out that all Surprise methods came under the Treble Bob classification; in other words, all methods with the treble doing what is known as a Treble Bob hunt are practically Treble Bob methods. So that by this inhibition the Surprise methods became "barred."

'It was also suggested the reverend gentleman had made a mistake, in fact that he had forgotten the Surprise methods were Treble Bob methods. But he did not deign to make any reply whatever to the correspondence on the subject or answer any question. He in fact sent another notice of a similar meeting to be held.

'I think he might have stooped to explain what he meant by Treble Bob being "barred." That would have been but bare courtesy. About the arrangement of such a special practice I need not say much. Enough that such proceedings will not find favour with the Exercise. There has been too much exclusiveness in the past, and the soreness created by it has not yet vanished from among us. Nothing should be "barred" in the way of method ringing, especially such a symmetrical method as Grandsire, which is a method much more handsome than several of the "cramp" methods, though the practice of the latter tends to exclusiveness.'

Mr. Beeston's answer to that was a notice of another practice meeting at Hyde, and from thence he was left in peace.

Those of us who knew the Rev. A. T. Beeston can afford to smile at the critics—they certainly spoke without thinking: most towers in the Stockport area rang the standard methods, and those who wanted to ring the higher methods had to have special practices, otherwise they would have got nowhere.

Perhaps I am sticking my neck out when I say that the results of those special practices are with us today in North Cheshire—James Fernley was one who attended those practices, and when Norbury bells became eight he saw to it that the higher methods would be rung there. Needless to say, his ordinary practices were well attended—need I say more?

I did not attend any of Mr. Beeston's Saturday afternoon gatherings until after I was demobbed in 1919. All that I attended were enjoyable and helpful; furthermore, there was a place for wives and sweethearts, which made the lot of the young ringer much easier. No matter where the practice was, he arranged for one of the ringers to put on a spread, the cost of which was borne by the visitors (a good time was always had by all). Needless to say, the accommodation was well and truly taxed, but we managed to squeeze in somehow; and if the house was not big enough, there was always a room handy at the local.

J. P. T.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, REDCLIFFE.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	FRANK D. MACK .. 7
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 8
MARY H. HALL .. 3	ERIC HITCHINS .. 9
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 10
F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 5	PHILIP MEHEW .. 11
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 6	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The conductor's 400th peal on tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt.

VERNON FORSHAW .. Treble	WILLIAM WALL .. 6
*NORMA WALL .. 2	*ALAN FORSHAW .. 7
*KEITH NEWBY .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 8
*CLIFFORD H. FORD .. 4	W. THOMAS TURNER .. 9
*JOHN C. FORD .. 5	RAYMOND SUART .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung by past and present service ringers to mark the completion of 60 years as a service ringer by Thomas Metcalfe, head ringer at Dalton.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CATHEDRAL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

CLIVE WALKLATE .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
CHARLES WALKLATE .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 7
SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 8
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Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

A wedding day compliment to Gordon A. Halls and Patricia A. M. Forster, both regular service ringers at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN STANIER .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	*REGINALD W. WOODYATT .. 6
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3	EDMUND WALIN .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* 300th peal for the Association. First in the method as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
JOHN HILL .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4	DENNIS KNOX .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' .. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS .. 5
*HOWARD OGLESBY .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS (85) .. 6
WILFRED G. WILSON .. 3	*JOHN W. EUSTON .. 7
E. DENNIS POOLE .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.

* First peal of Stedman. First as conductor (first attempt).

Rung as a 94th birthday compliment (January 30th) to Mr. Frank V. Sinkins, his last peal being rung at Burnham for Princess Margaret's birthday on August 21st, 1951.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR IN THE CITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt.

SHEILA C. BLACKWELL .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. 5
JOAN GRAY .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by E. S. POWELL.

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

The peal contained 458 calls, including 98 singles.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

JILL COOK .. Treble	OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 5
MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	BETTY A. TESTER .. 6
JANET FRENCH .. 3	KEVIN S. SHOHL .. 7
ERIC BRUNGER .. 4	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Betty A. Tester.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bristol City Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part .. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.	
FREDERICK G. LEAKER (St. Mary's, Redcliffe) .. 2	
DAVID HEIGHTON (St. Michael's) .. 3	
P. LESLIE PEARCE (St. James') .. 4	
FRANK D. MACK (St. Thomas') .. 5	
ALBERT M. TYLER (St. Stephen's in the City) .. 6	
RICHARD J. BOWDEN (SS. Philip and Jacob's) .. 7	
PHILIP M. J. GRAY (St. Mary's, Stoke Bishop) .. Tenor	
FRANK E. HANSFORD (St. Mary's, Redcliffe) .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Rung on the occasion of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Oliver Stafford Tompkins, D.D. as Lord Bishop of Bristol, being the first peal rung on the bells since their installation in this cathedral.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN VERNON .. Treble	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH .. 5
*GRAHAM T. BALL .. 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 4	E. ALAN JACQUES .. Tenor

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ESHER, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	FRANK OAKSHOTT 5
EUNICE A. HILEY 2	*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY 6
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 3	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 7
MONICA E. COLLINS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. First of Plain Bob Major on the bells, the lightest eight in the county.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 2	WALTER MILLER 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

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

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gibson.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

*COLIN N. CHINNERY .. Treble	ROY COLLINS 5
†VALERIE A. BUNDY 2	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY 6
JOHN KING 3	EUNICE A. HILEY 7
GEORGE TALBOT 4	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. First of Plain Major as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
WALTER LEE Treble	†ROGER HAZELL 3
*MARGARET TILBURY 2	ARTHUR FOXALL 6
SHEILA WALLACE 3	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

* First peal. † First in the method.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
CHARLES COLES 2	CYRIL H. KINCH 6
CHARLES A. BARRETT .. 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
BRIAN R. WHITE 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK Tenor

Composed by H. H. WILDE.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*LEONARD B. SCOOT 5
JILL MAYES 2	*GEORGE A. SPENCER 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

THOMAS R. BUTLER Treble	EDWARD ASHCROFT 5
GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT .. 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 6
JOHN LUNHAM 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
NORMAN HEAPS 4	JOHN F. GROVE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

A farewell peal to Harry Poyner, who is shortly leaving the district to take up an appointment in Shrewsbury.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*VICTOR GRIFFIN Treble	§ROY THROSBY 5
†BARBARA GRIFFIN 2	‡RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 6
‡CHARLES JONES 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 7
ERIC SUTTON 4	WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.

* 50th peal. † First of Major. ‡ First of Kent Major. § First peal. First of Kent Major as conductor.

Rung for the enthronement of Dr. Oliver Stratford Tomkins as Bishop of Bristol in Bristol Cathedral this day.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (sixth observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. 2	†PHILIP H. REYNOLDS .. 6
JOHN P. MORRIS 3	JACK PETCH 7
*ROY STEPHENSON 4	†JOHN H. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. REYNOLDS.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

A farewell to Roy Stephenson on joining H.M. Forces.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
*DENNIS SMEDLEY 2	*DENNIS COOPER 6
HAROLD DENMAN 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 7
*RICHARD HOBBS 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	PETER BORDER 5
AVRIL THACKRAY 2	STEPHEN IVIN 6
*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING 7
*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOHN F. WOOD Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS 3	DAVID YOUNG 7
GORDON W. LIMMER 4	WILLIAM J. STOKES Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

In memoriam John Waddington, late churchwarden of this church.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*HOWARD OGLESBY Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
WILLIAM BUTLER 2	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 6
DENNIS C. BOWEN 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
ALAN R. PINK 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Surprise.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*EDNA M. EVEREST Treble	ARTHUR J. HART 5
†STANLEY W. BROWN .. 2	JAMES H. LILLEY 6
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
HARRY W. BROWN 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

* First peal on eight. † First 'inside' in the method. First as conductor. Rung as a first birthday compliment to Sharon Ann, daughter of the conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL-OF-EASE TO ST. GILES',

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*FREDERICK E. WOOD .. Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 4
FREDERICK HAWKES .. 2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Oliver Attwood, an esteemed member of the Association, immediately after his funeral at Bredon's Norton.

MARTIN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ANTHONY LEWIS Treble	*JAMES LEWIS 4
*BARRY E. A. CLEMENTS .. 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 5
†JACK BAYERSTOCK 3	†BRIAN LAWES Tenor

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

DATCHWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR 5
*LEONARD B. SCOOT 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal in the method. First of Minor in the method by all the band.

TUTBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Jan. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*E. MARION KEY Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
*VERONA C. NAYLOR .. 2	†DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 5
*JOHN K. SMITH 3	*BRIAN DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles.

Rung to welcome Rosemary Ann, daughter of Peggy and Gordon Harrison.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

(University of Reading.)

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN J. COATES Treble	MOLLIE TILBURY 4
LUCY E. E. ALLEN 2	†AUDREY M. GLADWELL .. 5
JANET K. SEEKER 3	MARIE R. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First peal for the University of Reading Society.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Diserens on the birth of a son

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 37, 38, 39, 48 and 50.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

*JOHN BARLOW Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4
DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 2	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
BRIAN DOWNIE 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	DENNIS LAUD 4
WILLIAM WENBAN 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
RAYMOND G. SMITH 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	PETER KINDRED 4
*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
MICHAEL SOLLEY 3	A. WILLIAM BIRD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. A. D. Thompson (Vicar of Walberswick-with-Blythburgh) as honorary Canon of Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral.

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BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

*ERIC A. FELLOWS Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4
*CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
*COLIN E. VERDON 3	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung in memoriam George King, of Salehurst.

COLLIERS WOOD, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

JOHN V. TEMPLE Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 4
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 5
SUSAN JACKSON 3	MARTYN HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal of Minor as conductor. First in the method by all the hand and for the Society.

DENTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Rung on the front five, being ten extents each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, and a Morris's 240 and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK .. Treble	*HORACE GROCOCK 3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	DENIS A. FRITH 4
JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor	

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Pinchbeck.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being ten methods in seven extents: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's College and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in A.

*WENDY BIRD Treble	*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4
*FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 2	DAVID STAPLES 5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 3	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal in ten Minor methods. First in ten Minor methods as conductor.

KEMERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 75, 82 and 58). Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL G. SELBY Treble	*WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 4
REV ALBERT WEBB 2	†GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
R. ROGER SAVORY 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise. † 100th peal for the Association.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*JANET C. ALDOUS Treble	H. JOHN LARWOOD 4
FRIEDA A. FROST 2	PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. W. Pulford; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market, Suffolk.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 12 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*RITA M. WEBB Treble	*SANDRA LEWIS 3
†GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 2	ALAN F. LEE 4
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 8, 1958, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*ISOBEL INMAN Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3
†IAN H. ORAM 2	†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4
RALPH BIRD Tenor	

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Doubles. † First on five bells. First in seven methods on the bells.

Rung for Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

GILBERT COWLIN Treble	*FRANK BOYALL 4
JOHN BLUFF 2	HERBERT GOAKES 5
ROY STEPHENSON 3	GEORGE BUSH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BLUFF.

* First peal. The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.' Rung to mark the diamond wedding anniversary of the parents of George Bush, who were married at this church on February 8th, 1899.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Cuneacastre, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 2	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 5
WALTER AYRE 3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in 12 Surprise methods.

A birthday compliment to A. V. Good.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Rung on the front six, consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one 720 Plain Bob.

DIANA J. PERRINS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 5
*MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JACK BRAY Treble	RONALD CHAFER 4
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	HARRY HALL 5
RICHARD HALL 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

HANDBELL PEALS**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Jan. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,**At St. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.**Tenor size 15 in C.***A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

DIANA J. PERRINS 1—2	*JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS 3—4	*BRIAN G. WARWICK 7—8

*Adapted from E. M. ATKINS.**Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.*** 50th handbell peal together.***LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., Jan. 27, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,**At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR***Tenor size 15 in C.*

DIANA J. PERRINS 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4	MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 7—8

*Adapted from E. M. ATKINS.**Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.***BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,**At CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD.***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES***Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.*

DAVID W. BRUNNING 1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY 3—4
E. MARION KEY 5—6	

*Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.***CAMBRIDGE.****THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.***On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,**At SELWYN COLLEGE.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL***Tenor size 17 in A.*

M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 1—2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 5—6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4	*J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 7—8
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 9—10	

*Composed by HENRY TUCKER.**Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.*** First peal on handbells. First of Royal 'in hand' by all the band.***CAMBRIDGE.****THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.***On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,**At SELWYN COLLEGE.***A PEAL OF 5060 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR***Being 4,192 changes of Plain Bob, 540 of Gainsborough Little Bob and 328 of Little Bob, with 172 changes of method.**Tenor size 17 in A.*

M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 1—2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 5—6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4	D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 7—8

*Adapted from N. J. PITSTOW.**Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.***LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.****THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,**IN THE SCHOOL.***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR***Tenor size 15 in C.*

GERALD PENNEY 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
STANLEY HUCKLE 3—4	MICHAEL D. FROST 7—8

*Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.**Conducted by WALTER AYRE.***LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,**At St. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.***A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR***Tenor size 17 in A.*

DIANA J. PERRINS 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS 7—8

*Composed by E. J. LINDLEY.**Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.***SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,**IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR***Being seven extents.*

KENNETH B. SISSONS 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD 5—6	

*Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.***John Taylor & Co.****LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Gorvin (first in method) 1, V. F. Gough (first 'inside' in method) 2, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 3, Valerie Mephram 4, D. A. Shaw 5, R. D. Brown 6. A birthday compliment to the secretary of the band, Miss Gwyneth R. Brown.

ATCHAM, SALOP.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. F. Willcox 1, F. G. Beddow 2, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 3, R. Newton 4, A. E. Owen 5, F. R. Mason 6. Rung on the 25th birthday of Mrs. E. F. Willcox.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, H. A. Mison 3, J. L. Girt 4, L. Wright 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For the christening of Sandra Prentice, daughter of local ringer.

BENSON, OXON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Webb 1, J. Godman 2, R. Tuckwell 3, F. Godden 4, I. Kidd 5, R. D. Wells 6, F. Absalom (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. First of Triples for 1 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. R. Warburton, interred this day.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, at the Church of St. Ambrose, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. A. Shackleton (first of Major) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, R. G. Hooper 3, D. J. Hunt 4, F. Skidmore 5, A. C. Baker (first in method) 6, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 7, P. Mew 8.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,380 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (calling in alternate 120's): Miss Bryant 1, J. Martin 2, W. Chandler 3, A. Berry 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Turner 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Bryant, also Philip, the conductor's youngest brother.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): G. Mayes 1, Miss S. Percival 2, Miss J. Mayes 3, D. Newis 4, J. Church 5, J. Hulme (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evenson.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Negus (first quarter) 1, Gillian Tavener (first 'inside') 2, Mary Marshall 3, M. H. Johnson 4, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mould (first on two bells) 1-2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, M. Knight (first quarter) 4, K. Ballington 5, W. Steen 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Austin 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. Binfield 3, A. Berry 4, Miss V. Godderidge 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, A. Jackson 7, J. Wellard 8. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Kedwell, of Folkestone; also for Evenson.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, R. J. Musson (first 'inside') 3, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 4, J. H. Musson 5, F. J. Wright 6. A birthday compliment to F. H. Bradley.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Howes 1, F. W. Lack (cond.) 2, J. Murphy 3, H. E. Peacock 4, R. F. Baker 5, F. Reeve 6. For the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. N. D. Smith, a ringer at Great Staughton for 56 years, and Mrs. Smith.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pickering 1, B. E. Woodall 2, H. Shilcock 3, A. H. Harris 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, J. H. Cox (cond.) 6, T. Greenhall 7, G. Bradley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John H. Clissett, for 32 years a former vergor.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Hardacre (first in method) 1, F. Stead 2, E. R. Martin (cond.) 3, T. Barker 4, L. Walmsley 5, J. Jackson 6, C. Crosshwaite 7, S. Walmsley first in method) 8. Rung after a peal attempt of Oxford Treble Bob had failed.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Oliver (cond.) 1, D. F. Gain 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin 5, B. Priestley 6. For the patronal festival service.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. M. Lakin (cond.) 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, P. P. Brown 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, D. Sibson 5, A. J. Frost 6, J. R. Leeming 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Marshall (first in method) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, K. Waples (first in method 'inside') 4, B. Barker 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6. For Evenson.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, Miss D. Crowe 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, J. Euston 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, H. M. Williamson 7, M. Oakshett 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, G. Harvey 10. For morning service and as a farewell to the resident chaplain (the Rev. G. W. Groves) on his retirement from the R.A.F.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Dart 1, M. J. Jefferies 2, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, W. Wayman 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, W. Richings 7, E. Cooksley 8. Welcome home from Singapore to Mr. J. Jefferies, R.A.F.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Patricia Cross 1, Mrs. R. H. Morris 2, E. G. Russell 3, A. F. Cheasley 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5, B. Edgley (first quarter) 6. For Evenson.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Hough (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, Miss V. Godderidge 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. A. G. Kedwell, a ringer at Folkestone for 60 years, and Mrs. Kedwell.

NORTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Albert Halling (first of Triples) 1, H. Devereux 2, Arthur Halling (first 'inside' of Triples) 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, F. Hawkes 5, E. W. Penn 6, E. Leach (first of Triples) 7, E. Freeman (first of Triples) 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Bowak 1, Anne Hancock 2, H. King 3, M. McQuistan (first 'inside') 4, W. Wedlock (cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 1st, at New College, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. H. Pailing (cond.) 1, Jean M. Addicott 2, Christine M. Woodward 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, D. T. Darby 5, D. H. Niblett 6, R. N. Pittman 7, C. J. B. Taylor 8, J. H. R. Freeborn 9, F. A. Barrett 10. For evening service. Also at St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Steadman 1, H. J. Verity 2, R. A. Jackson 3, J. G. Pusey 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, B. D. Threlfall 6. For morning service.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen M. Thacker (15, first quarter) 1, Judith M. Gwilt (17) 2, R. E. Tallis (16) 3, Pamela M. Turner (16, first 'inside') 4, M. C. Hughes (16, cond.) 5, D. H. Hollis 6.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCs.—On Feb. 7th, 2,160 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Oxford): J. Thornley 1, Gillian Bridgford 2, N. Tompkins 3, G. W. Limmer 4, D. Young 5, P. Crook (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of A. Tomlinson's (Blackburn) first peal.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Robinson (first quarter) 1, R. O. Baker 2, Miss P. A. Neesham (cond.) 3, H. E. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens 5. For Evenson.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): Jennifer L. Pankhurst (first of Minor) 1, Linda M. Southerden 2, M. Wimer 3, C. H. Knowles 4, D. C. Jackson 5, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 6, M. McRobbie 7, S. Skinner 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Elizabeth A. Clay (first quarter) 1, Felicity M. A. Rook (first 'inside') 2, J. Small 3, M. Winter 4, A. J. Hicks 5, S. Skinner 6, M. McRobbie 7, T. Longley 8. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5. For Evenson.

SAMPFORD PEVERELL, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Upton 1, G. W. Hollis 2, G. Court 3, J. Kelland 4, W. H. Ware (cond.) 5, J. Rowsell 6. Rung by St. Peter's (Tiverton) Society for the 700th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. D. Frost 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, B. A. Cornell 4, W. Little 5, W. J. Arnold 6, G. Penney 7, J. E. Ewer (first as cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss C. Pullin 1, C. E. Hayter 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, R. W. Darvill 4, H. V. Frost 5, A. E. Ewer (first of Treble Bob Major) 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, F. J. Lambert 2, E. T. Avery 3, A. H. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. H. Allcorn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. King.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): Mrs. E. F. Willcox 1, F. Leach 2, F. A. Cattell 3, E. Willson 4, R. Newton 5, F. G. Beddow 6, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 7, F. R. Mason 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Willcox, who are leaving to live in Buckinghamshire.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Welch 1, R. Dean 2, H. Bungay 3, J. Drew (cond.) 4, J. Cornelius 5, G. Monkton 6, F. Welch 7, J. T. Locke 8. A 78th birthday compliment to Harry Bungay (3rd ringer), and for Evenson.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. G. Warwick 1, Diana Perrins 2, G. M. Brewin 3, R. K. Stretton 4, J. K. Acres 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, E. Morris (cond.) 8. In memoriam John O. Lancashire, who composed and rang in the first peal on the bells (Stedman Triples, November 2nd, 1901). Also on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. K. Stretton 1, E. Morris 2, G. H. Bray 3, R. S. Morris (cond.) 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, P. Norman 6. For Parish Communion on dedication festival.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances Johnson 1, D. J. Marshall 2, Gillian Tavener (first of Minor) 3, H. M. Johnson 4, S. F. Webb 5, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Hugh M. Johnson for his 21st birthday.

STOKE BISHOP, GLOS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): W. Naylor (cond.) 1, Miss F. Brown 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, J. Laver 4, M. Hill 5, N. Buckland 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): R. J. Scott 1, J. G. Newman 2, I. Knox 3, Mrs. J. Sinfield 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, D. Knox 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. R. M. Knox.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Feb. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: A. Greenough 1, J. Blond 2, F. Godden 3, K. Timbury 4, F. Absalom 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6. For morning service.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: R. Maddy 1, A. B. Skinner 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. Faircloth 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. First in method for 2 and 4. For morning service.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Charlotte Brown 1, E. L. Taylor 2, H. J. Arscott 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. G. Knight (first quarter) 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, A. J. Walborne (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the induction of the new incumbent (the Rev. Mr. Syer).

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Gagen 1, A. Bridges 2, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 3, A. V. Bowen 4, C. Cousins (jun.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Being the 21st anniversary of A. Bridges' wedding. Mr. Bridges is also churchwarden.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Plummer 1, A. Millam 2, E. Everest 3, M. Plummer 4, J. Walder (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6. A farewell to John Walder on his appointment as a constable.

WYNDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. K. Drew (first quarter) 1, W. Clover 2, A. Appleton 3, T. E. Spight 4, H. Tooke 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. A farewell to R. K. Drew, who is joining the Royal Navy.

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Mr. Brian Bladon was prevented from standing in the peal at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol, on February 14th, as his father was taken seriously ill. The band wish Mr. Bladon, sen., a speedy recovery, and are grateful to Mr. F. Cecil Mogford for taking a rope at very short notice. The peal enabled several to ring their first of Maximus, and a few their first of Kent. It enabled Mr. Malcolm Cloke to complete peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus, thus re-entering peal ringing circles after his stay in the Forces.

The 'Wakefield Express' has this advertisement: 'Sale.—Let-down ringer in good condition.' It seems obvious that there was one too many for the peal attempt!

Mr. Gordon A. Halls and Miss Patricia A. M. Forster were married on February 14th at Hastings. Both prolific peal ringers, it is surprising to learn that the church they chose is only equipped with recorded bell music.

Newark Parish Church is being featured on the B.B.C. Midland programme 'Sign-post' in March, probably the 3rd, at 6.35 p.m. The Vicar and the Ringing Master were interviewed by the producer of the programme about obtaining recruits for bell-ringing and about ringing in general. A recording of the bells was made.

Recordings of the bells of Swanage, Wool and Kingston Parish Churches, Dorset, will be used as illustrations in a broadcast in which Richard Butcher will describe the Isle of Purbeck as seen from a light aeroplane. Entitled 'Pilot's Eye View,' this will form an item in 'The Faith in the Isle of Purbeck'—a magazine programme about the part played by the Christian Church in this area of the West Country—to be heard on Sunday, March 8th, at 9.45 a.m. in the West Home Service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Dalton-in-Furness to mark Mr. Thomas Metcalfe's completing 60 years in the tower as a ringer was arranged to coincide with the parochial tea, which was attended by Dalton members of the band. It was here that Mr. Roberts (senior churchwarden) presented Mr. Metcalfe, the head ringer, with a ringer's tie, scarf, and a cheque on behalf of the parish in recognition of his long service. There was also another presentation to him on behalf of the peal band and ringing colleagues—a pipe, pouch, tobacco and a sum of money. This was made by Mr. N. M. Newby.

Holy Trinity, Hull, bells are shortly to be augmented from ten to twelve.

In the ten Minor methods peal at Elston, Notts, on February 14th, Mr. Peter A. Sharpe, of St. Giles', Lincoln, had only rung one of the ten methods before. Well done, Peter!

The peal in honour of Mr. F. V. Sinkins' 94th birthday at Burnham on January 31st was rung by four of his London friends and four of his old friends from the Slough area. It was ably conducted by John Euston, who was calling his first peal. Tongues wagged over the meal (provided by F. V. S.). To complete the day the four London ringers went to Stoke Poges for more ringing.

Mr. Percy Amos returns his thanks through 'The Ringing World' to the anonymous donor who left addressed to him in Weston Favell Church belfry a parcel of books containing the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's 'Among the Bells,' a 'History of John Briant, Bell-founder of Hertford, 1794-1829,' and a new visitors book for Weston Favell belfry. He writes that when he first saw the parcel he thought that someone was playing a joke on him and had sent him a stack of Central Council Sunday Service Survey forms.

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VITALITY IN COVENTRY GUILD

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild, at their last quarterly meeting at Bulkington on January 17th, said farewell to the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Dingley), who throughout his 31 years as incumbent at St. James' Church, Bulkington, has always made the Guild very welcome, and during that time has been a keen supporter and member of the Guild. He retires in March to a well-earned rest. In his address at the Guild service, he said how much he would miss the many friends he had amongst the bell-ringers. He had much to say of the loyalty of his own ringers and their regularity of attendance for Sunday service ringing. The president (Mr. F. W. Perrins) said on behalf of the members how much they had appreciated the welcome they had always received at Bulkington.

That the Coventry Diocesan Guild is in a flourishing state is confirmed by the fact that at the last two quarterly meetings 52 new members have been elected, and that over 60 per cent. of these are teenagers. The attendance at the meetings has shown a decided improvement, this being particularly so at the monthly meetings held in the two Branches. As an example, at the meeting at Whitnash on February 7th last, over 50 sat down to tea, and at the previous meeting at Warwick (St. Mary's) about the same number attended. Both these meetings were followed by a social, which obviously appeals to the younger generation.

MAKING HEADWAY

A number of young bands are making headway with their ringing, and to mention a few brings to mind Studley, with its new ring of six, and a band of more than a dozen led by Mr. Perkins who are coming on very well. Wootton Wawen, under Mr. Bennett, is also making good progress. Some of this band have already rung their first peal with their own conductor, and there's certainly more to come. The new eight of St. Nicholas', Warwick, after only 12 months since rehanging are being rung for all Sunday services by a most enthusiastic band of young people, and includes 15 teenagers. Much more will be heard of this band in the future. Exhall is another example with a recently rehung six and more than a dozen youngsters making good progress under Mr. Harrison. Harbury also comes to mind, with a band of young people, but they will be having a rest at the moment as their bells are at the foundry, and when they return it will be with the addition of a new treble to make another good six.

Rowington's bells have just been rehung and made into six. At the dedication service on Sunday, February 8th last, they were rung by a local band for the first time. These bells have been silent for some years, so we can look forward to some renewed interest here. Hatton is another tower which is getting into its stride again after a recent lapse. Stoneleigh with its rehung five is also getting into change-ringing with a new band after a silence of many years. Whitnash is another tower that has had a revival in recent years, and under Mr. Oram with a band of so many youngsters great things can be expected in the near future.

SCHOOLS AND RINGING

In Warwick during the last school term, three schools supplied the ringers for their own service from their scholars, and good ringing it was too. These young people had been trained at Whitnash, St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, Warwick, during the past year. Honiley is another tower with a rehung five, and under Mr. Morris the ringers are making headway. St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, is making progress slowly under Mr. Beebe, with a band of young people. Newbold-on-Avon ringers are coming on fine, and have rung peals and quarter peals on their own bells, and some on others. This again is a young band full of enthusiasm, determined to get on

to new methods—every success to it. In the same area comes Bilton, which has made good progress in recent years under Mr. Burnell, with a band of young people to help things along. Another tower that comes to mind is Kenilworth where, under Mr. Royal, a band of youngsters (some very young) are going ahead. They have already rung one peal and several quarters. Keresley has had help from Stoke St. Michael's for many years now, but despite that has a band for service ringing.

ANOTHER RALLY

Many other towers in the diocese have regular Sunday service bands, which after all is what the bells are for, and that is just what the Guild is doing its best to encourage; and to help this, another rally is being organised to take place at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, on April 11th, to which are being invited all the Sunday service bands in the diocese, whether they be members of the Guild or not. The first effort of this kind took place at St. Mary's, Warwick, in 1957, and a tremendous success it proved to be. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will once again give the address at the Guild service. There will be a civic reception by the Mayor of Stratford-on-Avon in the Town Hall, followed by tea.

Mention should be made of the more experienced bands in the diocese. Allesley and Chilvers Coton stand out with their Surprise bands. Rugby, Leamington Spa, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick (St. Mary's), Bulkington and Stoke St. Michael's, in Coventry, have good methods bands who can be relied upon for good striking and regular attendance on Sundays. It is regretted that there are still a number of towers with silent bells, mostly due to the state either of the tower or the bells; but when our Bishop's Appeal for £750,000 has been achieved no doubt some more towers will get the attention that is badly needed, and more bell rehanging. With so many young ringers being trained surely we shall have enough to help with the training of others in the coming years. I am sure that a similar story could be told of other Guilds.

J. L. G. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Reading Branch

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading on February 14th and was attended by approximately 60 members and visitors. The afternoon's ringing at St. Mary's was followed by an excellent tea prepared by local lady ringers and friends, after which the gathering adjourned to church for a service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Brown, with Trevor Stroud, a member of the local band, at the organ.

The deputy chairman (Rev. W. F. J. G. Coles) presided at the business meeting. Miss M. R. Cross, the Guild general secretary, congratulated the band who rang the peal of Glasgow Surprise at Warfield, and also the Reading University Society on achieving their first peal as a Society. She also commented on the Survey of Ringing which had been conducted during the year, and spoke of the need to encourage on-coming youngsters and to help towers in need of assistance; much more could be done on the social side to promote enthusiasm.

Officers elected for the year were: Chairman, Rev. T. P. Rumsey; deputy chairman, Rev. W. F. J. G. Coles; Ringing Master, N. J. Diserens; deputy, D. Cobb; secretary, F. Lewis. After six new members had been elected thanks were expressed to all concerned with making this another enjoyable meeting.

Ringing continued in the evening at Caversham and St. Mary's and St. Laurence's, Reading, a half course of Cambridge Maximus being the highlight of the ringing at the latter.

F. W. L.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Over 60 members, representing 13 towers, attended the annual meeting at Dorchester on January 17th. The Rector (Rev. P. J. Heaton) conducted the service and also presided at the meeting following tea. Tribute was paid to six members who had died during the year.

Twelve new members were elected, viz.: Miss C. Smith, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. V. Furge (Charminster), Mr. D. Willshire (Wyke Regis), Mr. E. Goringe (Cattistock), Miss W. Watson, Miss M. Hardy (Preston), Miss W. Bongard, Mr. G. R. Churchill, Mr. P. J. Short, Mr. A. H. Patterson, Mr. M. H. James (St. Peter's, Dorchester).

Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. P. J. Heaton; vice-chairman, Rev. E. B. Brooks; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Ford; deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Slade and Mr. J. Rose; assistant hon. secretary, Miss P. M. Boalch.

In his report the hon. secretary reported average attendance at quarterly meetings was 31, not quite so encouraging as in previous years, but even if numbers were not so good the enthusiasm was still present. He appealed for better attendances, saying that at least one from every tower should make an effort to be present. The statement of accounts showed a satisfactory balance.

Meetings for 1959 were suggested to take place at Cattistock, Puddletown, Litton Cheney and Piddlehinton, subject to confirmation.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow, expressing the views of the meeting, said he hoped that Mrs. D. P. Duke (mother of the hon. secretary) would soon be on the road to recovery. She had been ill for some weeks.

Ringing was resumed under Mr. J. Slade and Mr. J. Rose, deputy Ringing Masters. Fordington tower was also available for ringing.

Devizes Branch

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Hilperton on February 7th, 40 members and friends attending, including visitors from Chippenham, Taunton, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret and Blunsdon.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. C. H. Corbin). The ringers were the guests at tea of the Hilperton ringers, their wives and friends, under Mr. Edwards. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and the ladies. The Rector in reply gave a hearty welcome to all present, saying he would always be pleased to see the ringers whenever they could come. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

S. C.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

A large congregation of ringers attended the service held at St. Mary's, Higham Ferrers, on January 24th, in connection with the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch. The Rev. C. S. Ford (Vicar) officiated. Tea and the annual meeting, with Mr. W. E. Hargreaves in the chair, followed in the Parish Rooms.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. W. C. Knight; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. E. Skeritt; Guild Committee, Mr. H. Wooding and Mr. L. Priestley; Branch Committee, Mr. A. Wilson, Mr. E. Chapman, Miss C. Woods; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Wooding; auditor, Mr. W. E. Hargreaves.

New ringing members elected were Miss Jean Bennett, Miss Ann Chapman and Mr. J. R. Pentelow.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Doddington.

STEDMAN AND JOHN O. LANCASHIRE

Dear Sir,—The recent death of the Leicester Cathedral ringer John O. Lancashire at the age of 94 brings to mind some of his accomplishments around the turn of the century, both as ringer and composer.

His speciality was Stedman, having rung 5-6 to a strictly silent handbell peal of Stedman Triples in January, 1898. This was followed by silent handbell peals of Stedman Caters in October, 1900, and Stedman Cinques in February, 1903. The two latter were the first ever rung silent. All three of these were rung in the presence of three competent referees. Incidentally, the weakest member of the Cinques band, after being involved in the bob at 1 at the beginning of the peal, was not affected by any more calls until the last course of the peal, when he was required to make the bob at 1. At their first attempt for the peal they got through to the last course only to see this member miss the bob!

Last October the writer had a request from Mr. J. Segar, of Retford, for details of a peal of Stedman Triples by J.O.L., referred to in 'Parker's Mysteries' as the 'most wonderful peal of Stedman yet produced'—obviously a different one by the same composer to that published in the 1903 edition of Stedman by C.D.P. Davies. After a lengthy search through the old Midland Counties Association reports,

this was found to be one rung in 1901 with the fourth bell as observation. In it there are never more than two consecutive calls and only 22 of these in the whole peal, a truly remarkable composition.

During the search for the above peal two more of his Stedman compositions came to light, one rung in 1895 and the other in 1899. These are on the usual twin-bob plan, but all appear to have been forgotten over the years.

As stated by Mr. Ernest Morris in his obituary of J.O.L., he did not finally retire from his architectural activities until just over a year ago when he was nearly 93. About six weeks before his death, the writer received a letter from Mrs. Lancashire stating that he was almost totally deaf and blind, and realised he could not complete the work he intended doing on Stedman during his retirement. He expressed the hope that the writer would take over all his papers (some 400 foolscap sheets) and try to complete some of the work. These are now to hand and are being tabulated and arranged in some order where there appear to be possible connecting links. This is likely to be a long task involving many trial and error experiments to join up blocks of courses into true extents of 5,040 changes.—Yours, etc.,

Leicester.

SHIRLEY BURTON.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (4TH OBSERVATION)

By JOHN O. LANCASHIRE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	1657324	—	—	S		S				S			B	
	6214357	S		S		S				S			B	B
	3257614	—	—		S			S		S		B		
	2354617	S			S			S		S	B		—	—
	2167534	—	—	S		S				S			B	
	6512734		B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			B	
	5361724	S		S		S				S			B	
Main block	3256714	S		S		S				S			B	
	2134756	S		S		S				S			B	B
	7156234	—	—		S			S		S		B		
	1754236	S			S			S		S	B		—	—
	1326574	—	—	S		S				S			B	
	2531674		B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			B	
	5723614	S		S		S				S			B	
A	5617234													
A	5236174													
A	5172364													
	1237564	S	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3521764		B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			B	
	5632714	S		S		S				S			B	
A	5716324													
A	5327164													
A	5163274													
A	5271634													
	2357614	S		S		S				S			B	
	3124657	S		S		S				S			B	B
	6157324	—	—		S			S	S		B			
	1654327	S			S			S	S	B		—	—	
	1234567	—	—	S		S				S			B	S

Start slow from rounds, calling the S3 at the go-off.

4th observation, i.e., call the 3 when 4th is 'in slow,' and the 12 'in quick.'

As certain calls affect the 4th, the sixes are marked thus — — which this bell omits;

the end of the line denotes the position into which it moves.

Never more than two consecutive calls, and only 22 of these.

First rung at South Wigston on November 2nd, 1901, conducted by Geo. Cleal.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

By J. O. LANCASHIRE

MAIN BLOCK

2	3	1	4	5	6	S	H	L	Q
5	3	6	4	2	1	X			
2	4	6	3	5	1	X			X
4	3	2	5	6	1	X	X		X
3	6	1	5	2	4	X	X		
3	5	4	6	2	1	X		X	
5	6	3	2	4	1	X	X		X
6	5	3	2	1	4		X		
1	2	3	5	6	4	X			X

The above eight courses five times repeated, adding extra bobs at H in the 2nd course of the 3rd and 6th parts.

The underwritten singled in block to be inserted immediately after the first course-end 536421.

5	3	6	4	2	1	S	H	L	Q
3	4	1	6	5	2				S at 2
5	6	1	4	3	2			X	
2	4	1	5	6	3		X	X	
6	4	3	5	2	1		X	X	X
1	6	2	5	4	3		X	X	X
4	5	2	6	1	3		X		X
1	5	3	6	4	2		X	X	

Repeat the above six courses, adding S14 at end of last course, which brings up the 2nd six of the 2nd course of the main part of the peal.

First rung at Kettering, April 16th, 1895, conducted by Geo. Cleal.

First peal in the method on the bells.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. O. Lancashire's variation of Washbrook's Four-part.

2	3	1	4	5	6	S	H	L	Q
(5	2	3	4	1	6)	X		X	S at 14

5	4	6	2	1	3			X	
3	5	1	2	4	6		X	X	X

These two courses nine times repeated, omitting H in 5th and 10th parts, produces:—

5	2	3	4	1	6	S	H	L	Q
2	4	6	3	5	1				S at 2
4	3	2	5	6	1	X	X		X
6	5	2	3	4	1	X			X
5	4	1	3	2	6	X	X		
5	3	6	4	2	1	X		X	
3	4	5	2	6	1	X	X		X
6	4	1	2	3	5	X			
4	3	5	2	1	6	X	X		

Call the last four courses nine times; adding Q in the 3rd course of the 5th part completes the peal.

First rung at Lutterworth, August 19th, 1899, conducted by Geo. Cleal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLERGY AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arthur Sayers criticises the clergy for not taking an interest in their bells ('R.W.', February 13th). I wonder whether he has stopped to consider why so many incumbents take this attitude? As a comparative newcomer to the Exercise, I was also surprised to find this indifference, usually coupled with an antagonism towards ringers. I did, however, take the trouble to inquire into the reasons for this, and found that the ringers themselves are often to blame. So many of them are notoriously slack in attending the very services to which they summon others. This bad habit, which alas seems to be quite prevalent, suggests that their main purpose in ringing is simply for their own enjoyment, and not as 'a service given to the Church,' to quote Mr. Sayers.

Can it be wondered then that many of my fellow-clergy lose interest?

But I will make my criticism constructive, and suggest that when ringers do not want to stop to service (and we quite realise that there are many valid occasions) they might make a little formal apology to the Vicar, such as one makes when leaving in the middle of a meeting. This simple courtesy (which after all is only the polite thing to do) would be greatly appreciated and would do much to change the attitude of the clergy, provided that such occasions did not arise too frequently!

My apologies to the great number of ringers who are also in their pew Sunday by Sunday. I only wish to point out to Mr. Sayers that there are two sides to the question, and that if there are incumbents who are not interested in their bells, then there are certainly many ringers who are not interested in their churchgoing!

Mr. Sayers' last remarks seem to have nothing to do with the topic and are in extremely bad taste, especially from a churchwarden.—Yours faithfully,

(Rev.) D. G. BRUNNING.

Usk, Mon.

OXFORD GUILD OFFICE BOOK

Dear Sir,—Some while ago you kindly printed a letter from me in which I asked for material for the proposed revision of the Oxford Diocesan Guild Office Book. Since then we have written round to a number of Guilds and Associations and have received much encouragement and help. We have been able to reply to some, but may we now thank all those who have responded to our circulars?

People may be interested to hear that much has come to light that is very good indeed, and that when the liturgical experts have worked out an order of service the Oxford Guild should be in a position to enjoy an Office that is more in keeping with the times.

The work is by no means finished, and we would very much welcome comment and all further contributions of material, however small.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Merryfield House,
Winney, Oxon.

SIMULTANEOUS HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—The letters from P. H. Langton and D. J. Roaf show that the calling of both peals was identical, and as they were rung in the same time it is obvious that every pair of blows made by each ringer was made simultaneously. This means the performance was equivalent to ringing a handbell peal with each ringer taking one bell only, a comparatively simple task and not nearly as difficult as the ringing of an ordinary peal double-handed.

Moreover, the calls would be (or should have been!) made simultaneously, and the necessity for two conductors is not apparent.

A further point is that if, as suggested in an earlier letter, the upper and lower sixes of a set of 12 handbells were used, every pair of blows would be a painful dissonance (a seventh) and, altogether, the performance would appear to have been a very unsatisfactory and futile one, and not one to write home (or to 'The Ringing World') about!—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

BELL IDENTIFIED

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter of W. G. Lavers (February 13th issue), the inscription quoted appears on the seventh of the ring of eight at the Church of St. Mary, Battle, Sussex.

The ring was originally cast by Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry (to whom the initials T. L. refer), in 1739, and is the heaviest ring cast by Lester for Sussex. All the bells have been recast, the seventh by Warner in 1890, and the remainder at various dates by Mears, who rehung the entire ring in 1885.

The weight of the seventh is given as 15½ cwt., whereas the tenor is 23 cwt. in E. The seventh is, one of the best bells of the ring, and is used as the hour bell of the clock.—Yours faithfully,

Pte. J. W. SMITH (R.A.M.C.).

Millbank, London.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I read with interest and dismay the letters from William Rogers and Stephen Ivin in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated February 6th.

From the information they gave it is now my duty to withdraw a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, rung at Cosely, Staffordshire, on December 11th, 1954, owing to its falseness.

I do not remember noticing Mr. Ivin's original letter on this matter—it probably appeared during a period when my time was fully occupied on non-ringing activities—but I have no intention of including a false peal in either my own records or those of my Society, and I agree with Mr. Border in that the action to be taken by the Central Council Committee concerned is quite clear.

I may say that, as this is the second time that I have been the innocent victim of such circumstances, I shall make absolutely certain of the position in any future attempts.—Yours sincerely,

ERIC E. SPEAKE.

Dudley.

RABBITS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—It was pleasant to read once again of the activities of the Rabbits' Guild after a long absence from your columns. Many true words are spoken in jest; I hope the Guild's secretary will continue to report progress of her members.

There is one point, though, to which I feel I must draw her attention, namely, the false dichotomy of Rabbit v. Ringing Master, which is a continual feature of the reports of the Guild. This seems to ignore the case, by no means rare, where ringing is in the hands of a Rabbit Ringing Master.

The hazards confronting an R.R.M. fully deserve the sympathy of the Guild. The feelings of terror experienced by an absolute beginner on being instructed to pull off his very first backstroke are nothing compared to the emotions of the mentor who is making his first attempt at teaching. Beginners, however, are not the only hazard; the R.R.M. may happen to enjoy the company of a variety of ex-Ringing Masters, prominent lady ringers, Surprise splicers, Cinques men and the rest in his tower, whose assistance is valuable though not always calculated to produce peace of mind in an R.R.M. Woe betide the man who is incapable of wearing the pants in his own tower in such company; it is better for him to admit that he's not really very good at Stedman Triples before it begins to rain bobs and he runs in the wrong way round.

Surely we poor hybrids have our place in the sun?—Yours faithfully,

A. B. TRICK.

Master, Confraternity of St. Nellie for R.R.M.s.

SEAR FAMILY MEMORIAL WINDOW

Dear Sir,—The Rector, churchwardens and parishioners of St. Mary's, Bletchley, are proposing to put a stained glass window in the west side of the south porch of St. Mary's in memory of the Sear family. This window is to be known as the 'Sear Memorial Window.'

You will be well aware of the long and devoted service of the Sear family as bell-masters and bell-ringers. Thomas Sear, grandfather of Harry, Fred and Walter, took office as bell-master in 1847. He was succeeded by his son, Redan, and then by his other son, Valentine, who in turn was succeeded by Harry Sear, who was supported by his two brothers, Fred and Walter. Walter Sear was secretary of the North Bucks Branch of this Guild for 25 years, and it was under his guidance that it grew to its present strength.

Harry Sear is the sole surviving member of the family resident in Bletchley. He still holds the office of bell-master and carries his 80 years very lightly in the ringing chamber. The present ringers think that this period of faithful service by one family should not go unnoticed.

The window has been designed by Sir Ninian Comper. There will also be a tablet recording the names of the Sear family.

Should there be any among the Exercise today who feel that they owe much to this family whose influence spread throughout the North Bucks and neighbouring areas, then perhaps they would like to make some contribution, however small, to this project. All contributions should be sent to Roger Cadamy, Esq., 10, Cottingham Grove, Bletchley, Bucks.—Yours faithfully,

MARIE R. CROSS,

Hon. Secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

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LETTERS—Continued

ST. CLEMENT DANES'

Dear Sir,—This is not an answer to Mr. Charles S. Smith's letter (page 112, February 13th) because I have had this letter in mind for some time, and anyway I know nothing about the Sunday afternoon arrangements at St. Clement's.

After the opening of the new bells I arranged, with the agreement of the church authorities and Mr. E. A. Barnett, to be responsible for seeing that the bells were rung at least one Sunday in each month for morning service. On the second Sunday in each month, therefore, with the help of friends, a quarter peal attempt is arranged—meet at 9.50 a.m. Our idea is always to ring something sufficiently within the capabilities of the arranged band, to ensure a high standard of ringing and a reasonable chance of getting a quarter peal. This is because poor ringing at St. Clement's would be a very bad thing for the Exercise, and I do not expect ten ringers to travel up to town at that hour on a Sunday without some inducement.

So far we have maintained this aim with three good quarter peals of Grandsire Caters. While if we had broken down we should have been very glad to offer a rope to any chance visitor, we should obviously prefer not to be interrupted until all chances of the quarter peal had gone.

If any prospective visitor to London would like to be included in one of these monthly attempts, I shall be very glad to try to oblige if he (or she) will let me know two to three weeks in advance and indicate the standard of method desired. That will give me time to arrange the rest of the band or to reply, suggesting a later date if the current month is already fixed up.

I have no official connection with St. Clement's other than as indicated, so this is the best I can do to help visitors.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

28, Abbey Avenue,
Alperton, Wembley,
Middlesex.

GREAT YARMOUTH CLOCK CHIMES

Dear Sir,—The article by Rev. G. Thurlow on Great Yarmouth Clock Chimes is very interesting, and Mr. Brian Price is to be congratulated on his fine suggestion for the new chimes.

There would appear to be slight inaccuracies in the length of the notes as indicated by the ordinary and thick capitals in the article.

It is stated that theme 2 is twice the length of theme 1 but, as shown, theme 1 has the equivalent of 14 crotchets and theme 2 of 26.

Theme 3 has 24 crotchets and it would appear to be the intention of making the unit 12 crotchets. If that is so, should not the last two notes of theme 1 and the ninth and tenth notes of theme 2 all be minims, making theme 1 equal to 12 crotchets and theme 2 to 24?—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

PREVIOUS PEALS OF MINOR ALL SINGLES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Gamston (see Belfry Gossip, page 108), at least one previous peal of Plain Bob Minor with all calls being singles has been rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild. See peal No. 407, rung at the Church of All Saints, Eagle, on July 8th, 1954, conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON.

Newark, Notts.

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have been interested to read the correspondence about the broadcasting of ringing, and I wondered if I might air an idea about this topic.

The idea is that one or more of the programmes put out by 'Network Three' should be devoted to bell-ringing and ringers. It might be possible to provide link-ups on the lines of the Christmas Day broadcasts, but with a more generous time allowance, together with interviews with leading ringers about their experiences. I am sure that in these interviews practical tips about instruction and other matters would come much more readily than if the ringer concerned sat down to write an article for 'The Ringing World' (which too few of the best ringers do anyway).

Although I am not altogether happy about the functions of 'Network Three' as a substitute for the Third Programme, it seems as though it is here to stay, so it is up to us to try and make use of the facilities it provides. It seems that the purpose of 'Network Three' is to cater for minority audiences with special interests, and provided that the programmes are knowledgeably planned, there is no reason why they should not be for the enjoyment and benefit of us all. The point that I think should be emphasised is that to aim programmes exclusively at the novice would be fatal. This has been the tendency in one or two, though by no means all, of the 'Network Three' programmes I have heard, and caused, I fancy, by the producers not having sufficient knowledge of the subject themselves. At all costs we must avoid a programme which starts 'Now, listeners, this evening I am in a little room many feet above ground, containing a circle of eight brightly-coloured ropes disappearing through the ceiling.' However, I am sure that the Broadcasting and Television Committee could be relied on to look after that aspect.—Yours faithfully,

ALEC W. FRY.

Romsey, Hants.

CLEATHAM IMPERIAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of 13 Spliced Major methods rung 'in hand' at Cambridge on November 28th, 1958, I would like to thank Mr. F. T. Blagrove for pointing out that the methods which were published as C.C. Nos. 258 and 259 have actually been rung and named Canterbury Imperial and Hackington Imperial.

If, as he also mentions in his letter in your issue of January 30th, the statement at the foot of page 33 of the C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods is incorrect, and C.C. No. 257 has not been named, then the members of the C.U.G.C.R. who rang the peal would suggest that it be named 'Cleatham Imperial'.—Yours faithfully,

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

Selwyn College,
Cambridge.

'THIS 'ERE COON'

Dear Sir,—I am a life member of the Derbyshire Ringers' Association and glad of it. It wasn't difficult, therefore, to offer apologies for my absence at a recent meeting at Breadsall. Hence the rhyme:—

'Apologies I here convey,
I cannot get the Breadsall way:
For to the Southwell I must go,
To ring the treble to and fro.

So whilst you're ringing out a tune
Please spare a thought for this 'ere coon:
And should you hear a clang, clang, clang,
That was Grandsire I nearly rang.'

(Miss) A. HENSON.

West Bridgford, Notts.

'CHURCHES, ARTISTS AND PEOPLE'

This is the title of the 13th report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, which has just been published (Church Information Board, 3s.). It contains a number of interesting articles dealing with the problems connected with our churches but far too few references to bells. However, one of our fraternity, Canon Noel Boston, of East Dereham, has contributed an informative article on the care of monumental brasses.

Miss Cunningham's article on redundant churches and the uses to which they can be put does affect us as ringers as there are a number of rings of bells connected with such fabrics, e.g., St. Mary-at-Quay, Ipswich.

Though the solution adopted at St. John Ousebridge, York, of rehanging the bells and using the fabric for the York Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies is very satisfactory from our point of view, this obviously cannot be afforded in quite a number of cases. Fortunately, the towers are often the best part of the fabrics, so there is a chance of them being retained even if the remainder of the church is demolished and the site sold. But unfortunately it can also be that the tower is appreciably weaker without the strengthening effect of the body of the church, and some doubt may exist as to whether it is safe to ring the bells in full circles.

Other articles deal with rebuilding church organs, church heating, and an excellent one on how to choose stained glass by the Dean of York.

The editorial by the Dean of Gloucester notes that the redundant church of All Hallows, London Wall, London, is to be associated with the work of the Central Council for the Care of Churches. Parts of it will be converted to house offices and the library, leaving the remainder as a chapel; but this scheme is not likely to be completed before 1960 at the earliest. Unfortunately this church does not have a ring.

The report also gives the names of all members of the Diocesan Advisory Committees, and among them the writer notes at least nine who are practical ringers, including two chairmen (Mr. J. W. Clarke, Chester, and Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Southwell). R. C.

121,474 Changes For Sunday Service

Sunday service ringing at St. Mary's, Willesborough, Kent, amounted in 1958 to 121,474 changes. Methods rung were:—

Minor (18).—Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Hereward Bob, London Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Ipswich S., Kentish D., Oswald D. and Old Oxford D.

Doubles (15).—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury P., New Bob, Huntspill, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Bartholomew's, Rev. All Saints', Union, St. Faith's S.C., Rev. St. Simon's and Rev. St. Martin's.

Llandaff & Monmouth Association

The Llandaff Branch held its annual meeting at Pontypridd on January 24th. Fine weather encouraged 56 members to attend.

The Rev. Stanley Mogford, Vicar of Pontypridd, conducted the service, which was followed by an excellent tea in the Church Hall. Mr. D. J. King, general Ringing Master, gave a vote of thanks to the ladies of the local Mothers' Union for the catering of this meal.

During the business meeting Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected secretary/treasurer. Radrly was chosen for the next meeting, with Aberavon as an alternative. R. E. C.

HANDBELL RECITAL AT MARCH

Mr. Frederick Sharpe and his talented team of handbell ringers from Launton, Oxfordshire, gave a recital at St. Wendreda's Church, March, Cambs, on February 7th, to a church filled to capacity.

The congregation soon fell under the magical spell of the bell music. Performing with ease, and masters of rhythm, the team confidently and expertly reproduced well-loved tunes in a manner which obviously bespoke hours of consistent practice. It was beautifully and reverently executed, and a joy to witness and hear.

Twenty-three pieces were rung, including medieval carols, chime tunes and music written for bells by English composers, and last but not least the ever-popular hymn tunes 'Sandon,' 'Old Hundredth,' 'Eventide' and others filled the hallowed building with melodious chords.

The church bells were rung before and after the recital, and the handbell ringers received refreshments in the schoolroom.

It was indeed music extraordinary, and the team, whose efforts evoked much admiration, are to be congratulated on their ability in their ancient craft; and special credit is due to the youngest member, Peter Allen, aged 13.

RAMBLING RINGERS' REUNION

Leicester was chosen as the place of the reunion of the Rambling Ringers on December 13th, and some good ringing was had at St. Margaret's, St. John's, the Cathedral and All Saints'.

The dinner was held at the Great Central Hotel, and a party of over 50 sat down for a meal. The meeting which followed was a rather long and heated one. The main items were the new rules and the behaviour of ringers on tour.

The election of officers was as follows: President, Patrick I. Chapman; Ringing Master, John E. Cook; hon. secretary, Carol Eustace (26, Vicarage Road, Rugby); deputy Ringing Masters, Denis Mottershead and Alan J. Frost; hon. peal secretary, Peter M. Giles, and committee member, Alan Cattell.

After this, an enjoyable social evening followed in the usual mad fashion. J. E. C.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

At the annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild on January 28th, the Vicar (Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) was elected president, and the following were re-elected: Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master, Mr. F. N. Golden, deputy Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Ringing Master paid tribute to the ex-president (Very Rev. J. A. H. Waddington) for the support he had always given to the Guild during his term of office.

The new president said he was honoured by being elected, and was sure all would work together to the glory of God. Mr. K. Brown and Mr. T. Bailey were elected members.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the Society's meeting at Wentworth on February 14th. Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the business meeting, which followed a very good tea at the George and Dragon. Wortley, near Sheffield, was selected for the next meeting on March 14th. A record crowd is asked for the annual outing to Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 4th. Arrangements for the shield and cup contest are to be made at a committee meeting at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on March 28th. The vote of thanks from the chair included a special one to Mr. George West and the local company for making the arrangements.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the influenza outbreak which caused the absence of the District secretary and others, a company of over 40 sat down to tea at the annual meeting of the Guildford District at Guildford on February 14th. The nominations for District officers went awry. Mr. T. Mark White was unable to accept re-election as District Ringing Master as he had accepted another appointment which would eventually necessitate his leaving Guildford. A popular choice was Mr. E. R. John Wells, with past experience of the office in the Farnham District. Mr. Leslie Hunter because of ill health could not accept the post of deputy Master. Elected to the office was Mr. Leslie Warner, of Cranleigh. Mr. D. A. Kirk was re-elected hon. secretary.

Four new members from Holy Trinity, Guildford, were elected—Miss Ann Garbett, David Tubbs, Tony Hughes and Robert Hamilton, and Miss Joan Beazley, now at Worcester, was elected a compounding member.

The Guild Master's letter, containing matters for consideration by the Executive, was discussed. There was a strong vote against the abolition of junior membership, but the idea of fixed days for the Guild annual meeting at the summer festival was favoured. Regarding the annual dinner being a 'movable feast' and being held in the different Districts, the meeting reminded the Executive that the geographical advantages of Guildford should be considered before making a change.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who presided, thanked Miss Monica Collins and helpers for the bountiful tea, the Rev. C. A. Stables for conducting the service in St. Mary's Church, and Miss Janet Cleeve for acting as organist. Ringing took place at St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity churches.

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OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT KNIGHT AN APPRECIATION

I would esteem it a favour if I could pay a tribute to the late Mr. Herbert Knight, whom I first rang with at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffs, on November 17th, 1906, when he conducted Thurstans' One-part peal of Stedman Triples. He also conducted the same composition blindfold on October 12th, 1907, at St. Luke's, Blakenhall. Having rung more than 200 peals together I can vouch for Mr. Knight's sterling character and ability, also his valuable advice to learners. Herbert was a frequent visitor to St. Giles', Willenhall, where he rang his last peal; this was Plain Bob Royal, rung as a welcome to our Vicar (Rev. A. G. Bond), on December 29th, 1956.

C. WALLATER.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deanery Branch took place at Spalding on February 7th. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. H. Nind, the address being given by the Vicar (Canon M. H. R. Synge). Tea was served in the School, with Mrs. C. Rawding, of Surfleet, in charge of the catering arrangements.

Canon M. H. R. Synge presided at the business meeting. The balance sheet and belfry repair fund both remained in a healthy state. On a proposal from Mr. J. E. Allen it was agreed to invest £25 out of both accounts in Premium Bonds. There had been some membership lapses, but with new members elected during the year numbers remained steady.

At the election of officers, the Rev. R. W. H. Nind was chosen as president in succession to Canon M. H. R. Synge, who will be leaving shortly to take up an appointment in Lincoln. All other officers were re-elected. A collection for the belfry repair fund amounted to £1 5s. 6d. Quarterly meetings were arranged to take place at Holbeach, Deeping St. Nicholas, Long Sutton and Gedney.

In his votes of thanks Mr. J. Ames wished the retiring president every success in his new appointment.

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ENGAGEMENT

KINCHIN—WILFORD.—The engagement is announced between Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wilford, of Clipston, Northamptonshire, and John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. E. Kinchin, of Yelvertoft, Northamptonshire. 3918

DEATH

NUTT.—On February 19th, 1959, at Oldham Royal Infirmary, Harry, aged 56 years. A bell-ringer at Christ Church, Friezland, near Oldham, for many years. 3930

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Brian J. Woodruffe, during university term, is now 55, Lanchester Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, 30, or The Union, University Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15. Will all correspondents please note! 3904

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MISCELLANEOUS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Notice is hereby given that the following motion will be before the annual general meeting on Easter Monday, 1959. 'That notwithstanding Rule 9, representatives to the Central Council, 1960-62, be elected on Easter Monday, 1959.' 3894

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. prompt in Church Hall.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3892

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT.—Annual general meeting, St. George's, Doncaster, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Wheatley, Doncaster.—George Watson. 3900

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Buses: Services 97 from Ashford and Tunbridge Wells every two hours; 127 from Tenterden. 3811

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Bolton, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells: St. George's in afternoon only, Holy Trinity in evening only. Cups of tea at St. George's, 5 p.m. Business follows tea.—Thornley, Sec. 3902

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at Winhill (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Burton Parish Church (8), 6 to 8. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Church Schools. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 3869

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wendover (6), Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting at Tackley, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing at Wootton (6) 2.15 p.m.; Tackley (6), 2.45. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Woodstock (8), 7.30 p.m. 3889

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Kegworth (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements—café in Kegworth. Please look up Bristol.—P. Clarke, Sec. 3863

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual general meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3849

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Monday, March 2nd, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. All London ringers and visitors welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3943

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, March 2nd, 7 p.m. 3909

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, March 4th, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3915

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, 3.30 p.m. at St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 3901

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Armitage Bridge (6). Bells afternoon and evening. Names for teas by March 4th to Mr. R. Armitage, 11, Hanging Stone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Business: election of officers, etc. 3932

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Bromham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please notify for tea.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec., 8, Bowhill, Bedford. 3923

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 7th, in Selwyn College at 8 for 8.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's, 2 to 3; St. Bene't's, 2.45 to 3.45; the Roman Catholic Church, 4.30 to 5.30; St. Mary's, 6.15 to 7.15 p.m.—M. D. S. Hood, Trinity Hall. 3908

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Lillington on Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 4th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 3935

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Berry Pomeroy, Saturday, March 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 4th to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 3917

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 3931

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at St. Oswin's, Wylam, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road, Wylam, Northumberland. 3910

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights. 3921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3828

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Yeldham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 3936

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashchurch (6), Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by March 4th to Mr. E. Underwood, 1, Cedar Road, Ashchurch.—G. Burrows, Sec. 3828

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Chertsey (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. G. Lodge, 29, Bramley Close, Chertsey. 3945

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, March 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names as soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 3945

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Special method, Erin Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3898

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 4th to Mr. F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3922

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Shorne, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, definitely not later than previous Monday.—T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 3865

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 3877

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 4th, to Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Elham, Canterbury. Please enclose cash. Ospringe May 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3877

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 3917

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Morecambe, Saturday, March 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Short meeting after tea. All welcome without sending names for tea.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 7th, *East Crompton* (not Middleton). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 4th, to R. Coppinger, 99, Salts Street, Shaw.—Hudson, Sec. 3940

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—cafés nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 3933

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchley, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3884

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at Clipston (5). Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3913

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, Saturday, March 7th: Edgbaston (8), 11 a.m.; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 12 noon; Erdington Abbey (8), 2 p.m.; Erdington Parish Church (8), 2.45 p.m.; Aston (12), 3.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Durrington. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Also Amesbury, 6.30 to 8.30. Names for tea essential by March 3rd to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3887

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Great Cheverell (6), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 3907

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Compton Abbas, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Visitors welcome. Please notify by March 4th R. N. Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 3906

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at Ranmoor. Committee meeting 2.15 p.m. Bells from 3. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 3942

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by March 5th Mr. A. C. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3881

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Hucknall Torkard (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 4th to H. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, Notts.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 3897

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting will be held at Merstham (6) on Saturday, March 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. T. Cross, 8, Nailsworth Crescent, Merstham. 3871

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon (6) on Saturday, March 7th, 3 o'clock. Names for tea by March 4th to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 3920

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseion (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 4th, to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 3862

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 7th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Staines, 2.15 p.m.; St. Peter's, Staines, 3.30 p.m.; Egham, 6 to 7 p.m. Tea at St. Peter's Hall, 4.30 p.m. 3905

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Overton (8) on Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m. All welcome. 3926

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Rockwell Green (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3912

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual meeting at Colemans Hatch, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please make an effort to attend, to elect a new president. Names by 12th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3916

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Little Bromley (4) may be available after tea. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to me, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3927

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross. 3878

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea by Saturday previous to Mr. P. Box, The Banks, Newnham. Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 3924

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, on Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee 11 a.m. Service at noon. Luncheon 1 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Full ringing programme.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimeys, Offham, Maidstone. 3842

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting unavoidably postponed until April 11th. Further details later.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3934

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.— Preliminary notice. The annual festival and general meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, April 25th. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3944

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at Holy Church, Hull, on February 14th, and was attended by 35 members. The service was conducted by the Society's chaplain, the Rev. G. S. Storer.

At the business meeting, the president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) welcomed the members, and in drawing attention to the growing number of young lady ringers now regularly attending the monthly meetings, expressed the hope that the significance of two further young ladies being elected members presaged a year of improved recruitment. In all, six new members were elected at this meeting.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mr. A. E. Sellers; vice-president, Mr. H. Parker; Ringing Master, Mr. J. M. Harrop; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. Ducker; secretary and treasurer, Mr. K. Kirk; assistant secretary, Mr. I. Goldthorpe; committee, Messrs. F. Dale, D. Johnson, J. Parker, A. Taylor and F. Wilkinson.

The Society's thanks were accorded to three retiring officers—Mr. L. Rodmell, who relinquished the position of Ringing Master after 11 years in office; Mr. G. Braithwaite, vice-president for the past five years; and Miss J. Wilson, secretary and treasurer during the past year.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE'S FIRST RINGERS' DINNER

Whatton-in-the-Vale, Nottingham, ringers held their first dinner on February 7th at the Griffin's Head Hotel, Whatton. They began the event by ringing the six church bells from 4.30 until 6.30 p.m. A tape-recording was made to be played back later in the evening. The dinner was attended by 35 ringers and friends, including people from Grantham, Newark, Nottingham, Radcliffe, Daybrook, Shelford, Leicester, Rugby, Northampton, Bottesford, North Muskham, and even as far away as Crewe. The meal was excellently cooked and much appreciated.

After Mr. Tom Greasley had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. David Clarke introduced the Whatton ringers to the visitors. The recording of the bells was played back, and handbell tune ringing was given by Brian Buswell, Tom Greasley and David Clarke. A game of 'What's my Line?' was organised by Mr. David (Eamonn Andrews) Clarke, and the celebrity was Peter Giles. A vote of thanks to Pam and David Clarke for organising the dinner was proposed by Mr. Bill Midwinter.

LATE NEWS

The roof and vestry of Drayton Parish Church were gutted by a serious fire on Saturday afternoon. The choir stalls, made by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, were saved, but the famous screen which he carved was destroyed.

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23456 W M H

45236	—	A
24536	—	D
52436	—	D
43526	—	C
54326	—	A
35426	—	B
42356	—	B
63254	—	C
26354	—	D
32654	—	D
46253	—	A
25463	—	A
42563	—	D
35264	—	B
23564	—	D

Five times repeated; SS halfway and end.

A=Wellington, Reverse, Double, Gainsborough, Little, Plain.

B=Wellington, Cleatham Imperial (C.C. No. 257), Fulbeck, Gainsborough, Little, Plain.

C=Wellington, Canterbury Imperial, Hackington Imperial, Gainsborough, Little, Plain.

D=Crayford L.C., Bastow L.C., Kent L.C., Little Bob

Rung 'in hand' at Cambridge on November 28th, 1958.

Guilds and Associations are asked to send their completed Surveys of Sunday Ringing to Mr. Philip Gray as soon as possible. The response to date is very gratifying.

On the evening of February 15th the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, rang a 720 of Bob Minor to celebrate the birth of a son to Kathleen and Wilfred Kerr. Mr. Kerr is secretary to the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers.

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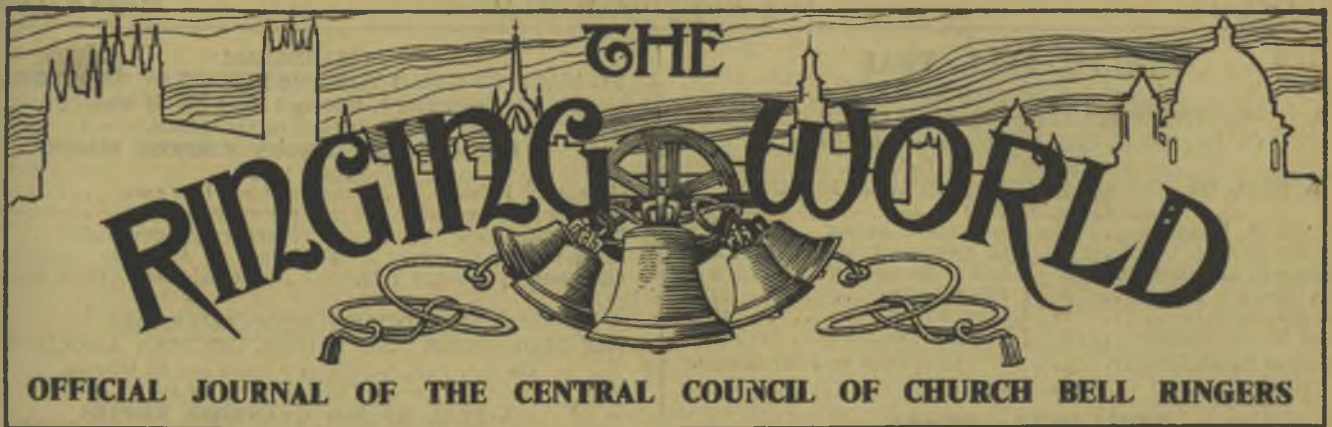
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AN ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK FOR BEGINNERS IN THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING

VERY few elementary text books on ringing have been written in partnership, and the reason for this is not far to seek when one considers the diversity of opinion on many of the problems arising in the instruction of beginners. For a syndicate of four to attempt to write a book of this kind would seem to be a hazardous enterprise, and Miss Cross and her committee may, therefore, be well satisfied with the success they have achieved in 'An Elementary Handbook for Beginners in the Art of Change-Ringing,' the latest Central Council production.

The book is divided into three parts, and is prefaced by an introduction which makes it clear that successful use of the succeeding pages depends upon a thorough co-operation between teacher and pupil; the text must therefore be surveyed critically with this in mind: that the book is for the instructor as well as for the learner.

Part I deals with the bell, its parts, its mechanism, and how to handle it. It is pointed out, and quite rightly, that personal instruction is essential in the learning of bell handling; the explanatory paragraphs, therefore, will be found of great value both by the student for private study and by the instructor for periodic catechising. The 'Do's and Don'ts' of the business of ringing a bell are well covered, and apart from (i) 'Speed of Ringing,' which might have been omitted at this stage, the suggested order of instruction is logical. The notes on 'Where to look when ringing' and 'Watching other ringers in action' form valuable notes at the end of this section.

The illustrations include three views of a bell and a number of posed demonstrations to assist in making clear the correct positions of hands and body in ringing a bell. One may perhaps doubt the value of Nos. 10 and 11. In photographs of a rope in motion the effect is rarely elegant, and in these snapshots the eye of the pupil would seem to be fixed (a trifle undesirably) on the sally.

Part II deals with change-ringing, and this section has been adapted from Mr. W. G. Wilson's very popular 'Notes for Beginners.' As in the mechanical section, the stress is on the association of pupil and teacher, and the text is planned to assist both. The work starts with a consideration of plain hunting and leads on to the study of Plain Bob followed by Grandsire. It will be gratifying to many instructors to find some notes on the elementary study of coursing order, an important feature of change-ringing so often neglected by beginners. One would perhaps have welcomed a somewhat more detailed exposition of the actual process of hunting (which Jasper Snowden provides so successfully), but the authors seem to have taken the view that this, too, is a matter for the instructor, and their opinion is consistent with the aim and policy of the book.

Part II is short but significant. It touches briefly but earnestly on the duties of a ringer and the band to which he belongs. It provides not only a fitting conclusion to a book for beginners but also sets out considerations that should be read, marked and learned afresh by ringers of all ages and experience.

The book has unity and clearness of expression. It is free from pedantry and tautology, and its friendly language has managed to keep dignity nor lose the common touch. The Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to the Handbook Committee for their labours. E. C. S.

NOTE: Copies can be purchased from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby, price 1s. post free.

THE BELLS OF ABERTAWE WILL RING OUT AGAIN ON EASTER SUNDAY

I WOULD first of all take you back to April, 1950, when the Rev. Harry Williams accepted the living of St. Paul's Church, Sketty, and his very first job was to have the eight bells retuned and rehung. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. completed this work by September of the same year, which coincided with the centenary celebrations of the church.

In September, 1958, the Rev. Canon Harry Williams (as he was then) was offered the living of the Parish Church of Swansea, St. Mary's, and he again accepted. Soon afterwards he set about the work of having eight bells put back into the rebuilt tower. The order was given to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have promised to have the bells ready for ringing by Easter Sunday, March 29th. Will ringers please note that the bells will be available for ringing on that day. (See Notices for further particulars.)

Let us appreciate the magnificent achievement by the Vicar of Swansea who, with the help of many townspeople, made it possible for two 8-bell towers to be available for ringing in eight years, especially as in these days of so much synthetic music, and also synthetic bells used in the country. There is still, however, another ring of six bells lying at the base of the tower in St. John's Church, Morriston; and it is hoped that in the not too far distant future these bells will also peal forth their 'call to worship.'

The Church of St. Mary was blitzed in February, 1941—the building, including the tower, was completely gutted by fire, and all the bells were melted down in the intense heat. It was no wonder the late Bishop of Bangor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward Davies, who was then Vicar of Swansea, cried when he saw the destruction of his church.

Now the new St. Mary's has been rebuilt at a cost of £250,000, and about £12,000 has still to be found to clear the debt. On such a happy occasion it would not be right or proper to forget those associated with the ringing fraternity at St. Mary's who have now passed on. They are Messrs. Fred Curtis, E. Searle, Ned Davies, Phil Kneath, Jack Davies, Chas. Hoare, J. Jones, Jim Hoare, Syd Perry, Albert Edwards, Albert Williams and Alan Rose.

The work and responsibility of directing the rebuilding of the new church, which is of cathedral proportions, must be associated with the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. J. J. Thomas. This great church will be opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, on Thursday, May 28th.

J. A. HOARE.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 9
BASIL JONES 4	PETER LAFLIN 10
TOM STRANGEWAYS 5	JOHN WORTH 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

TEN BELL PEALS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

*CYRIL SAVAGE Treble	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER 6
†MARY H. HALL 2	§JOHN H. GILBERT 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	‡ERIC J. HITCHINS 8
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 4	BRIAN BLADON 9
‡D. JOHN HUNT 5	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal 'inside.' ‡ First of Royal.
§ First of Plain Royal.

Rung by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise, this being the first peal by the Society.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 4	EDWARD JENKINS 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung with a fourth's place bob. Composition contains 16 567890's, 657890's, 467890's and 457890's.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRED W. RING Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 6
PHILIP A. CORBY 2	JOHN R. COOPER 7
RALPH BIRD 3	MARK W. MARSHALL 8
*THOMAS E. SONE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 9
GEOFFREY PEARSON 5	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 75th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Treble	*DAVID W. JAMES 5
ARTHUR GIBBS 2	RONALD C. NOON 6
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Feb. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
PETER BERESFORD 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
PETER BORDER 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt.

EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. Treble	ALAN A. HILLIAR 5
NORMAN H. COOMBS 2	C. DONALD MANN 6
JOHN M. STALLARD 3	VICTOR E. WILLS 7
SIDNEY G. RICHES 4	WILLIAM J. COOK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

First peal of Triples as conductor.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Oliver Tomkins as Bishop of Bristol.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.
MURIEL REAY Treble	ANTHONY AGER 5
CLIVE M. SMITH 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	PETER BERESFORD 7
*JOHN H. ALLEN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	WILLIAM F. EYDEN 6
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
JAMES LINNELL 4	GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Arranged by KENNETH A. ROE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

First peal in the method by all the band, and first of Double Bob Major for the Guild.

Rung for the bicentenary of the rebuilding of the church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PORTSMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	JOHN HILL 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

ELAINE RICHARDSON .. Treble	BRIAN ROTHWELL 5
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD 2	DAVID YOUNG 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS 3	PETER CROOK 7
GORDON W. LIMMER 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to the honoured memory of Raymond Johnson, of Manchester.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.
*ROBERT HUGHES Treble	†JOHN WOODMAN 5
GEOFFREY MARCHANT 2	THOMAS YEOMANS 6
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
*NEVILL JAMES 4	*MICHAEL BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Way (vice-captain of the local band) and Mr. Michael Carpenter, of Bath.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ANDREW D. GRANT Treble	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	JOHN D. ROCK 6
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

200th tower-bell peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the wedding on February 14th of Mr. Gordon A. Halls and Miss Patricia A. M. Forster, both members of the 'Monday band.'

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITE Treble	*ALISON M. MANN 5
BERNARD C. MANN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
HARRY R. APPLETON 3	PETER J. EVES 7
EDWARD W. ROAST 4	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Plain Bob.

Rung in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mann.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

Johnson's variation.	
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR 5
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	J. RICHARD CASILEDINE .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
*THOMAS J. LOCK 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 550th peal.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,016 Bristol, 1,824 London, 672 Superlative, 576 Cambridge, with 122 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN M. YEO Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ROBERT COLLINS 2	COLIN A. TESTER 6
STANLEY JENNER 3	JOHN R. COOPER 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, LAWRENCE

AND ANNE,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ANTHONY A. UPTON Treble	ANTHONY AGER 5
MURIEL REAY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung for the 557th anniversary of the consecration of this church, and as a farewell to Mr. H. Fairley, for many years a member of the choir.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK Treble	*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*PETER J. MILTON 2	*COLIN F. MCGILL 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in three methods.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

ROLAND REED Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE 4
WALLACE COUSINS 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
JOHN E. FOX 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and a 720.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ANDREW J. STRAIDHEE .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER 4
CLIVE M. SMITH 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
JOHN H. ALLEN 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*ERIC D. HATCHER Treble	TENOR 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
ERIC BRUNGER 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
†GEORGE FRY 3	KEVIN S. HOHL 5
	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 different 240's.

*THOMAS NORBURY Treble	TENOR 8½ cwt.
BARRY CORBISHLEY 2	HARRY CALLWOOD 4
GEORGE FORRESTER 3	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
	DEREK BRISCALL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Wilfred Denis Norbury to Beryl Pauleen Norbury, daughter of the treble ringer.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.	TENOR 14 cwt.
*KEITH S. IRELAND Treble	GORDON WALFORD 4
†CHARLES H. WEBBER 2	DAVID T. NORTH 5
†IVOR G. HUGHES 3	CHARLES E. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.

* First peal. † First in two methods.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire.	TENOR 7 cwt.
*ROBIN ROGERS Treble	GEORGE ATKINS 3
GEORGE WEBB 2	*JAMES LINNELL 4
	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Doubles.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	TENOR 10 cwt.
RONALD LUNN Treble	*ROY CLARKE 4
FRANK LAMB 2	*TERRY HORSFIELD 5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

TENOR 12 cwt.	
FRANK D. BISHOP Treble	*E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 4
MICHAEL J. PALMER 2	ROBERT W. HINDE 5
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal in more than one method.

DYRHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.	TENOR 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.
*SANDRA LEWIS Treble	TERENCE J. MILSOM 4
*RITA M. WEBB 2	ALAN F. LEE 5
*GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 3	J. JAMES JEFFERIES Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in three methods. First in three methods on the bells.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Braintree Delight; (2) Charlwood D.; (3) Neasden D.; (4) St. Albans D.; (5) Wragby D.; (6) Capel Treble Bob; (7) Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' and Kingston Treble Bob.

TENOR 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.	
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS 4
*PETER A. SHARPE 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor 'inside.'

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Rung on the front six, being one 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

TENOR 10½ cwt.	
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 4
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK .. 2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 6 are one family, and 1 and 5 are brother and nephew of the conductor respectively.

Rung on St. Valentine's Day.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Chester, (2) Munden, (3) York, (4) London, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

TENOR 10 cwt.	
MICHAEL EDWARDS Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
MARY DOWSETT 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
*THOMAS R. ROAST 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in eight Surprise methods.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. W. Roast.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	TENOR 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
*EDWARD GAUTREY Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND 4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN 2	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 5
*EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 3	MICHAEL F. AMOS Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, a 21st birthday compliment to Peter Grimshaw, of Long Buckby, and also to mark the occasion of the engagement to W. John Kinchin, of Yelvertoft, and Mary Wilford, of Clipston.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

TENOR 7½ cwt.	
*ANN COLLIER Treble	*IVAN COOPER 4
*ANN PRYKE 2	†PERCY W. MILLS 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	TENOR 14½ cwt.
CHARLES CLEGG Treble	GEOFFREY SALMON (15) .. 4
*GLADYS FISHWICK 2	*RAYMOND COCKSHOT (14) 5
PETER COCKSHOT (15) .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6

*BERRY MARTIN (13) Tenor covering

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal In memoriam Herbert Knight, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. Rung by the Sunday service band.

Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome Charles James, a grandson of the Rector (Rev. J. Linsall), born this day to Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooke.

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HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1959, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents differently called.

Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Susan Anne) to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Payne, of Syston.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Feb. 10, 1959, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER .. 1—2 | ALAN SHEPPARD .. 3—4

JOHN POTTS .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1959, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

At 17, QUEEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 10 in A.

*CHRISTINE PULLIN .. 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. 3—4

JOYCE DODDS .. 5—6

Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.

* First peal.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At 1, MANDEVILLE.

A PEAL OF 10080 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

MICHAEL J. TESTER .. 1—2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3—4

W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 5—6

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

Rung by Soham Grammarians. Longest length by all the band.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1959, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

At 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1—2 | HARRY POYNER .. 3—4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. S. Payne.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 22 in C.

GERALD PENNEY .. 1—2 | WALTER AYRE .. 5—6

STANLEY HUCKLE .. 3—4 | MICHAEL D. FROST .. 7—8

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*STANLEY BIRDSALL .. 1—2 | HOWARD SCOTT .. 3—4

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5—6

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal. Rung to welcome the birth on Friday, February 13th, of a son, Adrian Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1959, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas',

Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's.

MRS. J. RENDER .. 1—2 | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4

KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5—6

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

First peal as conductor.

John Taylor & Co.**LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**

QUARTER PEALS

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: J. Riley 1, Mrs. R. Worrall (first quarter) 2, V. Stonier 3, R. Cartledge 4, R. Worrall (cond.) 5, G. Armit 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Martin 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Rev. P. Blackman 3, C. Powdrill 4, A. J. Poyner 5, T. I. Roper 6, G. H. Bray 7, R. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Ash Wednesday Evensong.

BISHOPSGATE, E.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: A. Grainger 1, J. Carrott 2, L. S. Woods 3, J. Fowler 4, M. Bland 5, A. Gargrave 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Spliced Plain Bob and Candlesby): A. R. Peake (cond.) 1, J. Vincent 2, B. S. Sheppard 3, Mrs. A. R. Peake (first 'inside') 4, W. H. Trueman 5, J. West 6. Rung as a farewell to J. West, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: S. Wood 1, A. E. Sandiford 2, J. Kay 3, Miss E. A. Richardson 4, G. W. Limmer 5, W. J. Stokes 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, J. W. Hamer 8. A welcome to Miss E. A. Richardson, of Lincolnshire.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wadsworth (13) 1, S. B. Schofield (11) 2, K. Rushworth (14) 3, Janet Brook (14) 4, B. Gillian Schofield (13) 5, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 6. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Janet Brook, and as a farewell to Peter Robinson (14), a ringing friend of the band, who is leaving for Lancashire.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Cora Eldridge 1, Janet Adamson 2, Kathleen North 3, J. Norsworthy 4, Doreen Hague (cond.) 5, B. May 6, E. Eldridge 7, D. Livingston 8. A birthday compliment to 4, 5 and 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Edwards 1, R. Cadamy 2, W. A. Yates 3, J. Linnell 4, J. Marks 5, G. E. Green 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, H. C. Beard 8. For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandfire Doubles: H. Parsons 1, P. Boor (first 'inside') 2, L. Penfold 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,296 Minor (Plain, St. Clement's, Little, Kent and Oxford): R. A. Appleby 1, Ruth H. Appleby (first 'inside') 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, R. J. Lumley (first quarter) 4, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 5, R. Waddington 6. For evening service.

CHURCH, LANCs.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clegg 1, Miss G. Fishwick 2, P. Cockshott 2, G. Salmon 4, R. Cockshott 5, L. J. Williams (cond.) 6, B. Martin 8 (covering). In memoriam Herbert Knight, Wolverhampton.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Miss D. Reed 1, N. North 2, Mrs. D. Hall 3, S. Ball 4, T. Easterby 5, F. Walker 6, R. Rayfield (cond.) 7, D. Hall 8. For morning service.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. Gargrave 4, F. V. Gant 5, T. Grainger 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For morning service.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Celia Arminson (first quarter) 1, B. Read 2, Ethel Clear 3, F. Oakshott 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, G. F. Pratt 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, B. Coward 8. **ELM, CAMBS.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Knight 1, A. E. Knott 2, P. A. S. Minall 3, J. Knight 4, H. J. Reeve 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 4. Rung by Sunday service band.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,316 Grandfire Triples (Holt's Original): Celia Lawrence 1, J. Sims 2, N. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, K. Small 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, W/O2 B. Beebe 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong.

FOLKINGHAM LINCs.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, R. Musson (first 'inside') 3, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 4, J. H. Musson 5, F. Wright 6. A birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury, Grandfire): R. Smith (14, first quarter) 1, G. A. Bowcutt 2, A. E. Hinman (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, R. H. Cook 5. A compliment to Mr. Harry Jones (churchwarden) and Mrs. Jones on the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandfire): Audrey Evans (first quarter) 1, Janet L. Adamson 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, R. Scott 4, Wm. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. Allgrove 6. Miss Evans is the second of the Langley call-change band to ring a quarter peal this year.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, C. Hughes 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, M. Bland 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. Gargrave 8. For Matins.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. W. Bond (cond.) 1, A. Rothery 2, F. Linfoot 3, P. Aspinall 4, A. Rogers 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, D. Sharples 7, J. Newton 8. For Gift Day.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, B. P. Mogg 2, J. Fuller (first quarter) 3, W. J. Foote 4, P. W. Mogg 5, A. E. Woods 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,269 Grandfire Caters: L. Mannering 1, Miss O. Couchman 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, J. T. Mannering 4, F. Leason 5, C. Dring 6, C. Tester 7, J. Wallis 8, B. Kaker 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Chivers 1, E. Brown 2, E. Wadman 3, D. E. Lee 4, G. Salmon 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: N. Anne Lepper 1, Joan E. Probert 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, Shirley B. Aston (first of Doubles) 4, R. I. Vaughan (first as cond.) 5, R. F. Warren 6. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Pamela Warren 1, Valerie A. Bundy 2, Joan E. Probert 3, R. I. Vaughan (first of Surprise 'inside') 4, D. A. R. May 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On February 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandfire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, A. Jackson 2, W. C. Chandler 3, M. J. Martin (cond.) 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. First in four methods for all the band.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On Feb. 14th, 1,280 Warwickshire Surprise Major: Judith Harding 1, Susan Jackson 2, J. Temple 3, D. E. Sibson 4, R. Trebilcock 5, P. Brown 6, R. Keeley 7, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 8.

PINCHBECK, LINCs.—On Feb. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Taylor 1, Miss F. Oldershaw 2, R. C. Noon (cond.) 3, J. G. Ames 4, R. Withyman 5, T. H. Charlton 6, S. E. Bennett 7, C. R. Burrell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Curry.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,332 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 840 Grandfire): Sheila Avenell 1, S. C. Baker 2, Brenda Davidge 3, J. R. Avenell 4, F. Cherryman (cond.) 5, R. Boylett 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. R. Boylett, verger for 20 years and chorister for over 70 years.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Rowe (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Jeffreys 2, B. C. Saddler 3, L. Beale 4, P. A. Saddler 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6, D. E. Belcham 7, P. King 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the return of P. King from National Service.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Roberts 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, E. Wadman 3, G. Salmon 4, E. Naylor 5, E. J. Chivers 6.

ROBERTSBRIDGE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Hook 1, A. Allcorn 2, H. Edwards (first in method) 3, E. T. Avery 4, A. H. Hoad 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,120 Plain Bob Major: C. Rodgers 1, R. Woodward (longest length) 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, J. Tilling 5, P. Walker 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For morning Eucharist. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Margaret Mills 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, J. Tilling 3, Elizabeth A. Wardill 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, Susan Chaddock 6, D. G. French 7, G. S. Lee 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. First of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Horace E. North, ringer and chorister, who died on February 16th.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Webber (first of Minor): 1, I. G. Hughes 2, P. J. Bird 3, P. N. Tubbs 4, G. Walford 5, D. T. North (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since restoration.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. A. Evans 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, R. I. Shepard 5, M. G. Lane 6. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandfire, New Grandfire, Uffington, Union, New Bob, Westminster H. Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Pl. Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Osmund, Huntspill, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pl.): D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, A. D. Grant 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For afternoon service. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, C. G. V. Bureess 4, A. D. Grant 5, M. G. Lane 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year. The 100th quarter peal in this tower.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Taplin (first of Minor) 2, J. Mynott (first quarter) 3, W. Lawrence 4, S. Mynott 5, W. Brown 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson 8 (cover).

STRATFORD, E.—At St. Mary-atte-Bow, on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. A. Hughes 3, M. Hawkes 4, M. Meyer 5, C. W. Otley 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, L. W. Bullock 8. For Evensong.

TETENHALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Miss J. Cooper 1, Miss C. Slater 2, R. Humphries 3, E. Southwick 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, H. Harris 6.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (with 1, 2 leading): Mrs. J. Sharpe 1, Mrs. W. Hunt 2, Miss R. Halfacre 3, Miss M. Golson 4, G. Moule (first quarter) 5, Mrs. H. Smith 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Hunt 8. A wedding compliment to W. Bolton, of the local band, and Miss I. R. Major.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: J. Back (first quarter) 1, P. D. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, F. Sykes 6, T. Hawkins 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,277 Grandfire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. J. Chapman 4, F. Sykes 5, T. Hawkins 6, B. Downes 7, W. Dowler (first as cond.) 8, D. Hewitt 9, M. Hayes 10. For Evensong.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Feb. 8th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: C. Williams 1, R. Ellis 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, E. A. Parish 5, W. D. Peart 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, F. Pickering 8. For Evensong, and as an expression of good wishes to Miss Jane E. Cotterill and Mr. M. Lloyd Clamp on the occasion of their marriage on February 7th.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Randall 1, Jill Eason 2, C. Scott 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, C. Truman (first quarter) 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, R. Hinton 4, P. Foster 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. W. Coleman 1, W. A. Yates 2, J. Linnell 3, F. C. Case 4, J. Gregory 5, G. W. Holland 6, W. F. Eyden 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 3 and 5.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, A. Bagworth 3, G. Goodman 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. To mark the christening of Christopher John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer-Smith, friends of the ringers.

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The Society of Friends of the Exercise have rung their first peal—at Wrington on February 7th. This is a keen group of West Country ringers, who meet two or three times a year with headquarters at the King's Arms, Budleigh, to visit towers in Dorset, Wilts, Devon and Cornwall. The peal was the suggestion of 'Founder Friend' Cyril Savage. They desire to associate the peal with the enthronement of the Bishop of Bristol, which took place during its progress.

Next Sunday at 10 a.m. the retuned and rehung bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Hereford (Ven. T. B. Randolph).

The suggestion that Reading University Society may accompany Southampton University on their Norfolk and Suffolk tour on July 5th to 12th is a mistake. Miss M. Tilbury has written to Mr. Dermot Roaf, secretary of the U.A., and to Southampton, apologising for the error.

At last the Exercise has its beginners' official book in print. 'An Elementary Handbook for Beginners in the Art of Change Ringing' came off the press this week and will be available next week from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby. Price 1s., post free. Profusely illustrated, we want to see a sale of 2,000 in the first 12 months.

To correspondents who have written desirous of joining the Rabbits' Guild—we have forwarded your letters to the secretary. For special reasons, explained in the report of the annual meeting, secrecy is observed regarding gatherings. We understand the Guild members assemble together at selected other meetings, and those desirous of joining will unexpectedly receive fraternal greetings from a representative or an official present.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. T. Fowler, of Cookham, has been in the Astor Ward, St. Luke's Hospital, Maidenhead, since February 21st. The last report we received was that he is going on satisfactorily. He will be pleased to hear from ringing friends.

'A real tonic for a 'flu victim,' writes a correspondent in appreciation of our speeding-up process of dispatch.

This evening Mr. J. Frank Smallwood is addressing the new Leeds University Campanological Society on 'The importance of having a ringing paper.'

Visiting ringers to Bournemouth are cordially invited to practice nights. They are: St. John's, Surrey Road, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Miss W. Nichols, of Randwick, N.S.W., writes that this is the centenary year of the Municipality of Randwick, but it is unlikely their ring of eight will be pealable before the end of the year. She is anxious to know whether their mother church, St. Jude's, Randwick, Glos, has a ring of bells. [No mention in Dove's.]

Unfortunately, the photograph we received of 'the most beautiful eight in the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild' would not reproduce satisfactorily. The names were Vivienne Richardson, Shirley Guymer, Wendy Spacie, Jean Blackburn, Joy Till, Dorothy Golland, Delia Smith and Mary Stapleton.

While the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mann, of Goldhanger, Essex, took place on January 30th, the peal in honour of the occasion was not rung until February 20th. The thick fog on January 29th necessitated the arranged attempt being cancelled. Of Mr. Mann's 60 years as a ringer, 58 have been at Goldhanger. A son, grand-daughter and grandson (now learning) carry on the good work.

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LET LOOSE IN AFRICA

By VICTOR SHEPPARD

WHILST South Africa is not rich in ringing towers—indeed in Dove's Guide it has the least of all ringing countries—the Exercise is kept alive and the future is not without hope. From Cape Town in the extreme south it is 425 miles to the university city of Grahamstown. Another 350 miles further on lies the port of Durban, and from here it is 850 miles to the capital of Southern Rhodesia, Salisbury.

GRAHAMSTOWN

Under such conditions the curious ringer must give his attention to the many single bells in church, farmyard, or ancient monument. The first ring of bells in Africa came to Grahamstown Cathedral from Warner's foundry in 1878, and was erected two years later in a frame made of timbers salvaged from the bridge at Fort Brown. The floods of '74 had swept this bridge down river to the coast; the beams, the gift of the Government, were hauled back 50 miles by oxen. I can find no record of any ringing taking place here, and the Bishop only ten years later wrote: 'We might have done without the tower and bells.' Silence descended there until Canon Ridout rang handbells in the belfry, which duly appeared in 'The Ringing World' of 1914, and later he wrote, in 1939: 'They are not in order, the frame loose and only chimed.'

The present Dean, the Very Rev. Hodson, from Helmesley, Yorks, told me in 1954 that they were very dirty, a clapper had fallen out, and a beam prevented the tenor from rising; it then looked rather hopeless for this eight (tenor 25 cwt.). Heartening news came early this year from Pat Cahill, whom Salisbury (Wilts) friends will remember. He writes that Mr. Eardley, from Stoke-on-Trent, and his son have fitted new ropes and unstuck the grease and rust of years; the gudgeons can at last turn. The architect is satisfied the tower is safe, and some beginners are receiving instruction. Ropes which fall in two parallel lines, and worm-eaten sliders which crumble at the touch of the stay, add to the excitement. They have done a fine job to get four bells rung on Easter morning and they deserve success.

CAPE TOWN

The Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin stands in a busy industrial suburb of Cape Town, but things were very different when Woodstock was a fishing beach and the tower was being built in 1897. The ship's bell, inscribed 'Batavia, Hamburg, 1788,' served the church until the Barwell eight arrived in 1902; these are almost identical with the same founders' ring at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton (tenor 10 cwt.). They got off to a good start with a few competent men, and 18 months later were of peal-ringing standard. With the settled conditions which returned at the close of the South African war, and the gold rush on the Witwatersrand, the band broke up and only desultory ringing took place for official occasions during the next 20 years.

A quarter peal of Doubles in 1925 was the outstanding event, though the handbells were active at concerts about this time. During the 1930's the tenor was put on ball-bearings by the ringers. After the last war a few immigrants came, and the band began to make progress; in the last three years some wheels have been renewed, and the writer quarter-turned the treble and second. They go tolerably well, but there's no denying that the bell-hanger would be very welcome.

The band meet regularly under Mr. W. Smith, formerly of Guildford, for practice and service ringing. Woodstock is now stronger than at any time since its opening years.

Although Cape Town can claim to have had the first ring of bells in South Africa, they were never hung for ringing: Thos. Mears cast eight

(tenor 16 cwt. in F) in 1834, and they hung in St. George's Cathedral until the tower was demolished in 1952. Ringing, which had ceased 20 years previously (tower unsafe!), was done by means of a lanyard round each clapper, the bells were hung 'dead' and the ringers stood on the floor below, their changes painted on the wall. At present the treble hangs in a cote on the unfinished nave, and the rest stand in the churchyard. No wonder the fourth is cracked!

Fourteen years ago the Cathedral received a considerable bequest which was directed to be invested, and solely used, for the restoration of the bells; and to-day it would handsomely cover any expense. However, the authorities are not at all interested and shelter behind the technical-political impasse which at the moment prevents the completion of the nave and tower; an appeal to the new Archbishop met with polite interest.

How many churches would like this bequest?—it has now accumulated to about £8,000. I couldn't see the Rev. G. Thurlow sitting quietly by if he were here.

The only other installation of note at Cape Town is the 37-bell carillon from Loughborough in the City Hall. It is a 1914-18 War memorial. Opened in 1925, it has never been a great success because of the prevailing high winds in summer, when it is inaudible at street level. The tenor is 47 cwt. It has not been played for several years, though I have a programme from 1936 which says '... the recital to begin and end with the usual change-ringing.' The carillonneur of those days is now the town clerk, and he was able to show me his transposition of methods (Oxford and Kent) into musical notation.

It is here convenient to mention the city of Port Elizabeth, 420 miles from Cape Town on the way to Durban. A notable feature of the skyline is a high, square, red brick campanile, containing a Gillett and Johnston carillon of 23 bells with auto player mechanism; it has been out of action for several years.

DURBAN

Durban was the next place to have a ring of bells, when the city Church of St. Paul received a Taylor eight (tenor 14 cwt.). Cast in 1916, the bells were not dedicated until 1921. The small belfry was remarkable for its white sallies; now they are the usual stripes. The bells are in three tiers, with the second on the top. In 1930 Mr. Alex Young found some good call-changes there, and the band considered themselves the only real ringers in the country. Methods have never taken hold there and a call-change band still rings for service.

About two miles from the city is the suburb of Greyville, and in 1919 Taylors cast a ring of ten (tenor 18 cwt.) for St. Mary's Church there. They were dedicated before the earlier ring at St. Paul's. This is undoubtedly the best ring in Africa, the belfry is roomy and the ropes fall in a good circle. An unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters on New Year's Eve, 1924, is the only evidence I can find of any ringing until Mr. Osborne, of Rugby, called a quarter peal of Doubles in August, 1955. There is no regular band here, although like St. Paul's the bells are in good order. Latest news is that adjoining road excavations have disturbed the foundations, and ringing is forbidden. Mr. Cyril Chambers, of Kidderminster, is the authority in Durban. The five clock bells in the Post Office complete the picture for this most English city of the Union. An interesting link at Durban is a Mrs. Stainbank, whose husband's great-grandfather, Christopher, became the partner of George Mears in 1865.

SALISBURY

Now to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where the Cathedral is still being built. A bequest to provide for bells was in this case honoured, and

a new ring of ten is at present in the White-chapel Foundry soon to be shipped out. The Dean has had several offers of help when they are ready, and the recent arrival of Mr. J. Crump, for Hornsey, London, should enable that lovely city to get off to a fine start. Cape Town, for reasons already stated, regret these bells are not going to be hung by the Foundry.

PEALS VERY FEW

Peals on tower bells have all been rung at Cape Town—Grandsire Triples in 1904, and Doubles in 1951 and 1953. Upwards of 20 quarter peals from this tower, all but one (1925) coming since 1950; a single quarter from Durban, and that is all.

In Grahamstown's belfry at the end of 1913, Canon Ridout, the Dean (the Very Rev. Vincent) and the Rev. Earle Bulwer rang several six-scores of Grandsire 'in hand.' By 1930, Canon Ridout had brought his band of mission sisters to peal standard, and in that year scored two 5,040's of Bob Minor 'in hand' at St. Margaret's Mission House, Johannesburg; and in the following four years they rang several six-scores and two quarter peals, all of Bob Minor.

RINGERS OF NOTE

The first method-ringing in South Africa was a 720 of Bob Minor in December, 1903, to welcome the birth of a daughter to Lewis Green. From his peal book which this lady still has, I find Lewis Green had rung six peals in the Stratford-Bethnal Green area, before going to Cape Town in 1899. He took part in the Cape Town peal of 1904, and returned to England in 1907 where in the next four years he rang 49 peals, mostly in the areas Reading, Caversham, Exeter and Chelmsford. Of these, Grandsire Caters at Walthamstow (April 22nd, 1911) included Mr. A. A. Hughes, and Triples at Bradninch, Devon (June 4th, 1910) was conducted by the Rev. Carew Cox; which serves to show the continuity and connections which delight us in far away places. As early at 1887 I find Lewis Green ringing with James Priest in Essex, and it is not surprising to find the latter arriving in Cape Town some ten months after him. He had been with Mr. Barnett, sen., a member of the Wanstead band, and was active from Bow to Chelmsford. At Woodstock he only took part in the 1903 and '04 performances but, like Lewis Green, was still able to appear when Alf Pye visited South Africa in 1934. His death in 1954 cut the last tie with the first change-ringing in Africa.

James Murray was born in Edinburgh, and began ringing at St. Mary's Cathedral there, and later at St. Mary's, Great Western Road, Glasgow, and Doncaster. He took part in the 1904 peal and became tower captain in 1906. After 1930 he ceased ringing, and died about five years later.

Ernest F. Behan, for whom the 1904 peal was arranged, had travelled widely. A pupil of A. E. Barnes at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, he was working in Johannesburg at the time, and later took lodgings with Canon Ridout. Eventually he returned to Queensland, went to New Guinea in the war, and thereafter took to a nomadic life around Australia; he died in Melbourne about 1949.

CANON RIDOUT

When I was in Johannesburg making enquiries about Canon Ridout, someone said to me: 'Oh, you mean the King of the Kaffirs.' This was a new aspect of the man who had learned to ring whilst at Cambridge, and later at Croydon. He arrived in South Africa, with a set of handbells in his luggage, in 1906, and spent his life in mission work for the native people in Johannesburg, where he is still remembered with love, and where in 1941 he was buried at the mission station. As well as teaching the mission sisters to whom I have referred, his

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HIS VALENTINE!

A well-known ringer at Edgware, Middlesex, received the following verses inside a Valentine card:—

32 CHANGES OF VALENTINE CATERS

Before

Richard, I always think of you
When I hear a peal of bells,
The notes ring out so clear and true,
Each one a story tells.

Lead End

A 'Bob' will never 'touch' my heart,
He'll never 'lead' me 'wrong,'
But 'single' as I am just now
Seems to affect my song.

Out Slow

'Grandsire' can never worry me,
With him I'm quite at 'home';
I'd love to 'attempt' 'Beverley' *
'Four blows behind,' then roam.

In Quick

It would be a 'Major Surprise'
To hear that 'she has gone';
If she 'runs out' then I'll 'run in,'
'Before' she 'changes' her tone.

Hunt

Where'er you 'go' you may be sure
I'll 'follow close behind';
So why not stop your 'double dodge'
And 'end' this 'frame' of mind?

Wrong

My life is 'on the balance' now
This 'method' is not 'right,'
I have no future to 'look to,'
Except each Wednesday† night.

Down to Lead

I've 'hunted up' and 'hunted down,'
'That's all' that I can do,
And from this 'plain course' I'm quite sure
There's no one quite like you.

Home?

Oh Richard, do not 'let me down,'
My mind is 'set' on you.
Regardless how you 'start' or 'stand,'
To you I'll still be true.

* Beverley—his young lady.

† Wednesday is practice.

LET LOOSE IN AFRICA—Cont.

four daughters were in the handbell band. At every vacation he would go to Cape Town or Durban, and one can imagine this good man torn between his life's work up country, and the attractions of those coastal towns with bells and ringers. Strangely, he never got a quarter peal at these places. His composition of 'Grandsire' is occasionally rung, having been introduced by Ernest Morris.

[To be continued.]

THE INTEREST FACTOR

Dear Sir,—Several lines of thought occur to one after reading your leading article of January 30th last, particularly with regard to the coefficient of frustration for which, apparently, Professor Dodge makes no allowance, yet which must have a profound if not always immediately obvious effect upon the value of his conclusions.

This 'Frustration Factor' crops up continually, whether we want it to or not, and it has to be taken into consideration when such investigations as these are made into any subject involving human activities.

Few, if any, have been as appreciative of the incidence of frustration as the renowned Herr Taubenhau, a famous chess player, who strode like a Colossus through international tournaments between 1870 and the outbreak of World War I, and died at a very great age in Paris, circa 1924.

Like all chess players, he knew what frustration was but, unlike so many of them, he harnessed it to his own service and took the utmost care to see that his opponents were on the receiving end, as witness, for example, his superb game against Herr Berger in the Hamburg tournament of 1886, which secured for him the Brilliancy Prize. He applied his theories to all aspects of chess and in his later years made his conclusions available to the world. His work upon the 'Interest Factor' (in chess) was directly coupled to the 'Frustration Factor,' and it is the purpose of this letter to show how his conclusions may be made to benefit change-ringers, particularly peal ringers and, more particularly still, peal ringers who wish to ring more than one peal in a day.

Adapting his work to our purposes we will define his units of frustration as B.F.U.s (Belfry Frustration Units), and for the measure of the exasperation and heat they engender we cannot do better than fall back upon our old friends the B.T.U.s (British Thermal Units), which increase as the square of the increase (from zero) of the B.F.U.s.

At this point it is as well to note the manner in which Herr Taubenhau's work can help us in regard to Professor Dodge's second and third sub-divisions (its application to his first sub-division is of course obvious).

In the second sub-division, 'Ropesight (difficulty) Interest,' we have only to instance the belfry at Little Taterfield, where the ropes fall in the order 15243, with the treble in one corner, the tenor in another and an enormous clock case in between, so that the ringers of these two bells cannot see each other at all, and can only see 2 and 3 respectively by bending forward and looking diagonally across, while the execrable tone of this wretched minor five, with flat treble and sharp second, can lead to such a rapid build-up of B.F.U.s, and in turn of B.T.U.s, as to cause a run off the scale if viewed in the light of Professor Dodge's third sub-section. Very fortunately, Herr Taubenhau's progression does not choke off.

Now, in order to make allowances for the varying circumstances in different towers we will introduce an abstract function ϕ , and proceed thus:—

$$I_1 = 12N - N^2 + F \times U \frac{T_1}{T_1 - T_2} \pm \alpha(\phi \text{Log}_e r) + P_h$$

Where I_1 is the Method Interest

N the number of bells

F the B.F.U.s

U the B.T.U.s

T_1 the higher absolute temperature

T_2 the lower absolute temperature

ϕ the transgression scale (as distinct from the progression)

ϕ the abstract function (obviously not constant)

P_h a constant, considered necessary by Herr Taubenhau, since its value (not constant) is important.

Note.— I_2 , I_3 , and I_4 will tie up equally well with Herr Taubenhau's thesis, and a little study will serve to show how beautifully concise was the old grandmaster's work.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD

N.B.—Should any chess-playing ringer like to play through and study the Berger v. Taubenhau game referred to above, the score is to be found in G. H. D. Gossip's 'Collection of Modern Chess Brilliances' (1891). It ran to 74 moves, and history records that Herr Berger was never the same man again after Herr Taubenhau had done with him—surely a wonderful tribute to the old grandmaster's superb technique.—B. C. A.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on February 7th. Although the attendance was small it was representative of the District.

The chairman welcomed the members and friends, and asked the meeting to remember three friends who had been called to higher service during the year, namely Mrs. Sanders, Mr. E. Long and Mr. A. Bulpitt.

The secretary and treasurer gave their reports on the year's work, and these were adopted by the meeting. The officers were re-elected en bloc and eight new ringing members were also elected.

It was proposed to hold quarterly meetings as follows: April 11th, Preston Candover; July 11th, Cheriton; and October 3rd at New Alresford. Practice meetings would be arranged at the quarterly meetings. It was also agreed to hold the outing and dinner as in previous years.

Tea was served in St. Maurice's Hall, and afterwards the members attended Evensong at the Cathedral. After the service the 12 bells of the Cathedral were available for one hour.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGERS' REVIEW

Dear Sir,—The findings of the Central Council's review of Sunday service ringing will no doubt be published in 'The Ringing World' after the Southport meeting this year.

A few years ago, in the village where I live, no change-ringing band existed, and the likelihood of one starting must have seemed very remote to any change-ringers in the district. Now we have a flourishing band of some 16 ringers at our 6-bell tower, some of their names appearing regularly in our national journal. Why the sudden change?

Let me try to explain. Some time ago, a certain gentleman came to live in our village, and although he has never considered himself to be an outstanding change-ringer, his ability and willingness to teach young ringers is something which has to be seen to be believed. . . . I am sure at times he must have despaired, especially at my own feeble efforts, as later on when change-ringing had been mastered, he always told learners that I was the one he had given up hope for.

Once the early stages of change-ringing had been mastered he was able to reap his reward in watching us take our place (sometimes everybody else's place too) at meetings. How important these Branch meetings are to learners, especially if they are well-attended by some more notable ringers in the Exercise. Nearby practices were invaded by 'the mob,' and every encouragement was given to us so that we made progress.

Due to business commitments, our leader had to leave our District, but I am sure he will forgive me for using him as an example. We can never thank him enough for ourselves, but we can obey the words of our Saviour: 'Go and do thou likewise.' The future of the Exercise depends upon YOU and me: we may not be brilliant ringers or teachers, but we will never know unless we try and keep on trying.

I think that the great majority of people living in Britain today, given a fair chance to learn, could reach a standard of change-ringing higher than the one prevailing generally on Sundays at this present time. Although we do not claim to be outstanding, we have found some of the following ideas to be helpful.

(1) All our ringers were between the ages of 11 and 16 years when they started to ring. This is before the problems of G.C.E. and H.M.F. trouble them.

(2) All were members of the Sunday School and still are, six of them now teaching there.

(3) The majority are members of our Youth Group.

These may seem to be unnecessary qualities for a band of young ringers, but from August to November of last year, when we were unable to ring our tower bells due to loose fabric on the tower, we kept together, having other social activities.

Lastly, we must make our hobby and service something which others envy and long to do. I was approached last month by eight young boys in one day who all wanted to become ringers. We have taken on two to start with, but 'Anybody want some ringers?'—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

SPICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I feel I must reply to the letters which have been appearing in 'The Ringing World' about the Spiced Cambridge and Superlative 'false peals'.

Firstly, for Mr. Border's information, I was evidently dishonest for seven years before the falseness was discovered, so another year or two until the peal is withdrawn shouldn't matter. Don't get upset, Peter, this sort of letter is certainly no credit to you.

Secondly, for Mr. W. Eric Critchley's information, the peal concerned was crossed out of my own personal records as soon as it was brought to light; but as far as the Sussex County Association is concerned, I had a talk with the peals secretary and was asked *not* to withdraw it yet. So you see, Mr. Critchley, you were wrong on that point. As regards being disturbed at the attitude of mind shown, you should not lose any sleep on my account, and I can assure you that my letter was no excuse for lowering standards of peal ringing as you suggest.

While on this subject, Mr. Critchley, perhaps you would be good enough to let me know *how* many changes are actually false in this arrangement, which makes me wonder whether every peal that you have been in has been rung from beginning to end without a misblow. If so, you are a very lucky young man. I don't expect to find a ringer who can honestly say *every* peal he has rung is true. We all know of peal attempts where the bells shift course and the conductor puts them back within a lead. How many of these changes have been repeated? Nobody knows or cares, and as Pat Cannon would say, they all look alike in print. So why get all 'het up' over a few false changes in the arrangement; otherwise we might get conductors and others withdrawing peals in their thousands.

Thirdly, in reply to Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter, it's a great pity he spoils this by the sarcasm which had to creep in about being afraid of not qualifying for the 'Leading Peal Ringers' list. So, Mr. Barnett, for your information I get a lot of enjoyment out of good ringing, whether it be proved false or otherwise; and the number of peals rung does not worry me, but the quality does. It has taken me 35 years to ring a modest 200-odd peals, so your remarks in that direction do not fit.

Well, Mr. Editor, having got this lot off my chest, I sincerely trust the whole matter will be dropped and forgotten and the peal in question will be withdrawn and the usual apologies given in due course.—Yours sincerely,

W. ROGERS.

Rotherfield, Sussex.

BELLS ON THE CONTINENT

Dear Sir,—The story by Miss A. M. Reay, 'Bells on the Continent,' was very interesting. When I went to Bruges and Holland I couldn't console myself with the tunes of the bells; they sounded tinny, and I was glad I lived in England.

On my visit to Jersey last year, we were on a countryside tour. Imagine my excitement when we drew up outside an attractive tower looking like a ground floor tower. I eagerly awaited the courier's comments, saying to my-

self, 'At least six bells.' When finally he spoke—'The church on the left is very old; built in 1800 I believe'—and continued the drive, I nearly fell out of the bus window. I couldn't believe it: what! no mention of bells—and so English-looking too?

Yes, if you want to ring, the Continent isn't very gratifying.—Yours, A. HENSON.
West Bridgford, Notts.

A REPLY TO CRITICS

Dear Sir,—With regard to peals of Spiced Cambridge and Superlative, I wish to withdraw the peal rung at Hugglescote on April 23rd, 1958. This peal has, incidentally, already been withdrawn from the records of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Peter Border states that my original inquiry on the subject was a rigmarole. My dictionary gives the following three meanings of the word: (1) a succession of incoherent statements, (2) a rambling discourse, (3) a long-winded harangue of little meaning or consequence. With regard to (1) I think my statements were quite clear; with regard to (2) I did not ramble, and with regard to (3) I am of the opinion that it is of much meaning and is important.

Mr. E. Barnett implies that just because the Central Council publish something it does not mean to say that they will accept it, yet in the rules of the Central Council there is implied the following: 'You can only ring what we say.' The Central Council publish a book saying what you *can* ring, and then when it has been rung they say it should not have been rung. Anything published under the authority of the Council should be accepted by the Council. Incidentally, for Mr. Barnett's information, I do not ring peals for the sake of 'numbers,' and only four of my total for 1958 were Plain Bob and handbells.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Glen Hills, Leicester.

ANOTHER PEAL WITHDRAWAL

Dear Sir,—In connection with the subject matter of my letter to the 'R.W.', February 20th, I have checked back through the reports of the Yorkshire Association intent on discovering any peals of Spiced Surprise Major rung to arrangements of the type now widely known to be false. I have found one—conducted by myself! I must therefore formally withdraw the peal of Spiced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire rung at Conisbrough, Yorks, on November 10th, 1956, and tender my apologies to those concerned. If any of the band should like to be recompensed, I would be happy to arrange an attempt at the same tower for a true peal of those methods.

I should like to point out an error in my letter of February 20th. In the list of arrangements of Cambridge and Superlative, (c) should read SSCXSSC.—Yours sincerely,

Doncaster. W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: 11. Hodson 1. Sheila Hodson 2. W. Buckley 3. Glenda Rowley 4. L. Bowden 5. C. Templeton 6. E. Young (cond.) 7. A. E. Purslow 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Shrewsbury.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On Feb. 19th, at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, 1,104 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Llewellyn 1. N. Bennett 2. D. G. Astridge 3. T. T. Lewis 4. B. R. Kingston 5. D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. Rung by a University of Wales band.

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SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

The Society's 11th reunion, held at St. Albans on February 7th, was well supported, over 40 members being present. Travelling conditions were better than usual for the time of year, and most members were at St. Stephen's, the first tower, by 2 o'clock. Here it was colder inside the church than out, and coats were discarded rather reluctantly to ring on the recently recast six.

At St. Michael's we were warmly received by a cat. These bells proved rather difficult to strike; so did St. Peter's, where the afternoon's ringing ended. It was interesting to meet here a member of an earlier touring Society, the 'Nuts' of pre-war days.

Dinner was held at the Queen's Hotel, and after the meal a short, very amusing film was shown of last summer's tour. At the beginning of the meeting the president (Mr. T. Mark White) was presented with a new badge of office, which will supplement the existing 'improvisation.' The president thanked those members who had made the badge, which is a shield, bearing the 'coat of arms' of the Society, carried on a blue embroidered ribbon.

The secretaries, treasurer and recorder all tendered their resignations, and the following officers were elected: Master, Michael Horseman; joint secretaries, Michael Austin and Audrey Bailey; treasurer, Bernard Ongley; recorder, Cyril Lewington.

After considerable discussion, the Lake District was chosen as the area for the summer tour.

Sunday morning ringing was at the Abbey, where various false trails were followed before the belfry was reached. The Abbey ringers kindly gave a free hand here, giving all an opportunity to ring on the 12. In the afternoon a small party visited Tewin to end the weekend's ringing.

All incumbents as well as ringers of St. Albans, for the welcome in their towers and help to make the week-end an enjoyable one, are thanked.

TO ANYONE WHOM THE CAP FITS

A ringer of quite high renown
On one young lady oft would frown,
Because she found it quite a riddle
To bridge the gap around her middle.
'If she should come apart again
I'll set my bell!' he would complain.
Indeed, the problem used to stump her
Until she bought a long wool jumper.
She knows now, when you have to pull,
There is *no* substitute for wool.

JACKIE.

Gramophone Records

Dear Sir,—On the subject of gramophone recordings, I should be grateful if any of your readers could please let me have details of any records known to them that have been made of ringing. Details required are: Methods being rung, where recorded, record number and make, and if still available, where copies may be obtained together with the price. This also includes recordings of tune ringing, 'chiming,' carillon playing, handbells, etc. Information on any of the old withdrawn records that any readers may wish to part with would also be welcomed.

Over the last few years an increasing interest in tape-recording has been shown by several ringers, and anyone who may wish to take part in the loan and exchange of ringing tapes are invited to send letters or recorded messages to the address printed below. My machine is capable of accepting 7in. reels and playing at speeds of 1½, 3½ or 7½ i.p.s.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Fosseway, Talbot Avenue, Streetley,
Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

North Notts District

The monthly meeting of the North Notts District was held at Everton on February 14th. About 25 ringers attended, representing eight towers. Tea was taken in the Vicarage, the Vicar and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. Usher) providing cups of tea.

At the business meeting seven new members were elected—two from West Retford and five from North Wheatley. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Doncaster and District Society to hold a joint meeting at Bawtry on March 21st. East Drayton was decided as the venue for the April meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hobbs) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Usher for kindly providing cups of tea. He also proposed the Vicar as a vice-president, and this was carried unanimously.

Methods rung included London, Cambridge, Annable's London, Hull and Bawtry Surprise. The first course and touch of a new principle—as yet unnamed—by Mr. G. Challens, was also rung. R. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Nine towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch held at Bradpole on February 21st. The bells were made full use of before and after the service. The service touch was Stedman Triples.

The Vicar of Bradpole (Rev. J. T. Davis) conducted the Guild service and gave the address. Canon C. Carew Cox read the lesson. Tea was served in the Foresters' Institute by Mrs. Davis and helpers.

Canon Cox, the Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, and announced that the Guild festival would be held at Devizes. It was agreed that the Branch should hire a coach and attend. Canon Cox also mentioned the peal board which would shortly be dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. F. L. Edwards in Kingston Magna tower. April 11th was the date decided for the next meeting at Symonds-bury, and the monthly practice will be at Broadwindsor on March 13th.

Method ringing did not extend beyond Bob Major, but it was good to see the progress made by those learning change-ringing.

A DAY IN SOUTH BUCKS

A mini-bus full of Reading ringers spent an enjoyable day in South Bucks in January. Ringing took place at Hambleton, Lane End and West Wycombe before lunch in High Wycombe.

In the afternoon the pretty light eight at Hughenden and the heavy six at Great Missenden were visited. After hot buttered crumpets for tea in Amersham, Beaconsfield was visited, and there the Rev. Mr. Reeves joined the party in a touch of Stedman Triples.

At the last tower, Stoke Poges, Mr. A. D. Barker kindly allowed the party to overrun time, which was appreciated.

Stunts And Interest

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. Hodgson, in your issue of February 20th, again raises the subject of the two handbell peals rung by the Cambridge University Guild, and condemns the performance as a 'stunt.' However, he and all those who are so ready to pass judgment against stunts, record peal lengths and the regular ringing of peals as a hobby fail to realise the great value that these pastimes bestow upon the Exercise. The general interest and enthusiasm which they arouse in ringing circles is a considerable factor in keeping alive the art of change-ringing; and Sunday service ringing must be the eventual beneficiary.—Yours faithfully,

Pembroke College, R. N. PITTMAN,
Oxford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

THIS event was again held at Southwark Cathedral and was preceded by ringing on the 12 bells of the Cathedral and on the eight bells of the Festival Church—St. John's, Waterloo Road. At the conclusion of the meeting ringing took place at St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark.

The service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Precentor, singing being led by the choir from Sanderstead, Surrey.

At the business meeting seven ratifications of elections at District meetings were confirmed and six new members elected. The accounts, which showed a balance of some £93, were presented by Messrs. A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, who had carried out the audit.

Officers elected for 1959 were: Master, T. H. Taffender; secretaries, H. W. Rogers and Mrs. O. S. Rogers; treasurer and librarian, W. G. Wilson; stewards, C. M. Meyer and J. Mudd; trustees, J. A. Hales and C. W. Ottley.

It was the secretary's pleasant duty to announce that a suggestion for a joint meeting with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths had been accepted, and that the agreed date was April 11th. An invitation to London ringers to join in the activities of the Railwaymen's Guild at their annual meeting in London on April 25th was also conveyed to the meeting. Good wishes to the L.C.A. from absent friends were extended by Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Chatham, and Mr. W. Simmonds, of Torquay.

ISLEWORTH WIN CUP

The 'Dawe' handbell cup was secured by a team from All Saints', Isleworth. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung, which in the opinion of the umpires and endorsed by the assembled meeting was the best which had been rung in the competition for several years. The team which gained the trophy consisted of Miss Patricia Rogers, Mrs. Olive Rogers, Mr. Christopher Rogers and Mr. Harold Rogers. This is the first time, since the cup was first rung for in 1933, that four members from one family have entered.

An extremely well preserved and tastefully framed photograph of members at the 1926 annual meeting, taken outside St. Clement Danes', was presented to the Association by Mr. R. Newman. The thanks of members present were expressed to Mr. Newman.

ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH

The annual meeting of St. Peter's ringers was held in the belfry on February 12th after ringing practice, the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Fox-Robinson) presiding.

The Vicar thanked Mr. Eric Booth, the tower captain, for carrying out his duties so capably since he took over at a very difficult time last year, and expressed his regret that Eric had decided to resign owing to pressure of work.

Mr. Colin Conway was unanimously voted as captain for the ensuing year. Other officers re-elected were: Vice-captain, Mr. Michael Bozeley; treasurer, Miss Margaret Parker.

The meeting decided that Guild subscriptions should not be paid out of the belfry fund as had sometimes been done in the past but by individual members themselves. By doing this it was felt that members would become more interested in Guild activities, and would not merely be 'dead' members of something they hardly knew existed!

Nailsea Ringers Wed

The wedding of Mr. Clifford Kortright and Miss Ruth Gaunt took place at Chelvey Parish Church on February 24th.

The bridegroom is deputy Ringing Master at Holy Trinity, Nailsea, and organist at Chelvey.

All their ringing friends wish them every happiness.

OBITUARY

PHILIP GILLING

Philip Gilling, of Wrington, died in tragic circumstances at Frenchay Hospital on February 14th, soon after his tenth birthday, after being badly burned when an oil drum exploded the previous day.

He had been learning to ring at Wrington under the tower captain (Mr. Herbert W. Knight), his grandfather, and was also learning to be a server at his own church at Redhill, Wrington, where his funeral was held on February 19th. There were many mourners, including several ringers from the Chew and Axbridge Deaneries of the Bath and Wells Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' over the open grave by Mrs. W. H. Kingcott 1-2, Herbert W. Knight 3-4, W. H. Kingcott 5-6, David G. Yeo 7-8.

A half-muffled quarter peal of 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung at All Saints', Wrington, during the evening by Miss Ruth Yeates 1, H. H. Yeates 2, T. Ferris 3, M. M. Collins 4, R. E. Smith 5, H. A. Price 6, J. Brain 7, C. H. Vowles 8, W. H. Kingcott (conductor) 9, M. Board 10.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Gilling wish to thank all those ringers who have written to them, extending their sympathy at their great loss. W. H. K.

MRS. B. E. RICHARDS

Mrs. Beatrice Emily Richards, wife of Gruffyd Owain, but better known to a very wide circle of ringers by her maiden name of Betty Nation, died at her home in Portishead on February 12th, aged 54. A long illness, with very much suffering, was patiently borne.

Betty was for over 25 years a member of the Wickwar, Glos. band, and had been a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association since 1928. On going to Portishead to be married in 1954 she became a member of the local band, and was always very pleased to entertain ringing friends. A good and faithful Sunday service ringer, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her, and especially by her husband and her sister. Mrs. Richards had rung at least two peals of Plain Bob Minor for the G. and B. Association. C. R.

MR. HARRY NUTT AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Harry Nutt was a ringer at Christ Church, Frieze, for 39 years, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Halifax and District Association, the Lancashire Association, the Yorkshire Association, the Barnsley Society, and the Guild of the Arch-deaconry of Halifax.

He was tower keeper at Frieze until 1955, when his physical powers failed, and he always took immense pride in both his bells and his striking. A perfectionist, nothing but the best would satisfy him, either in striking or mechanics.

During the Second World War he invented and patented an apparatus that enabled the bells to be rung with the clappers fixed, and the motion, through impulses, activated electric bell mechanisms that were attached to two sets of handbells, six in each set, one set in the ringing chamber and the other set fixed inside the west end of the church.

Through the medium of these, and the assistance of those of our band not serving in the Forces, he trained a band of ladies to ring changes; and so, literally speaking, the bells of Frieze were never silent all through the war.

All his life he suffered the handicap of asthma, and since about 1930 rheumatism claimed him as a victim; but nevertheless, he was very seldom either late or absent from either service ringing, practice or contest. His patience, cour-

age and fortitude have been an inspiration to us all.

During the immediate post-war years he rang in a number of peals with Mr. Fred Dunkerley, Ivan Kay and many others too numerous to mention; but his chief delight was perfect striking in a contest, whether it was we who were ringing, or another team that was beating our effort.

He made many friends, and kept them; his only enemy was himself, because he could not bear to think that he was a burden to anyone, either at home, at work, or in a tower.

He was always of a cheerful disposition, and we have spent many happy hours in his company. The funeral service was at Frieze, prior to cremation at Dukinfield, on February 24th.

The bells were rung fully-muffled before and after the service by Harold Jackson (Mossley) 1, George Perrin 2, Mrs. Mary Greenwood (Meltham) 3, Joseph Burgess 4, John Edward Fielding 5 and Arthur Farrand 6.

Representing the ringers at the service was Mr. Jack Smith, and amongst the congregation was Mr. Cyril Parkin, one of our retired ringers, and Mr. John Clayton. Present also were Mrs. Annie Earnshaw, wife of the president of the Halifax Association, and Miss Eileen Dawson, of Meltham.

We have all lost a friend.

A. F.

MR. ED. J. THOMAS AN APPRECIATION

A ringer of St. Peter's, Carmarthen, and also a sidesman for many years, the passing of Mr. Ed. J. Thomas is regretted by many friends. He was also a founder member of the St. David's Guild and had held the office of both Master and treasurer.

Mr. Thomas was not much of a change-ringer, but nevertheless he was very enthusiastic about campanology. He possessed quite a lot of information about bells, and also a lovely set of handbells on a frame which he used for demonstration when giving lectures.

In Carmarthen town he was a popular figure, and his outspoken views and sense of humour delighted friends at the Guild's meetings. Not only his local band, but the many visiting ringers who come to the diocese will miss him.

As the cortège left the church, his own band (with the help of a few outsiders) paid tribute to him by ringing the bells half-muffled.

C. H.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A large number of towers, including York Minster, were represented at the Sheffield and District Society's meeting at Killamarsh on February 7th. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Stedman, Killamarsh Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor.

A lovely tea by local ladies was acknowledged by their request with a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. At the business meeting it was decided to convey the Society's good wishes to 82-year-old Mr. F. Parr, the sole survivor of the famous Killamarsh band under Mr. Charles Severn. The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on March 7th.

CORRECTION

5,040 Stedman Triples (fourth observation), by John O. Lancashire (see page 142).

The last two courses before the final rounds 6157324 and 1654327 should have singles at 8 and not at 9.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

At the Leatherhead District's annual meeting on February 17th, 1954, the secretary and his bride of one week were the recipients of two wedding presents—from the District and his fellow ringers at Leatherhead. This year, to mark their silver wedding, the members at the A.D.M. on February 14th were their guests at tea.

The Rev. C. Marshall took the Guild's form of service and gave his usual straight-to-the-point address. Miss K. Collins was organist.

Tea was prepared by the ladies in the renovated St. Nicholas' Hall, its additions being appreciated by them. Nearly 40, most of them District members, were present.

The Guild Master, Mr. C. Denyer, took the chair for the annual business meeting. The statements of accounts showed a satisfactory balance. The report gave membership at about the same figure as last year, despite no subscriptions being received from St. Martin's, Epsom, Newdigate or Ockley. Of the five peals rung, all had contained 'firsts' in one form or another, including three first peals.

The District officers were re-elected, with the Rev. E. Wood as representative on the general committee, and the general officers were all renominated.

Discussing the points raised by the Master, the meeting disagreed with the proposed abolition of the junior subscription and moved that it be retained and the voting right restored to them. The chairman came 'under fire' for the date chosen for the A.G.M., and for the future the second Saturday in March was recommended. The rest of the points were agreed on.

The usual votes of thanks included a special one to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for their hospitality, with best wishes for the next 25 years. Hopes were expressed for the speedy recovery of Canon Page, who was still suffering from an encounter with a thief in his vestry.

Ringling included a course of Superlative for Mary White, of Stoke D'Abernon, who was leaving for West Meon on the Monday.

A. H. S.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The February meeting of the East Grinstead Guild was held at Tunbridge Wells, when a good company assembled. The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. H. R. Ward), with Mr. Lamb at the organ. Forty-four people sat down to a bountiful tea, given by the local ringers and their wives, and served in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, it was announced that the annual meeting would be at Coleman's Hatch on March 14th, and that the Vicar of that tower (Rev. J. R. Missen) was to be proposed as president of the Guild. Danehill was chosen for the April meeting.

Mr. Collison reminded the company that the main object of meeting at Tunbridge Wells that day was to say farewell to the Rev. H. R. Ward, who was retiring. He spoke of the work of Mr. Ward and of his interest in the local ringers and visitors to the tower. He always went into the tower and read the Belfry Office each Sunday morning.

In reply, Mr. Ward said that whatever work he had done, it had been a pleasure, and he hoped that he would find something to do in his retirement. He would still be living in Tunbridge Wells, and hoped to hear the bells continue to ring out. The tower collection amounted to 19s. 5d.

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THIRST.—On February 20th, 1959, at Kingsbury Hospital, to Meriel (née Hawksley) and Alan Thirst, a daughter (Alison Janet). 3969

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CORRECTION

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Correction: Meeting, Great Cheverell (6), Saturday March 7th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—E. J. Hitchens. 3960

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, 3.30 p.m. at St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 3901

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 3931

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights. 3921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Yeldham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 3936

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 7th, Holy Nativity (8). Evening practice, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3985

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Chertsey (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3903

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, March 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names as soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 3945

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Special method, Erin Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3898

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3922

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Shorne, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 3865

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Ospringe May 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3877

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, Saturday, March 7th: Edgbaston (8), 11 a.m.; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 12 noon; Erdington Abbey (8), 2 p.m.; Erdington Parish Church (8), 2.45 p.m.; Aston (12), 3.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at Ranmoor. Committee meeting 2.15 p.m. Bells from 3. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 3942

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon (6) on Saturday, March 7th, 3 o'clock. 3929

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3920

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 7th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Staines, 2.15 p.m.; St. Peter's, Staines, 3.30 p.m.; Egham, 6 to 7 p.m. Tea at St. Peter's Hall, 4.30 p.m. 3905

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wortley, near Sheffield, Saturday, March 14th. Cups of tea provided. Please bring your own food.—J. W. Buxton. 3958

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Rockwell Green (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3912

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Meeting at Drayton (8), Saturday, March 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 10th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 3968

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Blunham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Good ringing for everyone.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec., Turnpike Farm, Potton Road, Biggleswade. 3961

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Market Weighton, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th to Mr. J. Hobson, 4, Holme Road, Market Weighton. 3947

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mr. D. Griffiths, School House, Tarvin, Chester.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 3950

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual general meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 12th to Mr. D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Northwich. 3941

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, March 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 3986

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration, Saturday, March 14th, at St. Ignatius', Sunderland. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 3 in vestry. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th to Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 3979

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual meeting at Colemans Hatch, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please make an effort to attend, to elect a new president. Names by 12th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3916

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 3971

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Little Bromley (4) may be available after tea. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to me, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3927

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 3954

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. M. Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 3957

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 10th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 3883

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands Branch.—Annual meeting, Hampton, Evesham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (cafe) 3s. 3d. Names by Tuesday, 10th, to Miss E. M. Fletcher, 39, Wentworth Park Avenue, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 3977

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, March 14th, St. Philip's, Bristol. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., St. Peter's Civic Restaurant, Castle Street. Meeting to follow at the Church. Names for tea essential by March 12th.—B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, 7. 3964

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at the Parish Church, St. Helens, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—T. E. Radcliffe. 3963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea, please (small charge), by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. J. Taberner, 35, Cann Bridge, Higher Walton. Bus route 158, Blackpool—Rochdale; also from Preston, P 26, 28, 29.—L. Walmsley. 3981

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Blaby, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in British Legion Hall, Sycamore Street. Names by Tuesday, March 10th, please, to Mr. J. Wale, 15, Northfield Road, Blaby, Leicester. 3956

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington (6), Saturday, March 14th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names by 10th to Mr. S. Knighton, 62, Park Lane, Castle Donington, Derby.—C. W. Hall, Secretary. 3949

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Birstall, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Reading Room for those notifying by the previous Thursday. Mr. T. Canning, 69, Greengate Lane, Birstall. 3948

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 9th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3974

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 14th, St. Mary's, Ealing, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business and further ringing, Christ Church, Ealing, 6.30 p.m.—M. Powell. 3972

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, Saturday, March 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3962

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Kingsley on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 11th, to W. Carnwell, 33, Hazles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross. 3979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinton, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by March 11th, please.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3975

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Carmarthen, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmarthen. 3953

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5) Saturday, March 14th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 3978

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem (8), Saturday, March 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Further ringing 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mr. F. Cattell, Hon. Sec., 51, Richmond Drive, Shrewsbury. 3982

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District) and **DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Bawtry (6), Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wilson, Shady Nook, Doncaster Road, Bawtry, Doncaster.—H. Denman and G. Watson, Dis. Secs. 3968

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—Meeting, Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for only those who notify by Thursday, March 12th.—C. R. Lovett, Daisy Cottage, Lower Road, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 3928

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 21st. Ringing: Holy Trinity and Stoke, 2.30 p.m. and in evening: St. Mary's, 2.30 and 4.15; St. Nicolas' and Shalford, in evening. Service at Holy Trinity, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.), 5.30 p.m., Harvey's Restaurant, High Street. The business of the annual meeting will follow. Notifications for tea by first post Wednesday, 18th, to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—S. T. A. Russell, Hon. Sec. 3989

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Little Houghton, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Saturday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 3952

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 18th to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. 3970

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to me.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 3966

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Great Barton (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but bring own food, please; cups of tea will be available. All are welcome.—L. Wright, Act. Sec. 3988

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and **LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting at Armley, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 18th, to Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds. 12.—Marsh and Thorley, Secs. 3983

ST. MARY'S, SWANSEA (8 bells).—Sunday, March 29th: Ringing from 10.30 to 11 a.m., and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Hoare. 3911

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The A.G.M. will be held at Bath on Easter Monday. Ringing arrangements to be announced later. Tickets for luncheon will be essential and are obtainable on receipt of S.A.E. from D. Hoare, Coombend, Radstock. 3899

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee, 11 a.m., choir vestry, Parish Church. Service 12 noon. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. in the Sun Lounge of the Winter Gardens. Applications for tickets by Saturday, March 21st, to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 5s., others 7s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include St. Laurence's, Thanet (10); St. Peter-in-Thamet (8); All Saints', Birchington (8); Quex Park, Birchington (12); and Margate Parish Church (8).—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham. 3976

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting, Cheltenham, Saturday, April 4th. Full details later.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec. 3955

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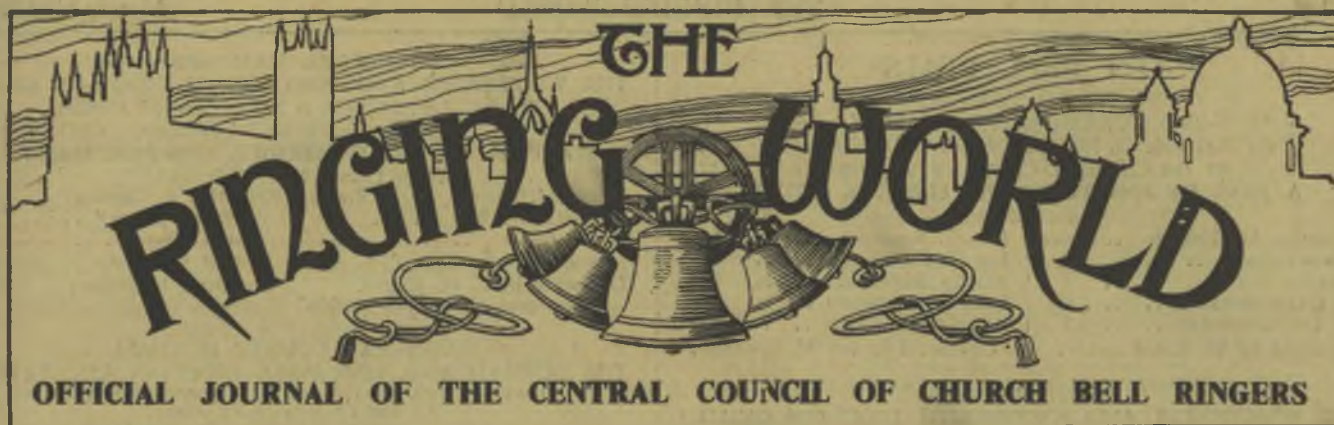
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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

MENTION of peals in Northamptonshire in the last article in this series brought, not unexpectedly, a typically rather abusive letter from Mr. P. Amos! This happened before when I surveyed the peals rung in that county a few years ago. As I think I said then, the fact that there are a few peals rung which were not published 25 years or so ago will not change the overall picture, for there cannot be more than 2 or 3 per cent. as such. In any case, in the interests of accuracy, it would help to know the details of these peals—it would also substantiate his claims. But, despite being asked for them, I fear they have not been forthcoming.

Loughborough Bell Foundry continues to forge miles ahead of any other tower. I have recorded the 750th peal there on October 20th last! No less than 60 peals were rung there last year—a record even for that tower. Other landmarks since last time are Handsworth, Yorkshire, 150 peals (claimed for the peal on December 31st, but I made it the previous peal on December 20th—perhaps we can compare notes); Duffield, 250 peals (warning duly given last time!); Whitwick, 100 peals (as claimed in the footnote on October 27th); Accrington, 100 peals (again, I appear to have one more than the 'locals,' for I made it on December 6th not January 4th); and Silk Willoughby, 100 peals. The latter thus becomes the third 6-bell tower to complete its century, and they have all been rung since 1946! Congratulations to all these. Anstey will also join the centenarians with its next peal. Blankney reached the 50 mark on January 28th, and the following towers will do so with their next peal: Aldershot, Ringwood, Stanmore and Rothwell (Northants).

Turning now to infrequent visitors to the peal columns, we find Wollaton made its only previous appearance in 1914. Clayhidon (where the peal on December 13th was thought to be the first on the bells) actually had a single previous one on October 10th, 1920—also of Grandsire Doubles. There had been two previous peals at Ebrington, in 1919 and 1922, whilst Toddington has had a peal silence of nearly as long—1923. Seven peals were rung here from 1913. I confirm that at Ashbourne, the recent peal was the first for 35 years. Peals have been rare here. Since ringing journals began there have only been four—1889, 1920, 1923 and 1958. Perhaps that is not surprising since when the Sherwood Youths rang the first peal on the bells in 1821, the Ashbourne ringers so resented the performance that they had a free fight with the Nottingham men after they came out of the tower!

The only previous peal I have found at Feniton was in 1926. Yatton had four peals from 1902 to 1930, and then had to wait another 28 years for its fifth. At Wing, I had only recorded one previous peal—in 1931, but the footnote to this latter indicated that there had been another one in 1903. If that is so, it was not published, and so the record of it has perhaps been lost. Three towers last appeared in the peal lists in 1932—Calverton, Dickleburgh and Bramshott. Before the 1914–18 war, the first of these was a very popular centre for ringing, 25 peals being rung from 1905 to 1914. After this war, 11 more peals were rung from 1919 to 1932, and then, silence. Dickleburgh had five peals of Doubles from 1923 to 1932, and Bramshott four peals, the first in 1901.

It is always pleasant to read of peals rung in Australia. The peals at Sydney R.C. Cathedral and Ballarat Town Hall broke a silence of nearly 25 years. The only previous peals at both were rung on the

famous Australian tour in 1934. Thurloxton was also last heard in that year (two peals here, 1930 and 1934). South Wingfield had an average of about one peal per annum until 1935 (apart from the war break); there were eight peals from 1903 to 1914 and seven from 1924 to 1935. Sympson had six peals as a 5-bell tower from 1904 to 1921, and then nine after augmentation from 1929 to 1936, and none since until the recent one. Tanfield's first peal came as long ago as 1891, and 11 more followed up to 1911. After the war, 15 were rung from 1922 to 1936. Hastings, St. Clement's, had two peals in this latter year. There had been one before them in 1912. Last heard in 1938 were Tilston (four peals from 1926 to 1938) and Bishop's Sutton (only peal).

Then the final group of towers which last appeared before the Second World War are Iden (with six peals from 1911), Norton-in-Hales (peals in 1908 and 1939), Shoreham (11 from 1907) and Welwyn with its only peal that year. Mention might be made of one or two towers which have not had peals for a dozen years or more. St. Peter-at-Gowts', Lincoln, had only had one peal since the last war until the recent one—in 1947. It has never been a prolific tower for peals, its total now being ten. Burgess Hill was quite popular before the first war, 27 peals being rung from 1904 to 1913. Thirteen more came from 1919 to 1937, then only one, in 1943, before the recent one. Freiston had nine from 1890 to 1912 and 16 from 1923 to 1939, then a single one in 1945 before the one a few weeks ago.

First peals were rung at the following towers since the last article—some were claimed and some were not: Wootton St. Lawrence's, Kirby Hill, Broughton (Hants), Moreton Pinkney, Clawton, Speen, Belfast, Dundela (St. Mark's), Hawkrigge, Odell, Findon and Brinkworth.

Finally, one or two points of interest noticed. At Whittlesey, St. Mary's, the only previous peal of Surprise was one of Suplative in 1923. After 21 consecutive peals of Bob Minor, Dersingham had a change—a peal of Bob Doubles! I notice that they have returned to their first love, however, with their last peal. Marston is now, I think, third in order of peals amongst the 5-bell towers, having 26 to its credit.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in G.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN Treble	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
IAN H. ORAM 3	TOM CHAPMAN 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES N. LEA Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 6
MARION S. AINSWORTH 3	BRYAN PATTISON 7
KENNETH ARTHUR 4	ROBERT TELFORD Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JACK HARRIS Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
EDGAR J. SMITH 2	BRIAN R. WHITE 6
CHARLES COLES 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 4	FRANK A. BARRETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK A. BARRETT.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.
ALFRED BALLARD Treble	T. KELHAM DEACON 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	ALAN HOUGH 6
EDWARD SOWMAN 3	JOHN VERNON 7
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 4	JOSEPH LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal of Stedman.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hough: also a birthday compliment to Mrs. George A. Newton and T. Kelham Deacon.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY HOPKINSON .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 5
DAVID W. JAMES 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
*MARGARET ROSS 3	TREVOR TAYLOR 7
KENNETH D. PERKINS 4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

ALAN F. THIRST Treble	ROGER KEELEY 5
SUSAN JACKSON 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 6
MICHAEL P. ROSE 3	MARTYN HAWKES 7
DEREK E. SIBSON 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to Alan and Meriel Thirst on February 20th.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 WATERFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JOHN WORTH 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROGER HAZELL Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY 5
†SHEILA WALLACE 2	E. DENNIS POOLE 6
ARTHUR FOXALL 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

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

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Feb. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 ADDERBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	ROBIN G. ELLIOTT 5
DONALD H. NIBLETT 2	JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 6
JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 7
JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome Adrian Michael Moreton.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	DONALD E. COBB 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	JOHN N. DISERENS 6
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Russ on the birth of a son.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*JEAN L. LAVENDER Treble	DAVID E. PARSONS 5
JOYCE A. PARSONS 2	FRANK D. JENNINGS 6
*ELIZABETH A. COOPER .. 3	†STEWART F. KIMBER 7
FRANK E. DARBY 4	LEONARD BANCE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	*EDWIN G. BUCK 6
*GEORGE A. SPENCER 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 5
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 6
*JOHN G. PUSEY 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol for Society by a resident band.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

MARY DOWSETT Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 6
*EDWARD W. ROAST 3	ALAN R. SYDER 7
JOE E. G. ROAST 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in the method.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 2	*†DONALD F. MURFET .. 6
†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
*GEORGE E. THODAY 4	†MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon A. Morris, who recently completed 21 years as Vicar at this church.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MICHAEL D. FROST Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 5
CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIS 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	STANLEY HUCKLE 7
DONALD C. PRICE 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAWKINS. Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

LEWISHAM, S.E.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	J. MICHAEL LAKIN 5
SUSAN JACKSON 2	*PETER P. BROWN 6
MICHAEL P. ROSE 3	ROGER KEELEY 7
*DEREK E. SIBSON 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal in the method.

A 21st birthday compliment to Martyn Hawkes.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble | SIDNEY W. WHITE .. 5
JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. 2 | ALBERT W. DYER .. 6
*MARTIN D. BISHOP .. 3 | WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 4 | RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Triples. First of Triples on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 HANBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble | BRIAN HARRIS .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2 | LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. 3 | C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 4 | BASIL JONES .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. Treble | *MICHAEL J. BEST .. 5
*WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. 2 | JAMES E. DANIELS .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3 | *LEWIS F. COBB .. 7
RONALD N. MARLOW .. 4 | FRANK L. HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation of Thurstons'. Tenor 12 cwt.
*SHEILA HODSON .. Treble | CLAUD TEMPLETON .. 5
*ALBERT LAWTON .. 2 | G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 6
WILLIS BUCKLEY .. 3 | *ERIC YOUNG .. 7
FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. 4 | HARRY HODSON .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method.

A 60th birthday compliment to Willis Buckley, who has been a ringer for 45 years.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

ANN GEORGE .. Treble | CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
*BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. 2 | EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. 3 | JOHN O. WELLER .. 7
ERNEST J. LADD .. 4 | STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

* First peal of Major.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,088 London, 1,248 Cambridge, 1,280 Bristol and 1,408 Superlative, with 107 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble | PETER BORDER .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2 | NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 3 | HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SIX BELL PEALS

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY TOOKE .. Treble | *THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2 | *GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
*PETER ADCOCK .. 3 | WILLIAM CLOVER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to mark the engagement of Miss E. Drew (sister of the ringer of the fifth) to Mr. E. Taberham, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Spight on their wedding anniversary.

PORT TALBOT, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ABERAVON,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.
*TREVOR T. LEWIS .. Treble | *DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 4
*†BRIAN R. KINGSTON .. 2 | †DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
*†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 3 | NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. ‡ First of Minor in the method. First peal to be rung by an all-University of Wales band. Rung on the occasion of the Inter-College Eisteddfod, held this year in Swansea.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

DINAH SWIFT .. Treble | DAVID SWIFT .. 4
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 2 | TOM HARRIS .. 5
CELIA COWLEY .. 3 | ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.
JOHN L. MELVILLE .. Treble | DAVID C. URQUHART .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2 | ROY W. SPENCER .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3 | RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Feb. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
MICHAEL MULVEY .. Treble | DAVID W. BARR .. 4
CLIVE M. SMITH .. 2 | ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 5
MARGARET PRITCHARD .. 3 | MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

Arranged for St. Matthias' Day.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Melton District.)

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in four methods: 1,440 each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Bob, and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. Treble | CHARLES E. COOPER .. 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 2 | J. HARRY COOK .. 5
ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 3 | ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar Designate, the Rev. Robert Leader.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANGELA GRAINGER Treble	†DAVID HEIGHTON 4
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 2	*FRANK D. MACK 5
*PATRICK J. BIRD 3	*BRIAN J. WYLDE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise Minor 'inside' and as conductor. First of Surprise Minor for the Society, and on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: Two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY 4
GRAHAM T. BALL 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 5
JOHN B. BENNETT 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A 'welcome peal' to Michael John, son and heir to the third ringer. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Tysoe, of the local band.

GRITTLETON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and nine extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GLORIA M. NEWTON .. Treble	*J. JAMES JEFFERIES 4
SANDRA LEWIS 2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN 5
RITA M. WEBB 3	ALAN F. LEE Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC J. A. BROWN.

* First peal in four methods. First as conductor. First on the bells.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., Feb. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JUDITH HARDING Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON 4
MICHAEL P. ROSE 2	JOHN V. TEMPLE 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 3	MARTIN HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by MARTYN HAWKES.

* First peal. First as conductor. First in the method by all the band and for the Society.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	*ANTHONY V. QUEEN 4
*ANGELA J. MARTIN 2	PETER G. SMART 5
*JILL M. LANE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in four methods. The conductor's 700th peal.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Marple Delight; (2) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (3) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (5) Charlwood, St. Albans, Neasden and Wragby Delight; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. Treble	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
*PETER A. SHARP 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
*JOHN F. PEARSON 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in 17 Treble Bob Minor methods.

A birthday peal for Mrs. G. Leonard Thompson, of Waddington.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's College and Single Oxford Bob, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROGER HAWKES Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
MARTYN HAWKES 2	*ERNEST W. PENN 5
FRED HAWKES 3	DAVID STAPLES Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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In six methods, comprising 1,728 Gainsborough Little Bob, 1,456 Plain Bob, 636 Wellington Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, and 304 each of Double and St. Clement's, with 397 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.
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MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3—4 | *DON C. EXELL 7—8
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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On Fri., Feb. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT SELWYN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED PLAIN ROYAL

Being 4,480 changes of Plain Bob, 456 of Gainsborough Little Bob and 144 of Little Bob, with 112 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.
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P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4 | J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. 7—8
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

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On Sun., Feb. 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT SELWYN COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.
M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 1—2 | A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5—6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4 | H. NEILL (St. Catherine's) .. 7—8
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QUARTER PEALS

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Newton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Lawson (first 'inside') 2, D. Dunlop 3, E. Pepper 4, J. Sowerby 5, N. Campbell 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. Rung to commemorate this day the consecration of the Ven. S. C. Bulley, Archdeacon of Westmorland and Vicar of Ambleside, as Bishop Suffragan of Penrith.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Broadley (first of Major) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, W. Henley 5, J. Harrison 6, J. Meads 7, D. Lamb 8. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Feb. 22nd, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: P. J. Shipton 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Anne E. Amor 3, D. Stainsby 4, Margaret E. L. Beamish 5, G. Amor 6, J. R. Taylor 7, K. Wakefield 8, J. B. Long 9, D. Thompson 10. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. First quarter in any method by all the band including the conductor. Rung for morning service as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. D. O. R. Parry) on St. David's Day.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles: J. Smith 1, D. Brunning (cond.) 2, E. Edington 3, G. Roobottom 4, J. H. Joiner 5.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, M. J. Cooper (first in method) 2, A. B. Cooper 3, Caroline Collier (first in method) 4, D. Cooper 5, K. Rutland 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, J. Saxton 8. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, J. Edmunds 6, D. W. Davies 7, T. Frole 8. Rung in memoriam Mrs. F. Rowsell, of Llantrisant.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—On Feb. 25th, at the Lord Mayor's Chapel, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. J. Hunt 1, F. Skidmore (first in method) 2, Miss M. H. Hall (first in method) 3, R. G. Hooper 4, R. Southwood 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Speke 1, P. Woodgyer 2, June Richardson 3, T. Baker 4, D. Fowles 5, B. Ongley (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): T. Durn (first quarter) 1, June Richardson 2, A. Grant 3, T. Baker (cond.) 4, D. Shaw 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Feb. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, T. Cooke (cond.) 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Senior 6, E. M. Mashiter 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Evensong.

DORE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,424 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Chaddock 1, Miss C. Rodeers 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, I. Tilling 4, Miss E. A. Wardill 5, D. G. French 6, J. Seager 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Walter Allwood, of Chesterfield, who died on February 26th.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, F. White 3, H. B. Schofield 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett.

GORING, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tibbits 1, Miss P. M. Haines 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, W. Irving 5, J. Napper (cond.) 6, L. Haines 7, J. Hiscok 8. For Confirmation.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Walsh 1, D. Bartholomew 2, Mary Carnoghan 3, Edna M. Everest 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. Walsh 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. For Evensong.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary-le-Tower Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: R. Whittell (first touch) 1, L. G. Brett 2, G. R. Goodship 3, J. Smith 4, Pat Clarke 5, H. D. Lister 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, W. G. Wilson 8, G. E. Symonds (cond.) 9, A. A. Andrews 10, J. Euston 11, E. V. Blake 12.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): J. Attwood 1, F. Wood (cond.) 2, C. Payne 3, C. Brazier 4, P. Warren 5, D. Devereux 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. J. Tooth, Rector since 1942, interred this day.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 420 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss I. M. Lander 1, Mrs. H. Price 2, M. B. Butterfield 3, D. L. Cull 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, B. Cann 6. First quarter for 3 and 6, and first in three methods for all. For morning service.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Waugh 1, F. Mills (first in method) 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, Miss V. Hester 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, E. D. Smith 7, R. Smith 8.

MOORSIDE, LANCOS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 1, H. Armstead 2, F. Pritchard 3, J. Meadowcroft 4, D. Butterworth 5, I. Kay 6, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 7, T. Ogden 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Manchester.

MOSSLEY, LANCOS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,320 Merchants Return: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, J. Burgess 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the wedding at this church of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, Mary Powell 2, Mrs. R. Korrigh 3, D. Yeo (first in method as cond.) 4, C. Korrigh 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss E. Burton 1, C. W. Sams 2, J. C. Sams 3, B. G. Burton 4, K. C. S. Wood (cond.) 5, H. B. Makin 6. A compliment to Canon A. V. G. Cleall, M.A., upon his appointment as Archdeacon of Colchester.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie P. Colegrove 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Diane Brazier, for seven years a ringer of this church, who died on February 26th, aged 18.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 560 Grandsire): D. Pugh 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, W. Wright (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, D. Wright 3, Hazel Stirland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

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PENARTH, GLAM.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Havard 1, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 2, Miss Y. Harding 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, A. M. Coombs 5, R. A. Evans 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. E. Edmunds, grandmother of the ringers of 2 and 4, on her 86th birthday.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, G. F. Hoad 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, F. J. Jeal 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. F. Inwood 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8. In memoriam C. S. Hoad, for many years a ringer at this tower.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Perry 1, F. V. Gant 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. Garrover 5, A. Graineer 6, L. Woods (cond.) 7, K. Carling 8. For Confirmation.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, A. E. Barlow 2, W. J. Vann 3, P. D. Howitt 4, R. Gibbons 5, P. Fisher 6, C. Underwood 7, E. G. Orland (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the baptism of Colin Sydney Osborne.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, D. G. Pickett 2, C. G. V. Burgess (first as cond.) 3, A. D. Grant 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For afternoon service.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, J. Maple 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, Miss J. Horton 6. For Girl Guides' service on Thinking Day.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Lavina Hulford 2, D. Hough (first 'inside') 3, Eleanor Rose 4, B. Hough 5, Katharine Burchall 6, M. Gartside 7, W. Rushby (first of Triples) 8. Rung in memory of Mr. E. W. Vessey, at one time a much-valued member of the band. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Lavina Hulford 2, D. Hough 3, Eleanor Rose 4, N. Moxon 5, Katharine Burchall 6, M. Gartside 7, R. Mumford 8. Rung by the local band as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Shipley, of the local band, who has been a regular ringer here for 66 years.

TENBY, PEMBES.—On Mar. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Price 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, D. G. Astridge 3, W. G. Thomas 4, D. J. Llewellyn 5, T. T. Lewis 6, B. R. Kingston 7, N. Bennett 8. Rung before Evensong by members of the University of Wales Society of Change Ringers to celebrate St. David's Day.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Lambert 1, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 2, D. Cobitt 3, Margaret Hogg 4, R. Caporn 5, C. Rogers 6. First of mixed Doubles by 1, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Lambert (first quarter) 1, J. R. White (first quarter) 2, C. Lay (cond.) 3, R. Davis 4, H. White 5, Arthur Stone 6. Rung to mark the birth of a son and heir to Mr. C. Loyd, churchwarden and patron of the living.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): A. Burt (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, Miss V. Naylor 3, J. F. Carter (first in two methods) 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, D. Wesley 6. For mid-night service.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: J. Newton 1, H. Haynes 2, E. Tebbut 3, R. Stockwell 4, N. James 5, F. Chambers (cond.) 6. First quarter by Sunday service band since before the war. For Evensong.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire, 360 April Day): Judith M. Gwilt (17) 1, P. S. Bennett (17, cond.) 2, R. E. Tallis (jun., 16) 3, J. J. Green (18) 4, T. J. Gwilt 5, M. C. Hughes (16) 6. First in three methods by all except 5.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Baker (first in method) 1, D. Vowles 2, A. Parker 3, J. Brain 4, P. H. Marshall 5, R. Brice (cond.) 6, S. Smith 7, W. Neath (first in method) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to M. Price, a ringer of this tower.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

The Eastern Branch went to Loddon on St. Valentine's Day for the annual meeting, and the eight bells were kept busy by many ringers of varying tastes and talents under the watchful eye of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. T. Chapman).

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. R. Ninham), the lesson being read by the Association president (Mr. F. Nolan Golden).

After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, who was re-elected to office, as were the Branch secretary, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, and the Ringing Master, Mr. E. T. Chapman. Miss D. E. Lidbetter was re-elected to represent the Branch on the Association standing committee, and Mr. W. B. Duncan elected to fill a vacancy thereon. The Branch committee, Messrs. C. Bailey, Bird, Forder, Gorrod and Willgress, were re-elected en bloc.

The Rev. R. S. Phillips, of Kessingland, was elected an honorary member: Miss D. Shel-drake, of Norton Subcourse, Mr. W. Allford, of Lowestoft, and Mr. J. Kenyon, of Great Yarmouth, were elected ringing members.

Mr. Golden gave a summary of the results of the Sunday Service Ringing Survey so far as the Association was concerned.

Under 'Any other business' there were discussions on advance publicity for meetings, teaching methods, recruiting, etc.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, who was also congratulated on his recent appointment as a Canon of Norwich Cathedral, Mrs. Robertson the organist who stepped in at the last minute, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett and lady helpers who organised the tea.

Southern Branch

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Diss on February 7th, attended by over 50 ringers and friends from Norfolk and Suffolk. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. O. Kenyon), who also gave the address, and the lesson was read by the president (Mr. Nolan Golden).

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Saunders; secretary, Mr. C. F. W. Philippo; standing committee, Messrs. F. C. Arnold and L. Last; Branch committee, Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. H. Moss, F. C. Roper, C. Catchpole and H. Fuller.

Reports on the activities of the Branch during the year were given by the chairman, Ringing Master and secretary, all of whom spoke of the need to recruit young learners.

The chairman thanked the Rector for conducting the service, Mr. A. G. Harrison for arranging the tea, and all who helped to make the meeting a success.

The next meeting will be held on May 9th at Brooke.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Branch

Owing to building operations, ringing was forbidden by the architect when the Sonning Deanery Branch met at All Saints', Wokingham, on February 21st, for their annual meeting. About 50 members attended the service conducted by the Rev. F. A. Steen, Rector. The Rev. H. Hartley, Vicar of Twyford, preached.

Tea was partaken in the Church House, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Branch chairman, Ven. H. T. Shaw.

The Branch secretary in his report gave the membership as 152, but expected a falling off in numbers during 1959. He regretted many proficient ringers in the Branch did not attend monthly meetings as often as they should. They should set an example to the younger members.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, and the Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. J. Parker and H. Smith, were thanked for their work during the past year.

Miss M. R. Cross said insufficient interest was being shown in church bell-ringing by clergy of the Oxford diocese. In only 117 of the 329 towers in the diocese were the bells rung satisfactorily. This Branch was famous in the past for the fact that the clergy took an interest in the ringers, but she had a strong suspicion that this was not so now.

Mr. F. Sharpe congratulated the members on the well-attended meeting. The usual votes of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements of the day concluded the proceedings.

Ringing up to London Surprise Major took place at St. Paul's Church until 9 p.m.

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Because of the close proximity of the main shopping centre it is not convenient to ring often at Chesterfield Parish Church on Saturdays, but special permission has been obtained for a meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association next Saturday. It is hoped that many people will take advantage of this opportunity for a ring on these fine bells.

The gold watch competition organised by the Clewer, Windsor, ringers realised a profit of £16. The watch was won by Mr. G. Scares, of Marlow.

Leeds University Campanological Society are holding a youth-hostelling tour in East Anglia during the last week in July. The one-day trip on June 20th will be in North Staffordshire.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild will celebrate the 60th year of its existence by a dinner at Lincoln on October 17th. Details will be announced later.

The Henry Johnson Dinner last Saturday was another happy reunion. Mr. Morris J. Morris, was was 90 last August, enjoyed his evening. It is unusual to have a nonagenarian present.

The quarter peal at Nailsea on March 3rd was rung for Mr. Leonard Derrick, who is making satisfactory progress after his recent operation; also as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Kortright and Miss R. Gaunt.

By ringing a peal at Newdigate, Mr. A. H. Smith, secretary of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has now 'circled' his District, having rung a peal in each tower under his jurisdiction.

Miss Anne M. Deacon, of Cadeby, was chosen as District Belle Queen at the annual dinner of the Hinckley District on February 28th. We hope Queens and Tittums were rung in honour of the occasion, apart from the well-struck course of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

BELFRY

GOSSIP

A very warm welcome was extended to the Northern District of the Essex Association by the Rev. H. F. Godwin (Rector) when they met at Yeldham on March 7th. Forty-three members were present, representing 21 towers. The Rector conducted the service, and his wife and lady helpers served an excellent tea. Mr. Pratt, District Master, presided at the business meeting.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has now rung 700 peals. His statistics are 553 different towers with 1,195 ringers. Milland, where the 700th peal was rung, was his 60th Sussex tower for a peal.

The band who rang in the first peal on the bells at Grittleton, Wiltshire, would like to associate it with the former rector, the Rev. E. H. Maish, who is making slow progress after a long and severe illness.

Would people sending up peal reports from Bristol please note that this city is in its own county and for a long while now has had no connection with Somerset or Gloucestershire, writes David Heighton.

The winter issue of the 'Ringers' Magazine' is sadly overdue, through circumstances beyond the Editor's control. He apologises to all the subscribers.

Mr. C. Chambers, of 71, Garmouth Avenue, King's View, Durban, is particularly anxious to obtain a good tenor man for St. Paul's Church, Durban. He writes: 'Most of the time we ring Grandsire and Bob Doubles, with a bit of Bob Minor and a plain course of Stedman Doubles.'

In our issue of February 27th there were two Burnham (Bucks) peals published, also an acknowledgment for a donation of four shillings. In order to avoid confusion, George Gilbert would like us to point out that the donation sent was from the Stedman band of January 31st.

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LET LOOSE IN AFRICA

By VICTOR SHEPPARD

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Two other names from the past—the Ven. C. E. Earle Bulwer, sometime of St. Mary's, Handsworth, Works, who teamed up with Canon Ridout's handbell band at Grahamstown in 1913, and Clement Warnes, who learnt to ring at Pulham St. Mary's, Norfolk. After arriving in Cape Town in 1898 he never returned home, nor did he ring at Woodstock, although living close to the church until his death in 1955.

Finally, I must mention a man who is still remembered in the older ringing circles of London and the West Country. Fred G. May, well known as a composer and conductor, was born at Avening, Glos, in 1875, and soon became active around Bristol and Gloucester. He was elected to the Central Council, and by 1920 had rung in more than 660 peals; then silence until 1925. In that year he arrived in Cape Town and found a struggling band; his attempts at teaching them were thwarted by erratic attendance. He was ringing until 1934, but never scored anything at Durban, or Cape Town, where he died in 1956.

ST. HELENA

It is now time to glance at some interesting byways, and probably the most romantic is the island of St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, 1,700 miles north-west from the Cape of Good Hope. This lovely, lonely volcanic island is the home of 5,000 coloured people intensely loyal to the Crown; it is known chiefly as the place of exile and death of Napoleon. (Incidentally, these notes are being written within sight of St. Helena.) In the steeple of St. James' Church, Jamestown, the capital, hang a clock bell by Warner, 1872, about 5 cwt., and a Taylor bell, about 6 cwt., commemorating the royal visit there in 1947. The timbers of this steeple are riddled by the white ant, the plague of the island.

In the country church of St. Helena-of-the-Cross is a ship's bell, inscribed Mutla, 1856, and the story I have pieced together of its history whilst attractive may not necessarily be the Gospel truth. The Mutla, a three-masted barque, called at Jamestown about 1904 with a cargo of Welsh coal bound for the Cape. She was condemned by the authorities as unseaworthy, and after being offloaded she was stripped. The bell went to the front door of the Bishop's house, and the hulk towed out to sea and sunk by gunfire—its last act of defiance was to cut the submarine telegraph cable on the ocean bed.

Most interesting of all is the single bell outside the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 32 inches in diameter. It carries a decorated band on shoulder and waist. The inscription is: 'Buckeye bell foundry—cast by G. W. Coffin & Co.—Columbia Street East of Broadway—Cincinnati 1852.' It is hung 'dead' between brick columns in the churchyard, and has acquired a curious orange patina.

The old leper colony on Robben Island lies only seven miles from Cape Town in the middle of Table Bay, and the exquisite tiny white church is a sea mark for ships. It was built in 1841 by Richard Wolfe, the son of Wolfe of Quebec; and here a small Loughborough bell of 1874 hangs precariously in a wooden cradle on top of the tower roof.

The ship's bell, of H.M.S. 'Dominion,' the last of the pre-dreadnoughts of 1910 vintage, now proclaims public hours in the botanic gardens of Kirstenbosch, Cape; and in the country town of Ceres a small Barwell of 1873 speaks for the Dutch reformed church.

BELLS IN A TREE

Pietermaritzburg, a small town 40 miles from Durban, has four from Whitechapel, tenor about 4 cwt. St. Peter's Church, built in 1854, received these bells two years later, but they were not hung for another eight years due to the controversy involving Bishop Colenso. About 1864 the local blacksmith strapped them to the bough of a blue-gum tree standing in the church grounds, and ropes hung from the clappers. The following year when the Bishop returned from Britain, excommunicated, these ropes were removed and the church locked. Over the years the tree grew, the bells got further from the ground, and foliage curled into their mouths and prevented ringing.

There had been silence for many years at Pietermaritzburg, when during the afternoon of May 1st, 1955, a tornado hit the town, tore off roofs, chimney pots, and brought the gum tree down. Although the canons were broken on some, the damage was not very serious, and they now hang minus all canons, bolted to the arms of a cross of steel girders, set up where the gum tree once stood. In the city hall here on Sunday mornings, a rather worn mechanism chimes hymn tunes on the 12 bells. This carillon is said to be by Gillett and Johnston; the tenor is about a ton.

CONTINENTAL BELLS

So far, I have only dealt with the work of British founders, but as may be expected with a mixed population, many examples of Continental work can be found. The oldest I have seen comes from Claud Fremi, of Amsterdam, in 1697; that is 45 years after Cape Town was founded. It is 26 inches in diameter, and thick when compared with modern bells. This has probably saved it from cracking, as it is hung 'dead' above the entrance to the castle. It is clocked by hand at noon. The elaborate decoration, Latin inscription, and founder's mark, V.O.C., are beautifully executed.

The Dutch Reformed church, the Groote Kerk, in Cape Town had a 10 cwt. bell which fell down the tower in 1725; the following year it was recast by Jan Albert de Grave in Amsterdam, and together with a Mears of 1800, now sounds the quarters in the old tower. Less than a mile away is the German St. Martini Kirche, originally three bells: the cracked tenor was returned to Germany in 1913 and never seen again. Those remaining are so ornate that I really doubt if they came from a German founder. The canons are interlocked serpents and the whole surface is covered with long quotations and intricate patterns.

Quite different are the bells of Stellenbosch, the Afrikaans university town, 40 miles from the Cape. Here in the town square, hanging between tall brick columns, are three bells made by the Bochum Verein in 1805; they are plain, unattractive lumps of metal. German work from the same foundry is much in evidence in the Dutch churches of Pretoria. This city, 30 miles from Johannesburg, is the administrative capital of the Union, and the Groote Kerk there has three interesting steel bells. Hung for chiming in well-tucked-up cast-iron headstocks, with metal wheels and wire ropes, they are remarkable for length and pronounced flare—daffodil proportions. Their finish is very poor, with ugly, near-illegible lettering which, by the way, is in Dutch, thus showing them to have been made to order. Numerous casting blow-holes at the shoulders, and each headstock is lettered: 'The C.S. Bell Co. Hillboro. O. Steel Alloy church bells'—and thoroughly unpleasant they sound too.

TIME SIGNAL

The nationwide time signal is broadcast each morning from the clock in the Union Buildings, Pretoria, which has Westminster quarters and an hour bell by Taylors, 1913. Not far away, in the City Hall, is a fully automatic carillon of 32 tubular chimes, by Deagon, of Chicago. It can play different tunes hourly for a week, by means of a perforated paper roll. The less said about this horror the better.

Before I left this city, I experienced my most hair-raising tower ascent. It began with an 80 foot vertical steel ladder in a narrow brick shaft, and ended in the roof trusses of the nave, where a little 'un from Loughborough served the Catholic cathedral.

And last, the two most tantalising fragments of all, taken from newspapers early in this century: 'at Grahamstown, one John Jolly cast a set of bells for Basutoland . . . and at Bloemfontein some bells were cast by Thos. Peacock'; and there the trail faded out.

Thus far I have written on the past and present, but it is the future which concerns us all. The Union of South Africa has 2½ million white people: of these 65 per cent. are Afrikaans-speaking and members of the Dutch Reformed Church, 5 per cent. are various and 30 per cent. English-speaking. From this 30 per cent. take the Catholics, Baptists, Apostolics, etc., remember the distances between the three centres, and you will realise the small numbers who, hearing bells, know what it means.

Again, the country has no tradition of bells, and the oldest ring, at Grahamstown, have always been more or less derelict. The climate has a profound influence on the way of life, and leisure time is exclusively given over to outdoor sports. Very many people motor far and wide every weekend, and rugby and cricket achieve a status only rivalled in Britain by soccer.

It is under these conditions we think ourselves privileged to meet week by week, striving to improve, trying to pass on the noble Exercise—surely the tongue of light in the Dark Continent.

DILLINGTON HOUSE RINGERS' COURSE

The course, which is from Friday to Sunday, April 3rd to 5th, is planned for students over school-leaving age who wish to learn more advanced aspects of ringing, and also for future instructors in elementary ringing.

The instructors will be Mr. A. York-Bramble, Mr. Frederick Sharpe and Mr. Richard F. Speed.

Students assemble on Friday, April 3rd, at 8 p.m., and will be welcomed by the warden, Mr. Harvey Sheppard. Then will follow an introduction to the course, given by the three instructors and Mrs. A. K. Grabham.

Saturday's programme is: 9.45 a.m., Planned training in elementary ringing, by A. York-Bramble; 11.30, Belfry care and maintenance, Frederick Sharpe; 2 p.m., Planned training in elementary ringing, A. York-Bramble; Introduction to conducting, R. F. Speed; 5 p.m., Belfry visit, with a practical session; 8 p.m., Technology and theory of method structure (1), A. York-Bramble.

Sunday: 10 a.m., Technology and theory of method structure, A. York-Bramble; 11.15 a.m., Composition, R. F. Speed.

The fee, which includes full board and accommodation, is £3 3s. The non-residential fee of £2 6s. 6d. covers tuition and all meals except breakfast. Part of the course may be attended at a tuition fee of 4s. for each session, comprising an address and discussion.

Enrolment forms are obtainable from the Warden, Dillington House, Ilminster, Somerset, and the closing enrolment date is Friday, March 20th.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER ALLWOOD

We regret to report the death on February 26th in the Scarsdale Hospital of Mr. Walter Allwood, of Chesterfield, aged 88 years.

A member of the famous Chesterfield company of 40 years ago, Walter was a good friend to many, and a good ringer who loved good striking (writes A. P. K.).

He was interred at the Boythorpe Cemetery, Chesterfield, on March 3rd. Handbells were rung over the grave by three of his young friends from Old Whittington, and Mr. A. P. Knights.

AN APPRECIATION

We would like to pay tribute to the late Walter Allwood, whose death has just been reported.

He was never one to say much of past times, although he confided to having rung over 200 peals. In 1925 he visited us at Old Whittington (Chesterfield), where there was a young band of raw recruits knowing very little of change-ringing. Walter took us in hand, and through his character, understanding and advice, made us what we are. He left his mark on many who knew him—his work lives on.

OLD WHITTINGTON RINGERS.

MR. ARTHUR JAMES LEWIS

By the death of 'Jim' Lewis, as he was affectionately known, the parish of St. Catherine, Feltham, Middlesex, has lost one of its most devoted servants and one who served the church there loyally for over 50 years in the capacity of choirboy, chorister, sidesman, server, churchwarden and in recent years, in a distinguished manner, as lay reader, in which capacity he was well known throughout the London diocese. He was a great benefactor of the church, and due to his modesty the extent of this will probably never be known or realised.

His ringing career was confined mostly to service ringing, and although in recent years a weak heart prevented him from being active in the belfry, his interest in bells and ringing continued, and he was the one chiefly concerned in supporting the recent scheme to augment the bells of Feltham to a ring of ten.

Prior to the funeral service the bells were rung half-muffled by A. R. Price and Mrs. A. R. Price, W. H. Coles, Stephen Gamble and Beryl Gamble. At the service the Bishop of Stepney in his address paid a warm tribute to one whom he described as a wonderful character. He pointed out that the packed church was in itself a tribute to his worth, and said that Jim Lewis had been a great help and inspiration to him personally since he came to the London diocese.

He had been in failing health for some time and it was typical that although far from well, he was about to take a Lenten service on Wednesday, February 25th, when he was taken seriously ill and unfortunately died before reaching his home. As could be expected, he was thus faithful unto death. Who will doubt that by now he will have received the crown of life?

W. H. C.

MR. GEORGE H. HEAD

With regret we report the death on February 22nd of Mr. George H. Head, of 21, Fountains Close, Hanworth, Middlesex.

MR. HARRY R. ROPER

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and the Suffolk Guild have been dealt a severe blow by the death of Harry R. Roper which occurred on March 2nd, aged 73 years. He was a pupil of the late Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk, who augmented his five bells to eight and rang over a hundred peals on them.

He took part in the first peals of the following Maximus methods: Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rochester, Little Albion Treble Bob, York, also peals of Duffield, Forward, Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus and standard methods.

Harry was most regular and punctual at all services and practices, setting a good example to his juniors.

For the Norwich D.A. he rang 13 peals, and 110 for the Suffolk Guild. The passing of a good ringer, as Harry was, will be keenly felt. The funeral took place in Ipswich Cemetery on March 6th. Among the floral tributes was one from his brother ringers of the 'Tower.'

MR. GEORGE N. PRICE

We regret to record the death on February 25th in Dulwich Hospital after a short illness of Mr. George N. Price, aged 85. He was cremated on March 2nd at West Norwood.

Mr. Price was an esteemed member of the College Youths and took part in many brilliant ringing performances in the early part of this century.

MR. TOM FOWLER

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Tom Fowler, of Cookham, Berks, at Maidenhead Hospital on Monday. This great stalwart of the Oxford Diocesan Guild would have been 71 years of age on March 21st. His funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham, yesterday (Thursday) at 3.30 p.m.

MR. H. E. SEAGER

With regret we announce the death on February 26th of Mr. H. E. Seager, a keen ringer at Great Totham, Essex, for over 60 years. He will be sadly missed.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY FORMED

Subsequent to the peal of Cambridge Minor at Aberavon on February 19th, the ringers taking part founded the University of Wales Society of Change Ringers.

The first meeting of the Society was held in Trevor Lewis's car, travelling at 60 m.p.h. on the Jersey Marine! (not claiming this as a stunt, or wishing to upset Bill Cook in any way). The Society includes ringers resident in, and those who have passed through, the colleges of the University—U.C. Bangor, U.C. Cardiff, U.C. Swansea and U.C. Aberystwyth. It was also decided to include St. David's College, Lampeter, on an equal basis, although not a constituent college of the University. It was also unanimously agreed that Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby, should be made an honorary member for services to ringing in U.C. Aberystwyth.

The meeting was concluded on reaching Swansea with a visit to the rebuilt Parish Church of St. Mary, and an inspection of the tower and frame which is to house the new Taylor ring of eight.

Unfortunately, travelling arrangements could not be fulfilled according to plan, and the proposed peal attempt at Sketty had to be forgone.

A touch of 1,104 Plain Bob Minor was, however, rung before Evensong. Some of the band then spent the rest of the evening and early hours of the following morning at the inter-college Eisteddfod in Swansea.

CANWYD Y CLYCHAU I WYL DEWI SANT

Naturally enough, the festival of our patron saint was a call to great rejoicing, and eight members of the Society made a 'pilgrimage' to the isolated home of the Saint—St. David's—the smallest city in Britain.

A peal of Double Norwich was attempted on the fine Mears eight, and due to considerable reverberation of sound in the ringing room we had to ring very slowly, in order to distinguish each bell from the interminable hum. The first half came up in 1½ hours, but a quarter of an hour or so later the ringing collapsed, the noise

of the bells preventing the conductor from 'sorting things out.' A course of Bristol was then rung, before thanking the Dean and local ringers and taking our leave.

The road then took us to Haverfordwest, and here, with Harry Jenkins and Dai Betts, we tried our hand at the deteriorating, anti-clockwise Bayley eight. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Little Bob, together with a course of Cambridge, with 'a couple of leads of Yorkshire thrown in,' were rung before saying goodbye to Tony Hutchins.

Thanks to Gwyn's hospitality, we spent the remainder of a very enjoyable day with handbells, and a brief business meeting. Ryan Price took the chair as a possible constitution and ringing programme were discussed. Ryan was elected an honorary member, and we finished the evening off with still more handbells.

The following morning, St. David's Day, ringing started with Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Yorkshire for Matins. In the afternoon the Vicar of St. Mary's kindly allowed us to ring at Pembroke, and on raising the back six and ringing a course of Cambridge Minor we were greatly impressed. This did not last long, however, for on raising the trebles we found them to be a tone apart, the second being very flat and the treble perhaps slightly sharp. We rang courses of Bristol and Yorkshire before returning to Tenby, confirming on the way that Monkton were hung for chiming only.

A good quarter peal of Cambridge Major was then rung at Tenby for Evensong, before we took leave of our hosts. We would like to record our gratitude to the heart-warming Welsh hospitality and good food given to us by Gwyn Thomas, Ryan Price, Harry Jenkins and their good ladies.

Finally, if anyone has been through the University of Wales and would be interested in the Society, would they please contact the secretary, Derek Astridge, 13, De La Bèche Road, Sketty, Swansea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLERGY AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I fully expected a reply to my letter regarding the attitude of some clergy to bells and ringing, and therefore the Rev. Mr. Brunning's letter came as no surprise.

Naturally, as ringers are only human and have their faults, no doubt non-attendance by some to the services for which they ring is one of them. I would, however, point out to Mr. Brunning that two wrongs do not make a right, and also that his counter-argument does not affect the facts which I stated in my letter.

Church-going, I think, depends as much upon the human element as it does upon the spiritual one, in spite of the fact that the latter should be the controlling factor. If this is so, then we have part of the reason for non-attendance at services both by some ringers and the public. If a parson finds that his ringers do not attend services there must surely be some reason, but if he pursues his calling and Faith irrespective of results, he will at least have satisfied his conscience.

In spite of Mr. Brunning saying that my last paragraph has nothing to do with the topic, I do not agree with him. What I said in it is felt to be true by many (apart from ringers and churchwardens): it may not be spoken of very often because those who believe it have not the 'guts' to say it. Whether one is a churchwarden or not is beside the point.

Of course ringers enjoy ringing. Both ringing and the service thereby given are meant to be enjoyable, and I hope always will be. I was a ringer at the age of eight, and have for several years now averaged over 300 miles each week going to service ringing, practices and peals, and I have enjoyed every bit of it. In addition, I have tried to attend services regularly, but I should consider it very unusual, and interfering, if I was expected to attend every service I helped to ring for in every church in which I rang.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR SAYERS.

Newbury, Berks.

RABBITS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trick is kind enough to express appreciation of the work of the Rabbits' Guild. He is wrong, though, in imparting to it hostility to all Ringing Masters. I would remind him that the Guild maintains a roll of honour to which worthy R.M.'s are admitted, by nomination or after examination, and I would assure him that the pretensions of any R.R.M. (Rabbit Ringing Master) who applies for admission to the roll are examined with the utmost sympathy. He secures election if he proves even to try to carry out his duties on the lines approved by the Guild. The essential word is 'try.' To fall short of honourable intentions is no disgrace. *Cuniculum est errare.*

Further, the Guild is much aware of the problem of the R.R.M., and actually has consideration of his plight on the agenda for its next A.G.M., which will take place during the octave of St. Francis. If enough interest is shown, a separate section for R.R.M.'s may be formed: it has been suggested that it should take for its emblem a rabbit couchant.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. W. D.,
Secretary, R.G.

SHROVE TUESDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I think the following will be of interest to our Nottingham friends. While doing a genealogical search I came across this note in 'Leicester Journal,' February 9th, 1788:

'On Shrove Tuesday morning a true and complete peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Royal, ten in, was rung on the deep-toned bells of St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, by a select band of the Sherwood Society in that town. The time, 3 hours 44 minutes—weight of the tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 pounds. The performance was the first long peal in that method on these bells and was completed in the first attempt ever made there for the same.

'Be others pleas'd with trifling gee-gaw fights
Un-meaning—but let me behold a band
Selected, and of ten compos'd, with arms
Ascending, and descending, stand, while
health

Sits wreathing roses on their damask cheek,
And jocund pleasure dances in their eyes:
While every bell strikes true, and not a note
Of jarring discord hurts attention's ear.—
W-T-T'

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL

Dear Sir,—From recent correspondence in your journal it seems that a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative, which I called at St. John's, Bournemouth, on November 12th, 1955, is false.

I herewith withdraw the peal.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. HARRIS.

Lymington.

A VETERAN IN CANADA

Dear Sir,—Soon after Mr. Peter Crooks arrived in Brampton to visit his daughter and other relatives, I had the pleasure of meeting him at his daughter's home, and in some way learned he was a well-known bell-ringer. I did not know that as I had been so long out of touch with matters of campanology.

Mr. Crooks went to the trouble of writing to 'The Ringing World' and mentioned having met me; he also gave me a copy of your paper with the letter printed.

He also sent me a copy of 'The Ringing World' dated October 31st, 1958, in which appeared two letters, one from Mr. William Shepherd and one from Mr. Chas. J. Sedgley. Except for minor details, both letters are correct, and I should like to express my appreciation to the writers for going to the trouble of writing to 'The Ringing World.'

My first remembrance of bells was when my father used to take me to St. Margaret's, Ipswich, every Sunday morning. For a great many years the bells of St. Margaret's were only chimed for the church services.

For many years my uncles George, Jack and Fred used to chime there: Billy Motts, a brother of the famous James Motts, was the leader. I did quite a lot of my ringing with James Motts, and many times one would look in his direction and he looked half asleep, but let a bell be rung the least bit out of place he was wide awake.

I used to spend all my spare time ringing at many churches in the surrounding country before I joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. Two boys of about my own age were allowed to chime the three bells at St. Stephen's, Ipswich. They were not supposed to be raised. We did quite a repair job on them, and to try them out we used to muffle them, and continued to do so until someone came to see where the noises were coming from. After that I was made a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Ringers. Beside my Uncle Charles my Uncle Albert was also a member until he died in 1906. I believe I rang in a half-muffled peal at that time.

My uncles Jack and Fred married sisters, and one widow still lives in Ipswich. My father's sister Alice married Willie Roughton, who was also a member of St. Mary-le-Tower. My aunt still lives at Harrow-on-the-Hill.

One of the peals that I rang was a half-muffled one by members of St. Mary-le-Tower and members of the Essex Association at Harwich, after the G. E. R. steamer 'Berlin' was wrecked off Holland.

When my family and myself left England in 1907 we went to Winnipeg, and even at that time there were many fine churches. I moved to Ontario about seven years ago, and the church in Brampton have only one bell each.

In 1954 I travelled by air and had a very enjoyable three weeks' holiday in England, visiting my relatives in Suffolk, near London and at Littlehampton.

When I was in Ipswich I listened to the bells of St. Margaret's being rung, as I had on many previous occasions, especially when the Sproughton ringers under Charles Mee were attempting a peal in a new method.

Then I climbed the steps I remembered so well and was given the treble to toll for the morning service; that was the first time I had a bell rope in my hands since 1912.

One thing, the numbers of new methods being rung now is amazing.—Yours very truly,

W. C. GILLINGHAM.

26, Rogers Road,
Brampton, Ontario.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

At Benenden on February 28th the Kent Branch held their first meeting of the year since their annual meeting on January 24th. There was a good attendance from 11 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Jessop Price), with Mr. J. R. Cooper at the organ.

A most enjoyable tea was held at the Vicarage, followed by some handbell ringing; then thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to Mr. J. Cooper, to Mr. R. J. Brown for making the arrangements, to Mrs. Jessop Price who arranged for the tea and to the local ladies who helped with it.

A short business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, and the date and place of the next meeting was confirmed as a joint meeting with the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association at Ospringe on May 9th.

Ringling during the meeting ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. S. M. D.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE DUBLIN MEETING, 1958

MINUTES of the second session of the twenty-third Council (61st Annual Meeting), held in the Synod Hall, Dublin, on Whitson Tuesday, May 27th, 1958.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. G. O. Simms, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cclr. M. E. Dockrell, and the President of the Irish Association, Mr. William Pratt. On behalf of the ringers of Ireland, Mr. Pratt presented the Council with a shillelagh to commemorate their first meeting in Ireland. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss Williams. Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. Allman. Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. W. P. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Mr. T. G. Myers, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck. East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. G. Gipson, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. N. Pittow.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. R. G. Bell.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. J. R. Cooper, Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Feirn. Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. T. Blagrove, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton. Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. N. G. Golden, Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild.—Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chadcock.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. G. W. Hughes.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. C. Boucher, Mr. D. Burnett.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger.

Worcester and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. S. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. G. Benfield, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

Life members.—Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. L. Stilwell, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. T. W. White.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members Present	Absent
Wholly Represented ..	10	20	—
Partially Represented ..	27	52	46
Not Represented ..	18	—	33
	55	72	79
Life Members ..	..	5	1
Hon. Members ..	..	10	11
		87	91

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 55 Associations were affiliated entitled to 153 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 6 Life Members, making a total membership of 183. There were two vacancies among Representative members and 3 among Honorary Members. Since the last meeting the North Wales Association had ceased to be affiliated. All subscriptions had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Ainsley, R. S. Anderson, W. Ayre, D. Beacham, A. L. Bennett, F. H. Bennett, E. C. Birkett, J. W. Blythe, P. N. Bond, J. Bray, W. Butler, J. W. Clarke, Miss D. E. Colgate, P. A. Corby, G. H. Cross, Miss M. R. Cross, J. I. P. Davis, J. T. Dyke, E. Edmondson, J. P. Fidler, S. Foskett, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman, P. M. J. Gray, F. I. Hairs, G. H. Harding, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, C. H. Hawkins, F. E. Hawthorne, A. C. Hazelden, G. W. Jeffs, G. S. Joyce, Mrs. D. J. King, Rev. J. Kingdon, F. W. Lack, Dr. D. N. Layton, G. I. Lewis, G. J. Lewis, J. R. Mayne, H. Miles, W. F. Moreton, J. L. Morris, G. S. Morris, A. Mould, Dr. D. H. Niblett, E. Nobles, R. Overy, W. N. Park, A. J. Pitman, A. H. Pulling, Mrs. A. Richardson, Rev. A. S. Roberts, C. W. Roberts, F. W. Rogers, J. Segar, E. C. Shepherd, J. F. Smallwood, Miss M. E. Snowdon, P. J. Stanforth, Mrs. P. J. Stanforth, Mrs. J. G. Steeples, T. H. Taffender, W. H. Viggers, A. Walker, W. C. West, J. Willis and J. J. Webb.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

Messrs. P. Crook (Lancashire Association), R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell and T. W. White (Honorary Members) were presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was elected Vice-President for 1958-60 on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

Mr. F. W. Perrens was elected Librarian for 1958-60 on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

Both newly-elected officers returned their thanks.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended that Mrs. J. G. Steeples be re-elected and that three vacancies be retained. This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. F. Dunkerley.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and former members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. F. Bennett (Sussex and Royal Cumberland Youths), H. W. Brown (Bath and Wells), H. Chambers (Peterborough), J. Cooke, (Chester), F. Dench (College Youths), J. Hardcastle (Yorkshire), J. Holden (United Counties), J. E. Lilley (Devon), F. Precey (Salisbury) and Rev. C. J. Sturton (Midland Counties).

Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. Bennett, Brown, Chambers, Dench and Lilley.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 4th, 1958, and circulated to members, were adopted, with the addition of Mr. G. S. Joyce to the list of new members presented to the President, on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(June 6th, 1958, page 366)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. F. Oatway. The President thanked Mr. and Mrs. Barnett for their work during the year.

HON. LIBRARIAN

(June 6th, 1958, page 366)

The President appealed to those having books on loan to return them at an early date in readiness for the hand-over to Mr. Perrens. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. P. Crook. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. E. S. Tarrant, widow of the Rector of Launton. The Rev. J. G. M. Scott paid a tribute to the President for his work as Librarian since 1953.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 6th, 1958, pages 366-7)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 6th, 1958, page 367)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris. The President expressed thanks to Mr. Douglas Hughes for demonstrating the machine on various occasions.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(June 6th, 1958, page 367)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

'HISTORY OF CHANGE-RINGING'

SUB-COMMITTEE

(June 6th, 1958, page 368)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

(June 6th, 1958, page 368)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens. Mr. W. N. Park was added to the Committee, in the place of Mr. J. T. Dyke, to whom the thanks of the Council and best wishes for a speedy restoration to health were expressed.

Arising from a question by Mr. W. G. Wilson, Mr. W. B. Cartwright expressed the view that under the rules, power to co-opt given to the Committee in 1951 was *ultra vires*. After discussion, it was agreed that the position regarding co-option should be examined by Messrs. Barnett and Cartwright.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, pages 383-4)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Miss J. Stewart.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 384)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. L. Stilwell, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman.

'BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK' COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 385)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed. It was agreed that 5,000 copies should be printed.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 385)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Mr. Norman Chaddock was added to the Committee.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 386)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. Mr. Felstead said it was hoped that the Minor book would be published in a few months and the Triples book before the next meeting.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 13th and 20th, 1958, pages 384 and 402)

Adopted as slightly amended, on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett. An amendment to include a peal of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles was lost. Later it was proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis and seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett that a peal of Erin Doubles should be deleted from the Analysis. The motion was lost.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 385)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 385)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 386)

Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(June 13th, 1958, page 386)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins. Mr. J. H. Crampion expressed thanks on behalf of a number of incumbents in Essex for work done by the Committee.

It was agreed that the President should enter into discussions with the President of the Central Council for the Care of Churches on matters of policy.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Rev. J. G. M. Scott, and carried:—

'That a committee be appointed to investigate the state of Sunday service ringing, to find out the factors making for success and to report back their findings and recommendations so that together with the ringing Associations and Church authorities the Central Council may help to increase and improve Sunday service ringing.'

Messrs. N. Chaddock, P. M. J. Gray, F. B. Lufkin, Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were appointed as the Committee, with Mr. Chaddock as convener.

(b) Proposed by Mr. F. T. Blagrove and seconded by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow:—

'That the conditions required for peals of Doubles shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(i) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 120, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 120 changes

the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).

(b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell, and no continuous leading bells are allowed.

'That the conditions required for peals of Minor shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(i) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's, and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 720, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 720 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).

(b) Peals of Minor to be rung on six bells.' The motion was lost.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the proposition of Mr. F. Dunkerley, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, an invitation from the Lancashire Association for 1959 was accepted, the place of the meeting being left to the Association to decide.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Secretary gave notice of motion to amend Rule 11(i) by deleting all after the words 'Hon. Secretary' in line 9 and substituting the words 'not later than the 31st March before the meeting.'

Mr. C. W. Pipe drew attention to the desirability of making recordings of notable peals of bells.

VOTES OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. F. E. Dukes was proposed by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, seconded by Mr. H. W. Rogers and carried.

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Archbishop of Dublin and the President of the Irish Association (Mr. W. Pratt) for their welcome; to the representative body of the Church of Ireland for the use of the Synod Hall; to the Dean of St. Patrick's for officiating at Holy Communion that morning, and the Dean of Christ Church for opening the meeting with prayer; to Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody, and Miss J. Stewart, for their work in arranging the meeting; to the Irish Association and Irish ringers generally for their kindness and hospitality, and to local incumbents and tower keepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting the members were the guests of Bord Fáilte Éireann (Irish Tourist Board) at tea.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes 1, Miss J. Dear (first 'inside') 2, L. B. Scoot 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, C. A. S. Harwood (cond.) 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, J. S. Dear 8.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wadsworth 1, Rita M. Jowett (first quarter, aged 14) 2, S. B. Schofield 3, Janet Brook 4, H. B. Schofield 5, B. Gillian Schofield (cond.) 6. Rung silent for practice.

BENSON, OXON.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grand sire): J. Cherrill 1, T. Selwood 2, I. Kyd 3, J. Webb 4, J. Godman (cond.) 5, R. Carpenter 6. A compliment to R. D. Wells (foreman) on his 70th birthday. Rung for Matins.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Eastern Division**

In spite of the prevalence of influenza, the largest attendance for some years strained the resources of those providing the tea at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, whose roomy tower at one time held 57 members, representing 15 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Eastbourne (Rev. W. W. S. March) and the lesson read by the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson).

At the business meeting in the Old Parsonage the members first stood in silence in memory of Doctor Bell, for many years Bishop of Chichester and president of the Association, and of George King, for 30 years captain of Salehurst tower.

The secretary (Mr. H. G. F. Reynolds) in his annual report stated that Westham and Warbleton towers had been welcomed to the Association in 1958, making a record total of 27 towers, or 70 per cent. of ringable bells in East Sussex. Thirty-five new members and three non-resident life members had joined, including a large number of teenagers. Sunday service ringing had in general improved again, and he was glad to note more quarter peals by local bands appearing in 'The Ringing World.' The meetings had enabled many young members to improve their handling and command of more advanced methods, but the attendance had dropped to an average of 27. The Ringing Master, Mr. L. Giles, had given '100 per cent. attendance.'

The report and balance sheet, showing an increased balance, were adopted.

The chairman announced that Mr. Reynolds did not wish to stand for re-election as secretary, and the meeting unanimously elected Mr. F. H. Becey, of Hellingly, who at the age of 20 must be the youngest-ever divisional secretary. Mr. L. Giles, Ringing Master, Mr. T. A. Hunnisset, hon. auditor, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. C. Verdon, committee, were all re-elected.

The general secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) read a proposed alteration to the rules dealing with finance. A lively discussion followed, culminating in a proposal from Mr. T. A. Hunnisset to be submitted to the annual meeting that the annual levy should be fixed and not left to the discretion of the hon. treasurer. In this way divisional secretaries would know how much of their income would remain in divisional funds.

The meeting thanked the Vicar and organist and those who had provided the excellent tea.

H. R.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**Marlborough Branch**

Those with a flair for 5-bell ringing, especially heavy ones, were attracted to Ogbourne St. George's, Wilts, on February 21st, on the occasion of the Marlborough Branch meeting. The ratio of visitors was almost two to one members, and they came from Southampton, Bridgwater, Reading, London, Swindon and Steeple Ashton.

The Rev. H. W. Dunn (Vicar) conducted the service and also made all the local arrangements. Mr. G. Newman thanked the reverend gentleman for allowing the use of the bells.

After the service and tea further ringing took place at Ogbourne St. Andrew's.

The writer would like to thank all those who kindly made inquiries during his unhappy experience, and those who visited him in hospital, and would like to say he is now making a good recovery.

T. A. P.

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BIRTH

PANTER.—On March 2nd, 1959, at Poltmore Nursing Home, to Phyllis (née Willington) and Wilfred, a son (Roger Charles), a brother to Linda. 4001

DEATH

ALLWOOD.—On Thursday, February 26th, 1959, at Scarsdale Hospital, Chesterfield, Walter, aged 88 years. One time ringer in South Yorkshire and at Chesterfield Parish Church, later at Old Whittington (Chesterfield). Whittington ringers C. Price, G. Lawrence, J. Newman and P. Knights (Sheffield) rang at the graveside. 3997

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PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—Ringing will be resumed on Easter Day, March 29th, 9.45 a.m., 2.45 p.m. Practice Mondays 7–8.30 p.m. except Bank Holidays. All ringers welcome, including Lichfield exiles.—F. A. Sedgwick. 4030

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, March 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 3986

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual meeting at Colemans Hatch, Saturday, March 14th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please make an effort to attend, to elect a new president.—C. A. Bassett. 3916

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 3971

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Little Bromley (4) may be available after tea.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3927

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands Branch.—Annual meeting, Hampton, Evesham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (café) 3s. 3d. 3977

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 14th, St. Mary's, Ealing, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business and further ringing, Christ Church, Ealing, 6.30 p.m.—M. Powell. 3972

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, Saturday, March 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3962

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—Meeting, Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for only those who notify.—C. R. Lovett, Daisy Cottage, Lower Road, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 3928

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Cheddar on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 3987

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Ubley (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 5 p.m. until 6.30. Winford bells available 7 to 8 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3838

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hinton St. George on Saturday, March 21st. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 4018

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey (St. Hilary's), Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4025

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Willoughby, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Braunston available after tea. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, March 17th, to Mr. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, near Rugby. Everybody welcome.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 4002

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Sandiacre, Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Tea provided—no names required.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 4024

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4027

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Cleeve (8), Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 7.30 p.m. Names by March 17th. No names, no tea.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4019

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Henbury (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 4005

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Great Barrington, Saturday, March 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify before March 19th. Taynton 6.30 p.m.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 3994

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by March 18th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4020

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 21st. Ringing: Holy Trinity and Stoke, 2.30 p.m. and in evening; St. Mary's, 2.30 and 4.15; St. Nicolas' and Shalford, in evening. Service at Holy Trinity, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.), 5.30 p.m., Harvey's Restaurant, High Street. The business of the annual meeting will follow. Notifications for tea by first post Wednesday, 18th, to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—S. T. A. Russell, Hon. Sec. 3989

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Walkden, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Cups of tea provided. Excellent eight here. Note change of date.—Thornley, Sec. 3991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 21st. St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m.—J. Porter. 4029

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Dalton-in-Furness, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 4008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Matthew's, Stretford (8), at 4 p.m., Saturday, March 21st.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4023

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at the Red Lion Inn 4.30 p.m. Names by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leics. Regret, no names, no tea.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 4015

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Twyford (not Waltham) on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 18th, please, to Mr. R. Spencer, Twyford, Leics. 4011

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, Saturday, March 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday, March 17th. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea to E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, The Meadows, Trenches Farm, Langley, Bucks. 4014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Boyne Hill, Saturday, March 21st, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 18th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. Note date. 4007

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, March 21st, 6 to 8 p.m. Special method, Oxford Bob Triples and Major.—B. C. Castle. 4009

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Benefield (6), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous, please.—Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 3999

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Evening meeting, Saturday, March 21st, Ravensthorpe (5).—E. M. Thresher, Sec. 4016

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, March 21st. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 4013

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Acomb, near York, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea on or before 19th, please, to Mr. Frank Horner, 6, Granger Avenue, Acomb, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4006

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 18th to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. 3970

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to me.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 3966

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Great Barton (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but bring own food, please; cups of tea will be available. All are welcome.—L. Wright, Act. Sec. 3988

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday, March 19th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4028

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eckington, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea by March 18th to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3973

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and **LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting at Armley, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 18th, to Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds. 12.—Marsh and Thorley, Secs. 3983

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Woburn, Easter Saturday, March 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Short service 6 p.m. Accommodation for tea limited to first 40 names (no café).—K. G. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn. 4021

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 30th, in St. Paul's Vestry, Bedford, at 2 p.m. Bells available: St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (8), Bedford, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3.30 to 5.30 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Hall. Names by 25th, please, to Miss A. Amor, 100 Denmark Street, Bedford.—John W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. and Treas. 4022

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting, Cockermouth
On Easter Monday, March 30th
Bells from 1 p.m. A.G.M. 3. Service
4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday,
March 26th, to Mr. R. W. Daniels,
Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth. Difficult
to obtain tea otherwise.—J. W. Brownrigg,
Hon. Sec. 3995

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Ottery St. Mary, Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by March 25th to Mr. C. J. Turner, Hillcote, Ottery St. Mary. 4017

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, March 30th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Eynesbury (6), 10 to 11.30 a.m.; St. Neots (8), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Great Paxton (5), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Buckden (5), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Great Staughton (6), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Spaldwick (6), 12.30 to 1.30; Leighton Bromswold (5), 1 to 2; Winwick (5), 1.30 to 2.30; Alconbury (6), 1.30 to 2.30; Brampton (5), 2.30 to 3.30; Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4; St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3 to 4.15; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 4 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, 5 p.m. Godmanchester and both Huntingdon towers available after tea.—W. J. Ridgman, Hon. Sec. 4026

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Llandaff, Easter Monday. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 4000

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee, 11 a.m., choir vestry, Parish Church. Service 12 noon. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. in the Sun Lounge of the Winter Gardens. Applications for tickets by Saturday, March 21st, to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill. Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 5s., others 7s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include St. Laurence's, Thanet (10); St. Peter-in-Thanel (8); All Saints', Birchington (8); Quex Park, Birchington (12); and Margate Parish Church (8).—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham. 3976

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 30th. Full arrangements next week.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 3993

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Embleton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bus leaving Bewick Street 2 p.m. Cost 6s. 6d. Names for bus and tea by Monday, April 27th, to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 3992

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Lunch and tea. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Outing secretaries please note.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4010

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

For their long excursion of the term on February 14th, the University of Bristol Society took the unprecedented step of travelling by coach.

The first tower was Avening (6), nestling on the side of the hill; here ringing varied from rounds to London and Oswald. Then we proceeded to Minchinhampton with its truncated tower—a pleasant ring of six, where York was included in our Minor repertoire. The beauty of the countryside was appreciated as the coach made its way towards Painswick. Here a bob course of Grandsire Cinques was rung, followed, most aptly, with a plain course of Painswick. Rounds and Stedman Caters brought an enjoyable visit to an end. Striking was not very good, but considering the strength of the band it was not a bad effort.

Stroud was the next stop arranged so that members could satisfy their hunger before ringing on the ten. This again provided a good opportunity to improve striking on higher numbers. Grandsire and Stedman were again rung, together with a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major.

This completed our selection of towers but, of course, we had one more stop to make on the road. During our time here two members rang a selection of tunes on handbells together with a few attempts at method.

By the way, was the Society's bachelor Cupid's long-called-for resignation a consequence of the trip coinciding with St. Valentine's Day?

R. B.

UNIVERSITIES UNITE

Sixteen members of the Leeds and Sheffield University Societies met together at Barnsley on the afternoon of February 21st. In spite of an interruption caused by a wedding, the bells were well used between 2 and 5 o'clock. It is to be hoped that the splicing in the church was more successful than our attempt at Plain and Little Bob! Thanks to John Segar, we did attempt Double Norwich, to the accompanying cry of 'Let's be progressive.' We lowered the bells! Even this proved unfortunate, owing to an anonymous member who has different ideas from the 'Tykes.'

Successful methods included Plain Bob, Stedman Triples, and Kent and Oxford T.B. The atmosphere was extremely friendly, and we look forward eagerly to the next joint meeting.

Thanks are due to the Vicar of Barnsley and to Mr. J. S. Rank, Sheffield secretary, for arranging the meeting.

R. B.

Ambleside Vicar A Bishop

The Archbishop of York (Dr. Michael Ramsey) and 11 bishops took part in the consecration in York Minster of the Ven. Sidney Cyril Bulley (Archdeacon of Westmorland and Vicar of Ambleside) as Bishop Suffragan of Penrith. School children were among a party of 300 people who travelled from Windermere by special train for the ceremony.

In the evening at Ambleside Parish Church the local band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, this being the first quarter by the local Sunday service band since before the last war. The two lady ringers are the daughters of the late Mr. T. B. Newton, captain of the ringers for 20 years.

5,056 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

By N. J. DISERENS

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The February meeting of the Society was held at Birstall and was well attended. The bells were kept going in a variety of methods from 3 o'clock until 9, with a short break for tea and the business meeting. Although this was not the nomination meeting, Mr. D. Thorp was nominated as the new secretary, as the present holder of this office will be in Lincolnshire by the time the annual meeting arrives.

The March meeting will be held at Armley—a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Western District).

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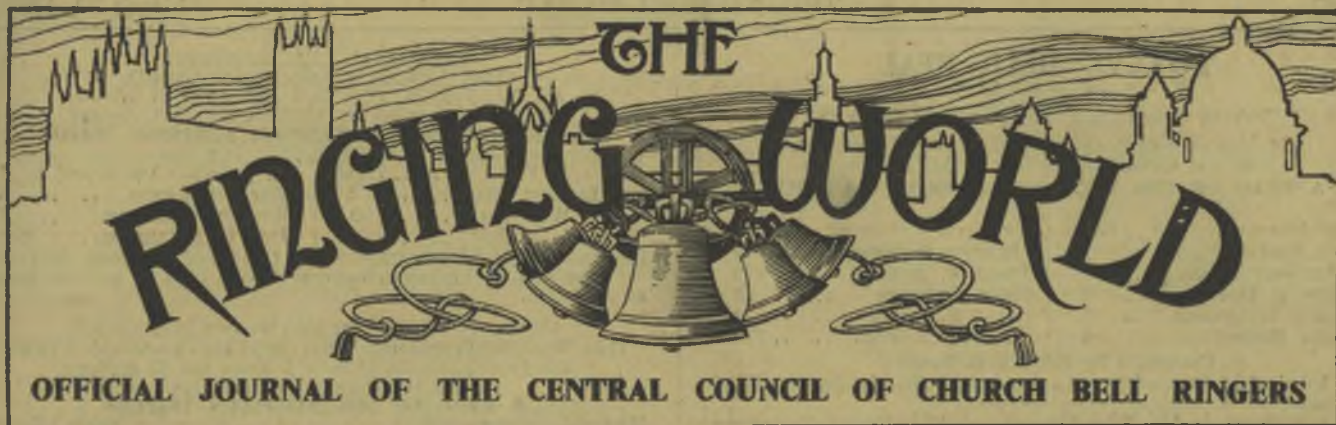
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COURSING ORDER

THE new Central Council Handbook for Beginners contains some notes on Coursing Order, and this section, although written primarily to assist the learner in the art of ringing, serves as a timely reminder of the beauty of this phenomenon of the orderly movement of the bells among each other, and of the practical value of its study.

For the learner of the art of ringing some intelligent understanding of the coursing of the bells is indisputably valuable, and as his knowledge increases and his skill is extended to more and more complex methods, so can his eyes be opened more and more to the wonder of the delicate relationships between working bell, course bell and after bell, and to a realisation of the practical help afforded by these relationships in the ringing of difficult methods.

At the beginning of the study of change-ringing the coursing of the bells will assist greatly in acquiring the art of plain hunting. To the learner on a small number of bells the use of a course bell to assist in finding the way down to lead may not seem of very much importance, for the way is short and the eye capable of taking in the whole range of the circle of ropes. It would seem, none the less, valuable to study the use of the course bell for hunting and to study the simple relationship of bell movement in the hunting course on all numbers.

As soon as the student reaches the stage of ringing 'inside' he will find, either for himself or by wise direction, the principles attaching to a regular working with a course bell fixed for some length of time. This simple phenomenon will be apparent in Grandsire and Plain Bob, and in the latter, particularly, the learner may find much pleasure and profit in the discovery that the 2nd always goes to the 3rd on the front or at the back, and that the 4th always comes to the 2nd. It will not be long before the intelligent inquirer will find that only the intervention of the treble interferes with this routine, and that some change of progression is bound to come when the bells are affected by bobs.

Thus may be sown seed that will be more and more fruitful as the student progresses to advanced work. Much of the ease and comfort in the ringing of complex methods comes from what may perhaps be called economy of energy, and by this we mean making use of every available aid, so that neither brain nor eye is unduly taxed. An

example will suffice to illustrate this point. The experienced ringer of Cambridge Maximus knows that he will find his course bell up behind when he gets there: that his after bell will surely come to him when his course bell goes away: that his course bell may be expected to come sliding through his up places and his after bell through his down places; and he knows that on coming across his course bell in the run-throughs he must plain hunt for a few blows. With these and a host of other observations forced on him by practice and study, he has assistance for his memory and practical aid in time of trouble. And most of this help arises from the simple study of coursing order suggested above.

These brief thoughts on coursing order might easily be expanded into a considerable thesis, for the subject is a vast and vital one. The basis of intelligent conducting is a thorough knowledge of this regular progression of the bells, and the principles of this are adequately displayed for the student in Mr. W. G. Wilson's book on Conducting. The mental transposition of the coursing order of the bells during peal or touch is a fascinating procedure, and it is interesting to note that on the smaller numbers of bells the transpositions are more frequent and sometimes the most difficult, while on the higher numbers of bells the infrequency of the calls retains a fixed coursing order for long periods.

So much for the utility of coursing order. There remains the intrinsic beauty of this remarkable interlacing of bells and their obedience to natural laws. It is this that gives us the repeated melodious terminations of Triples, the magnificent periodic roll-ups of Maximus, and the exquisite 7689 and 7698 interludes of the Caters methods. And finally, the very pattern on the paper is a thing of wonder, whether it be the simple partnership of bell and course bell on the front and back in Double Court Minor, or the complexity of London Royal where working bell and course bell, seemingly separated for ever, come together as if by magic in 9-10, or what may well be described as that magnificent game of leap-frog carried out with such solemnity in Yorkshire Maximus when working bell, course bell and after bell make places. Here, the philosopher might observe, is another manifestation of the beautifully balanced interrelation of Nature's processes, perfect in conception, and only to be marred (if at all) by man's imperfection.

E.C.S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*BRIAN MARTIN Treble	*WILLIAM A. LACEY 7
*AVRIL THACKRAY 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 8
*S. ANTHONY JESSON 3	*JOHN A. ACRES 9
*DOREEN D. DUTTON 4	*JOHN A. SMITH 10
PETER J. STANFORTH 5	ALAN E. JACQUES 11
*SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

* First peal of Wigston Surprise Maximus. First in the method as conductor.

A compliment to Mr. John Hunting and Miss Doreen Dutton on their engagement.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
STELLA HUGHES 2	HOWARD HOWELL 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	CLIVE M. SMITH 8
ERNEST STITCH 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES 9
DAVID W. BRUNNING 5	GEORGE DEAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.
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WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5220 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOE GADEN Treble	GEORGE DARLINGTON 6
HARRY GRIFFITHS 2	DEREK K. KNOWLES 7
KENNETH W. KNOWLES 3	ALAN A. ELSMORE 8
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY 4	GORDON H. LANE 9
ALBERT D. COLLINS 5	DEREK J. TRANTER Tenor

Composed by M. A. WOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. HINGLEY.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. Tom Kelsey, who was inducted on Tuesday, March 3rd. Also a compliment to the third and sixth ringers who recently became grandfathers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON .. Treble	KENNETH PARK 5
JOHN E. KIRBY 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
PETER WOODWARD 3	PETER F. WINDLEY 7
GEOFFREY TOWNEND 4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK J. JACKSON.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Chant on the birth of their daughter, Susan Anne.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	JOHN D. KAPE 6
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
FRANK A. BARRATT 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH Treble	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
*W. RUSSELL READ 2	*ROY STEPHENSON 6
*LOUIS WILLDERS 3	*RONALD APPLEWHITE 7
*JOHN F. PEARSON 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PATRICK HARRIS Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 6
MRS. P. HARRIS 3	RALPH HARRIS 7
*REV. ALBERT WEBB 4	† WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

A. GREENOUGH Treble	J. GODMAN 5
F. SMITH 2	F. ABSOLOM 6
F. GODDEN 3	R. B. BLOND 7
J. P. BLOND 4	W. FULGER Tenor

Conducted by R. B. BLOND.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. D. Wells (70 on March 1st), churchwarden and foreman of this tower for many years; also an 81st birthday (March 1st) compliment to Mr. Palmer, father of the incumbent.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. House) 5
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 2	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 3	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 7
J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 4	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN CRAMPION Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 5
PHILIP A. F. CHALK 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS 3	BRIAN D. A. THRELFALL .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* 250th tower bell peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of the conductor's nephew, Adrian Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton, in Yorkshire on February 13th.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAUCAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. HUBERT EPLETT Treble	ALAN CARVETH 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	ARTHUR H. BURLEY 6
ANTHONY LOCKE 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 4	*REV. HAROLD E. HOSKING Tenor

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First on the recast bells.

Rung to mark the 40th wedding anniversary of Lt.-Col. E. N. Wiliams (Patron of the Living) and Mrs. Wiliams.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)

On Wed., March 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6
ROGER LEIGH .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 4	ERNEST J. GOWER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. Treble	JOHN G. PUSEY .. 5
*EDGAR J. SMITH .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING .. 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	*CHARLES COLES .. 7
DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of London.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CARDIFF SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL (C.C.C. No. 15).

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	STANLEY JENNER .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	ROBERT COLLINS .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
ARTHUR J. HART .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 6
BRIAN J. LUFF .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part.

*A. JAMES GLASS .. Treble	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
†EDWARD S. T. FARR .. 2	*FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 6
†ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	JOHN D. KAPE .. 7
†WILLIAM F. BUTLER .. 4	*D. KENWYN WALTERS .. Tenor

Rung non-conducted and silent.

* First silent peal. † First non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PALMER WHITTILL .. Treble	R. JOHN MUNNINGS .. 5
ROGER L. K. WHITTILL .. 2	KEITH WHITTILL .. 6
CHARLES SHEMMINGS .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

CHARLES COLES .. Treble	RICHARD E. DEAN .. 5
CYRIL H. KINCH .. 2	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 6
HARRY W. BADGER .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. 7
ROBERT A. REEVES .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID HOARE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung immediately following the institution and induction of the Rev. R. J. Godfrey to this living.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID W. JAMES .. Treble	FRANK E. CROZIER .. 4
*JOHN GROOM .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal 'inside.'

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

BERNARD E. FROST .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4
DAVID W. JAMES .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. 5
STANLEY F. EARL .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble	ALEC GAMMON .. 3
CLIVE HOLLOWAY .. 2	ROY H. JONES .. 4
MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. Tenor	

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. John Hamilton Mortimer, M.A., for 46 years Vicar of this parish before retiring in 1951.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and five each of St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

FRANCES NEWMAN Treble	HAROLD E. RAXTER 4
LEONARD MILLS 2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE .. 5
COLIN B. LONGMORE 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* 25th peal. Most methods rung to a peal by all the band.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (six callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	CHARLES PHILLIPS 4
LESLIE H. COLOMBE 2	AUBREY J. PROBERT 5
REGINALD G. POWELL 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stanley John Vaughan Warner, whose induction took place this day.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) and (5) Cambridge Surprise, (2) and (6) Plain Bob, (3) and (7) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B. Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4
DONALD E. COBB 2	†HERBERT T. FERRIS .. 5
*D. JOHN HUNT 3	†ERIC J. HITCHENS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. COBB.

* First peal of Minor. † First in four methods.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 4
ALAN CLARKE 2	ROBERT F. DOWNING .. 5
BRENDA E. DOWNING .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

*RONALD K. RUSS .. Treble	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE 4
*†DONALD E. COBB 2	†HOWARD OGLESBY 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. ‡ 21st peal.

Arranged specially for the 21st birthday of H. Oglesby (Hitchin captain).

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

Rung in honour of St. David's Day.

GREAT HALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK .. Treble	PETER A. HILL 4
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 2	EDGAR A. COLE 5
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JAMES R. HOLMES .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

A birthday compliment to Edgar A. Cole.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELI,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*PHILIP M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	*DAVID PIKE 4
*MELVYN EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS .. 5
*JOHN D. RICKARDS 3	BRYAN J. JOHNS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN J. JOHNS.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 25 years. The tenor is believed to be the oldest ringable bell in Wales (c. 1440).

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Edwards.

MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 3,120 Grandsire and 1,920 Bob Doubles. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

ALEC GAMMON Treble	EDWARD VENN 3
*ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY 2	ROY H. JONES 4
ANDREW M. STUBBS .. Tenor	

Conducted by ANDREW M. STUBBS.

* First peal. First as conductor, and of Doubles. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Leslie Vandernoll Wright and Mrs. Wright

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	CHARLES W. DENYER .. 4
*PAULINE F. SPEACKLING .. 2	ALAN J. SMITH 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. SMITH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
MRS. J. RENDER 2	JOHN POTTS 5
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3	ALAN SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

WILLERSEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 82, 75 and 58).

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. Treble	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 4
†MICHAEL G. SELBY 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
*REV. ALBERT WEBB 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

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

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 BERWICK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*†DENNIS LAUD Treble	†RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
*†WILLIAM WENBAN 2	†ROBIN G. LEALE 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method. First in the method for the Association.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Ten callings.)

M. RUTH CHICK Treble	LESLIE V. MORRELL 4
ALAN G. COOK 2	W. RONALD TRICKEY 5
GORDON WALFORD 3	FRANCIS TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. RONALD TRICKEY.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 4
*HERBERT MITSON 2	RONALD W. STEWARD 5
IVAN COOPER 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in five methods.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double and Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Single Oxford.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DENISE SHALLCROSS Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	*ROGER KING 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	*GEOFFREY PARTING Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* The most methods yet rung to a peal 'inside'.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 31 methods, being one extent each of Datchet, Stowe Place, Uffington, St. Gregory, St. Andrew, St. Alphage, Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Martin, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. Winchendon Place, Rev. St. Nicholas, St. Julian, St. Faith's S.C., Union, St. Sebastian, Rev. All Saints, St. Bartholomew, St. Vedast and Huntspill, and two extents each of New Bob, St. Osmund, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain, Antelope and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JILL I. MARTIN Treble	PETER J. SHIPTON 4
PAMELA LATCHFORD 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD 3	HARRY F. CHURCHMAN Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 31 Doubles methods by all the band, and for the Association.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 150, 152 and 153,	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.
*ROGER MAHER Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4
*DONALD F. C. MALLOCH 2	*JOHN NELSON 5
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob and 1,440 St. Clement's College Bob.

SUSAN J. SLADE Treble	DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW 4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE 2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE 5
ANDREW GRANT 3	MICHAEL HATCHETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

HANDBELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 37, THORNES LANE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in B.

HOWARD SCOTT 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON 5-6
HAROLD CHANT 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7-8

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Rung to welcome Adrian Michael Moreton.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 24, 1959, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*GRAHAM T. BALL 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH 7-8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

J. REGINALD HEATH 1-2	ANTHONY R. MANN 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	THOMAS F. VARNEY 7-8

Arranged by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

The peal has only 57 calls.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN FREEMAN 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7-8

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 5, 1959, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*MICHAEL D. FROST 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS 3-4
JOYCE DODDS 5-6	

Conducted by MICHAEL D. FROST.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand' and as conductor.

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HALF PEALS

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 7th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. M. Ivinges 1, J. E. Ivinges 2, J. Gentleman 3, H. Ivinges 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Longest length for 1 and 3.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 31st, 2,526 Plain Bob Major: Susan J. Slade 1, Monica M. Blagrove 2, J. E. Camp 3, M. Hatchett 4, J. D. Dougall 5, D. C. Bartholomew 6, A. J. Glass 7, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 8. For the patronal festival.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes 1, Miss J. Dear 2, C. A. S. Harwood 3, L. Hughes 4, E. G. Buck 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, P. Flack 7, D. Sutcliffe (cond.) 8.

BLO-NORTON, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman (first quarter) 1, R. Foreman 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5, A. W. Foreman 6. First in method for 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Saxton 1, M. J. Cooper 2, C. Wright 3, Caroline Collier 4, A. Keller 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, D. Cooper 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Walter Allwood, interred this day at Chesterfield.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 9th, 1,344 Siedman Triples: Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 1, R. J. Bowden 2, F. J. Sampson 3, D. J. Hunt 4, J. Brain 5, F. D. Mack 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, B. A. Shackleton 8.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Lumley (first quarter) 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, R. J. Lumley 4, P. M. Dawson 5, J. Rhodes (first as cond.) 6. For evening service.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss E. L. Badcock 3, P. G. Badcock 4, M. G. Swift 5, C. J. Shepherd (first in method as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Damen 1, Miss C. Smith 2, Miss W. Harewood 3, Miss T. Barnett 4, E. H. Amey 5, D. Cox 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. J. Mills (first quarter) 1, W. Chandler 2, A. Jackson (cond.) 3, M. J. Martin 4, A. Berry 5, R. Turner 6. Also on Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss M. Bryant 1, M. J. Martin 2, W. Chandler 3, A. Berry 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, G. Davenport 6. For Mothering Sunday and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Chandler.

CHESTER.—On Mar. 8th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Denise Shallcross 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, J. S. Dean 3, A. B. Clove 4, R. King 5, J. T. Tiltson 6, G. Parting 7, P. Swindley 8. For Evensong.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Rosemary Callow (first quarter) 1, R. Bryant 2, R. W. Sayers 3, R. Woodyatt 4, A. Morgan (cond.) 5, P. Poole 6, H. Homans 7, D. Gerrard 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CLYST HONTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire with 12 changes of method): Miss A. Christie (first of Spliced) 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, J. Salway 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Reiter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Reiter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 720 Single Oxford): H. Hooper 1, M. White 2, Marjorie Legg 3, D. White 4, K. Prime 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jordan 1, P. Davies 2, G. W. Bishop 3, J. H. Napper (first quarter) 4, D. Bosley 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, J. C. Napper 8.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Siedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Watt 1, D. Cobb 2, Monica Horseman 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, F. Neate 5, E. Light 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Mar. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Diann W. Hand (first quarter) 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, D. Oakshort (first on 10) 3, D. G. Spittle 4, A. S. Besant 5, Margaret Slack (first 'inside') 6, Janet M. Besant 7, Virginia Roff 8, J. C. Davidge 9, L. D. Kingswood 10. For adult Confirmation.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Joyce 1, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 2, R. H. Mills 3, Miss E. Taussig 4, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 5, W. W. Wright 6.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Mar. 8th, 1959 Grandsire Triples (a date touch): B. Lee 1, D. Young 2, Elaine Richardson 3, P. Crook (cond.) 4, J. Thornley 5, N. Tompkins 6, O. Davies 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung to the honoured memory of Geoffrey H. Howard, late church treasurer.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Byford (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Brown (first quarter) 2, Rosemary K. Hayward 3, B. Lawes (first 'inside') 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. Lewis 6.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, F. White 3, J. Burgess 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung muffled to the memory of Mr. Harry Nutt, who had been one of the company for many years.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivinges 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, J. Ivinges 3, H. Fuller 4, H. Ivinges 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. For evening service.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Stenning (first quarter) 1, S. F. Haffenden 2, R. Wilson 3, M. Newth 4, H. C. Weaver (cond.) 5, R. Parton 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the tower captain, Mr. S. F. Haffenden, on completing 20 years' service as vergier.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): C. Mann 1, G. W. Barber 2, W. Mills 3, F. W. Shynn 4, E. J. Shynn (cond.) 5, P. C. Sayer (83) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. E. Seager.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Hunnisett 1, E. Breed 2, Miss S. Ford 3, N. Matthews 4, A. Goldsmith (first as cond.) 5, H. Goldsmith 6. For evening service.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, W. W. Webb 2, Miss G. Harbour (first 'inside') 3, Miss P. Ravner 4, P. Ruch 5, P. Beiridge (cond.) 6, G. Ruck 7, G. W. Golding 8. For Evensong.

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HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Miss E. J. Langton 1, Miss A. M. Trout 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, E. Fosberry 4, D. R. Mitchell 5, J. Smith 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. For Evensong.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Mrs. A. E. Cox 1, A. E. Cox 2, A. Foxall 3, N. Cornwall 4, D. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biges (cond.) 7, R. Schofield 8. For Confirmation service.

KELLY, DEVON.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Boucher (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy (cond.) 4, W. Manning (first 'inside') 5, T. Kerslake 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Jim Egging.

KILBURTON, YORKS.—1,260 Treble Bob Minor (600 Kent, 720 Oxford): C. Lockwood (first quarter) 1, J. W. Buxton 2, F. Cowling 3, S. Ramsden 4, H. Rusby 5, T. Tarbatt (cond.) 6. In honour of the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Judith Harding 1, P. I. Chapman 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, M. Hawkes 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, M. R. Rose 6, R. J. Trebilcock 7, D. E. Sibson 8, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 9, J. V. Temple 10. First on 10 for 1, 4, 5, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Clements 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Ann Bacon 3, Ann Sweeney 4, N. Smith 5, J. Orme 6, J. Russell 7, E. Doel 8. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. William Chalk, former captain of St. Martin's and vice-chairman of the Salisbury branch.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: J. C. Baldwin (first as cond.) 1, C. Korrigh 2, J. H. Gilbert 3, Mrs. R. Korrigh 4, M. J. Austin 5, Mary Powell 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline Wilkinson 1, Ann Culpin (cond.) 2, B. V. Hart (first away from tenor) 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris 5, Janet Wilkinson (first quarter) 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 St. Clement's): Mrs. P. Mills 1, Miss A. Pryke 2, F. Harvey 3, I. Cooper 4, P. W. Mills (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 6th, 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire Doubles: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Sandra Lewis 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, C. J. Turner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Lady Edna Beatrice Williams, widow of Sir Seymour Williams, upon the day of her funeral.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tidey 1, Miss S. Shackell 2, M. Head 3, R. F. Verrall 4, B. J. Barber 5, C. R. Longhurst (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

WEST HAM, E.—On Mar. 8th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: S. Penfold 1, D. Mitchell 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, J. Carrott 4, M. Bland 5, J. Fowler 6, J. McPhail 7, A. J. Salisbury 8, T. East 9, I. S. Woods 10. For Mothering Sunday.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Farmer (first quarter) 1, Miss E. A. Trindall (first 'inside') 2, P. A. Oram 3, H. C. Burt 4, C. H. Grindley (first as cond.) 5, J. F. Heigh (first quarter) 6. Rung as an appreciation to Mr. Farmer for his many services to the church and tower.

WIGGONHALL, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. V. Bowen 1, A. Bridges 2, C. Cousins, jun., 3, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 4, P. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Jill Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gagen.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bagworth 1, Susan J. Rawlings (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Susan L. Jacobs 4, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, F. E. Corfield 7, E. C. Jacobs 8. For Evensong.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Southern District

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at St. Leonard's Church, Wortley, on February 21st. This church, in a small village famous as the seat of the Earl of Wharnccliffe, is a familiar landmark as it stands adjacent a rather dangerous 'S' bend on the main Sheffield to Huddersfield road. Despite the infrequency of buses and the fact that the trains no longer stop at Wortley Station, nearly 40 members and friends turned up and a good meeting was enjoyed by all.

The Vicar (Rev. F. V. Robinson) was at the tower door all afternoon welcoming members and making sure the long ladder to the belfry wasn't overburdened with too many on at once. He also showed ringers round the church when the tiny belfry got overcrowded, and all this personal attention was very much appreciated. The Vicar is very keen to have this light ring of eight bells fully manned once again, but recruitment is rather a problem in such a sparsely populated village. The bells are, however, rung on Sundays, a practice held on Thursday evenings, and any outside assistance would be warmly welcomed.

No meeting has been held, or a peal been rung on these bells for some years, but they responded very well in all methods from rounds and call-changes to Bristol Surprise.

A tea was provided in the Day School, and thanks are due to the Vicar and Mrs. Robinson for making the arrangements, which were by no means easy as there is no church hall, and this was their first experience ever of a ringers' meeting.

The Vicar, who took the chair at the business meeting, opened with a word of welcome. There

was no controversial business, and the secretary announced that certain propositions mentioned in the minutes had been accepted by the general committee and would be fully discussed at their next meeting in March. Miss Janette Howes-Smith, of Harthill, was elected to membership of the Association. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised the sum of £1 0s. 3d. It was proposed that the annual meeting of the District be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on May 16th. Mr. N. Chaddock proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and local company, and in response the Vicar said it was he who should thank the company for visiting Wortley, as this was a new experience to him which he had thoroughly enjoyed, and he had learned a lot about ringers and ringing.

The number was further increased on returning to the tower by the arrival of a contingent of members of the Sheffield and Leeds University Societies who had been holding a joint meeting at St. Mary's, Barnsley, and finished early. The bells were, therefore, kept particularly busy with some good ringing until this successful meeting ended at nearly 9 o'clock.

J. J. L. G.

RINGERS' RHYME

(With apologies to the Wool Secretariat)

The peal is lost! The ringers stand
Aghast at him who's failed the band.
'I lost my place, my feet is froze:
'I can't keep warm in cotton clo'es!'
So teach your learners ere they pull:
There is *no* substitute for WOOL!

D. S.

B.B.C. TELEVISE RINGING

The B.B.C. sent a T.V. team to film the ringing at Baldock (Herts) on March 4th. The ringers were asked to be there, so they came, the only absences being due to illnesses. Two friends of the Guild also arrived. The result was that there were at least 15 ringers as well as the T.V. staff. Actually, only eight ringers were needed, but the B.B.C. had not realised what the response would be!

The film was for a feature programme in Wednesday Magazine—to be shown between 2.45 and 3.30 on March 25th—and the chief interest seemed to be the wide age range of the ringers, from June Dear who is 12, to Mr. E. Bradfield who will be 83 very soon. These were interviewed after Mr. E. G. Buck (the tower captain) and Mr. P. Mehew. The ringing was very short, only a few changes of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and a brief demonstration of learning to handle a bell. Nine-and-a-half hours were spent to obtain material for a film which will probably last only ten minutes or a quarter of an hour.

Why did the B.B.C. choose Baldock? It is believed that Baldock was chosen on the recommendation of the Rev. J. Catterick, of Ashwell, who has helped the B.B.C. in other matters; but Baldock is not too far from London, and that was a factor. The facts that the Baldock Guild are capable of ringing Surprise, that the octave is the heaviest in Hertfordshire, and that the church is attractive do not appear to have weighed very heavily in the selection.

J. S.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Henson (first quarter) 1, R. Bassett 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, K. Wagstaff 4, M. Colton 5, A. Colton 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, P. Horne (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

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There will be great interest in the television broadcast in the National network of a service from St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, on Sunday, March 22nd. The bells will be heard at 9.25 a.m.

Mr. Ronald I. Shepherd, of 5, Kenilworth Gardens, Staines, Middlesex, has accommodation in his car for London area ringers going to Dillington House bell-ringing course.

Six boys from Rotherham Grammar School rang Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles on the bells of Rotherham Parish Church for the schools and founder's day service on March 5th.

Mr. C. M. Heathcote, hon. treasurer of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, who has been recuperating in South Africa after a serious illness, is expected home in time for the Association's annual meeting at Blackwell on Easter Monday.

From Beaworthy, Devon, we hear that Mr. J. L. Queen has a promising band of boys, who although they have only been ringing four months rang about 1,400 rounds and call-changes for Matins on St. David's Day. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minimus are being persevered with.

Some 28 years ago a peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Lifton. In that peal were W. A. T. Brimacombe and J. H. Benoy, with W. Ball (now in Tasmania). After years of silence, with the help of Mr. W. Harvey the Lifton band have rung three quarter peals. Our quarter peal columns record their visit to Kelly, where in 1865 was rung by the Kelly Society 'a true and complete peal of three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, being the greatest number of changes in the scientific or half-pull system ever rung in Devon by men of the county.' The ringers on that occasion were Maitland Kelly, J. Yole (conductor), E. Yole, B. Bloomfield, F. Yole and J. Willcock.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Last August, just two years after being instituted Rector of St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, Cornwall, the Rev. H. E. Hosking had the joy of seeing his ring of eight bells (except the seventh) recast and rededicated. He is now to be congratulated on ringing his first peal on them. It is good, too, to see the name of one of his churchwardens, Mr. A. H. Eplett, in the peal columns again.

Central Council members and wives are being entertained to dinner by the Lancashire Association on Whit Monday at Southport. Details of the attractive programme arranged will be published next week.

The recast bells of Bishop Latimer Church, Birmingham, will ring out on Easter Day. Originally an eight from Robert Wells, of Albourne, they have been recast into seven bells, and another bell in the tower has been retuned and retained as the fifth of the new ring. The new tenor is 14 cwt. 8 lb.

Prior to the 21st birthday peal at Hitcham, in the presence of the peal band and churchwardens the Rector (Rev. A. W. James) presented Howard Oglesby with a travelling case, not only as a birthday present but in recognition of his valuable work in connection with the church in addition to his duties as captain in the belfry. The party was held on the following day.

Over the last 12 months a group of 'Doubles' enthusiasts in the Taunton Deanery have been ringing quite a few peals of Doubles and have become known locally as 'Walford and his Rhythm Boys.' On February 21st they rang a peal of Bob Doubles at Luppitt (Devon), but it seems that the conductor was so engrossed in the ringing that he forgot when to call 'That's all.' An account of the peal in the 'Western Morning Times' read that they rang 55,040 changes.

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THE HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

ARE A FEW FALSE CHANGES PERMISSIBLE?

CANON F. F. Guy Warman, Vicar of Aston, who was recently elected a vice-president of the St. Martin's Guild, was in the chair for the 71st annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on March 7th.

The speeches were to the point and dealt with matters of concern and controversy to the Exercise at large.

The toast of 'The late Henry Johnson' was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, who said 70 years after his death it was very difficult to assess Henry Johnson's value to the ringing world.

He was born in 1809 and died just a little before his 81st birthday, so his life span was almost the 19th century. His first peal was rung at Aston in 1830 and his last in the same tower 54 years later. In all, he rang 139 peals. This was no mean achievement for those days, as probably only four or five ringers had previously reached 100 peals.

OF GREAT MERIT

He was a practical ringer, and in May, 1842, he conducted Thurstan's Four-part—the first time it was ever rung. Jasper Snowdon, in his first edition of 'Stedman', frequently acknowledged Johnson's help in piecing together the early history of Stedman ringing. He had many compositions of great merit; to quote one—26,016 of Stedman Caters, the whole 240 courses in Tittums without a bell fixed in seconds, Snowdon says: 'It will have become evident that the composition of a peal without a bell fixed in seconds at the course end is a matter of some difficulty. The result of this has been . . . there are not many true peals with more than one bell in the position in question. But there stands one—as Sir Arthur Heywood calls it, "a magnificent composition"—pre-eminent above all others. It is the work of that grand composer Mr. Henry Johnson, and was produced in 1856, though never published until 1891.'

The dinner they were attending that evening was instituted during his lifetime—and it was not often that a man was so honoured. The first dinner was held on the eve of his 77th birthday, in 1876, on the suggestion of Charles Henry Hattersley, and the chairman at that time was the Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, who was a practical ringer and the genius behind that hand which opened up Surprise ringing in the 1880's. He did not think he could do better than quote the address that was presented to him:—

'To Mr. Henry Johnson, sen.

'Dear Sir,—In presenting you with this portrait on behalf of your friends, admirers and brother ringers in Birmingham and throughout England, we feel we are making an inadequate acknowledgment of the invaluable time, immense labour and unwearying devotion of a lifetime which has been given to furthering the noble art and science of change-ringing.

'Your skill as a practical ringer and conductor, accompanied by your earnest desire to cultivate a high standard of excellence and good taste for true and correct ringing has not only been appreciated by your associates but is acknowledged throughout the Exercise.

'As a composer you have few compeers in the science, whether in the past or present, your compositions being marked by an originality and special merit which will commend them to the admiration of posterity, and will secure to your name a lustre as enduring as the art you have so well loved and so immensely benefited.

'Throughout an illustrious career, extending through more than half a century, your

urbanity of manner and willingness to render the assistance so frequently asked for has won for you a deep and universal feeling of respect and esteem.

'That your declining years may be blessed with a well-earned repose, and be brightened by a sense of the appreciation which this presentation is intended to convey, is the sincere wish of the many subscribers on whose behalf we have the honour to address you.'

The toast was drunk in silence.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild' was given by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. He said the Guild had been singularly fortunate in securing the right men for the job. He had seen some great men in the office of secretary—like Mr. Godden, Ald. Patton Smith and Mr. Reeves—and it would not be long before Mr. Geo. Fearn would have completed 20 years in office.

MORALITY IN RINGING

Mr. Smallwood said he had attended these dinners for over half a century, and he had heard many men speak of the merits and sterling character of Henry Johnson. He was a man who would have nothing to do with anything that was not true and would shun anything that was false. There were perhaps people today with not the same high ideals—and think a few false changes did not matter very much and could be glossed over. He hoped the day would never come when that was accepted, and they would always stand for a high code of morality, which had played such a big part in their peal ringing.

Johnson had to do all his work on his own—he had no text books to consult like present composers. It seemed to him that some of the present composers had slipped up rather badly and there had been a great deal of painful heart-searching over spliced ringing. They did not know how many false peals had been rung but there were some who were unwilling to withdraw those peals. It was a question of morality, and he hoped he would never live to see the day when false peals would be tolerated. He personally did not like spliced ringing and thought ringers should be satisfied with a straightforward method.

The Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, who replied, thanked the company for the toast of the continued prosperity of the Guild. 'We like to feel that we are prosperous, and I think we are. We have a great number of peals rung and they are peals of very good quality. We have some excellent young folk coming along and some very fine ringers to take our places when we have to give up. I should like to mention John Anderson. It does not seem long when he came to us for elementary instruction, and now we find him turning the tenor to Spliced Surprise.'

They had just seen the new bells arrive at Bishop Latimer's Church; and what a difference they were from the artificiality in two towers in Staffordshire where an apparatus to simulate the sound of bells was introduced.

RINGING PART OF THE SERVICE

There were two forms of prosperity—material and spiritual. With regard to ringers' connection with the Church, he liked to think that ringing was not something that took place just before the service. He had always held that ringing was part of the service. He knew that ringers did not attend all the services they rang for, but many attended services, and if they were members of the choir they had a bigger advantage still. He commended to them the advice given in the Beginner's Handbook.

During the past year they had pleasure in noting that 'Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham' had celebrated their diamond wedding. They wished

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The third session of the 23rd Council (62nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1959, at the Palace Hotel, Southampton.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council must be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 7th, 1959.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

their good friend Mr. Albert Walker and dear Mrs. Walker every happiness. They had also noted that Ald. Paddon Smith had retired, and they would soon see him competing in growing vegetable marrows with 92, Etwell Road. Two fine old ringers had passed over in Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Herbert Knight.

Mr. Frank W. Perrins, who proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' had a special word of welcome to the Rev. C. Smyth, Vicar of Bishop Latimer's Church, and also to members of the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World.'

'STATISTICITIS'

They had today a number of ringers who were suffering from 'statisticitis.' They seemed to pay so much attention to figures and he was wondering whether the statistics published in their journal were not partly to blame. They rang peals for their own pleasure. Having rung a peal, they should have gained some benefit from it in helping to raise the standard of their ringing. Whether the peal was true or false they had some benefit in improving their ringing, which to him seemed more important than putting the performance down as a peal.

He wondered about the standard of some of their footnotes. If a footnote represented the progress of a band or individual it was of some value; but what was the worth of footnotes like '25th peal together,' '100th peal in 100 different towers'? He would also suggest cutting out footnotes like 'circling the tower.' He often wondered if the peal would not have been better if the person was not so keen on 'circling the tower.'

Mr. Perrins concluded with a special welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, and thanked them for their work for the Exercise.

LEARNERS!

Mr. Paul L. Taylor, who replied, said a few days after Bishop Latimer's bells were hung, the bell-hanger played a few hymn tunes on the bells. The next day Mr. Geo. Fearn and his band tested the bells. The Vicar asked an old lady if she liked the bells. She replied in the affirmative, and added: 'They don't ring any tunes. I suppose they are learners.'

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. Frank E. Haynes and acknowledged by the Editor, who stated that the journal made a profit in the past year. Drives to publicise the journal had been made in the Barnsley area and also in the Coventry Guild. He would be pleased to help any District or Guild with specimen copies. The past year had witnessed an increase in circulation.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Mr. Albert Walker, who said that Canon Warman had been a good friend of the ringers since he came to Birmingham. He had Henry Johnson's stone erected in Aston Churchyard. Mr. Walker concluded that he had attended 60 Dinners; they had had many good chairmen but not one better than Canon Warman.

The chairman, in reply, said the Guild had been most kind in electing him a vice-president, which he felt was a great honour.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY AT DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Oxford University Society took place on February 7th in Oxford.

Of the ringing the writer knows little, having carried 'distance lends enchantment' to its ultimate conclusion; but some knowledge has been gleaned on reputable authority.

Christ Church, with its corrugated iron case (one of the few things that isn't smooth within its precincts), was the first tower on the programme, from 2 to 3 p.m., and here ringing included half a course of Cambridge Maximus. New College (3.30 to 4.30) produced Cambridge Royal, and Magdalen (4.30 to 5.30) a half course of Yorkshire Royal. St. Ebbe's and St. Thomas' also were in use during the afternoon for those who wanted to visit the less salubrious parts of the city or see the railway station. Ringing at the University Church (the writer heard part of what sounded like a good rise in peal) lasted from 5.30 to 6.30, and was followed by the service.

The dinner was held in the Union, 8 for 8.30, and again at 8.30 for 9 when the steward still found his dining room in a state of chaos. The appearance of the meal coincided with the disappearance of one who shall be nameless.

The president (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) proposed the toast of 'The Queen,' and wishing, quite reasonably, to return home the same night, called upon Mr. Stephen Ivins to propose the toast of 'The Visitors.'

In a rather subdued tone, no doubt influenced by the presence of his fiancée and a port decanter, Mr. Ivins welcomed Dr. Lee (Vicar of St. Mary's), Dr. Sutton (senior member of the Society), Roger Keeley (Master of the London University Society), Hugh Neill and Stan Hood (Master and secretary of the Cambridge University Guild), Pat Bird (Master of the Bristol University Society), Walter Judge (Master of the Oxford Society) and Ted Moore (captain of All Saints, Oxford).

The speaker made one unfortunate comparison between himself and the Cambridge University Guild, both appearing to have a predilection for publicity, and he warned the Guild against the advisability of ringing compositions by its own members, should the desire to take up serious peal ringing make itself apparent.

Roger Keeley replied on behalf of the visitors, and after suitable flattery (which is always the host's reward) he informed us of his schooldays and holidays with Stephen's better half, which, although hardly relevant, caused some amusement. Mr. Keeley always obliges with a competent delivery.

Mr. R. A. Jackson regaled us with a 'back-to-the-wall' toast to 'The Church,' and provided a commendable impromptu speech—atoningly to some extent for his left-over-right propensities.

Dr. Lee replied, and encouraged us with the thought that ringers are bound with a unity which congregations would do well to follow. However unworthy we were to receive these remarks, we did so with gratitude to Dr. Lee for them and an excellent speech.

Hugh Neill, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, proposing the toast of 'The Society,' having had the words taken out of his mouth by Mr. Keeley, resorted to the only course left open to him, and associated himself with the latter's remarks.

AN INTERRUPTION

This he did absolutely and provoked some personal comments on his schooldays. It was during the delivery that we learnt of the activities of ex-O.U.S. stalwart Dermot Roaf in Cambridge; this indefatigable champion of justice and democracy appears to be guiding the C.U.G. at last on to the straight and narrow, after a considerable period in the wilderness.

Mr. Neill was interrupted by the prolonged ringing of an alarm clock (no prizes for guessing the owner, who held the offending object aloft to add effect to his subtlety).

A most eagerly awaited moment coincided with the elevation of the Master, Mr. James Pailing (or Jim, to his friends) to reply.

Having shattered the feminine company (he's not just a pretty face), he indicated the success he was achieving in the field of natural selection, and we were delighted to learn that the number of the opposite sex being instructed in New College beltry was increasing each time.

After a verbal tangle (in which the verb was lost) there followed a eulogy on Mr. Ivins which sounded, and probably was, sincere; it was indeed justifiable, and his help to the Society in the realm of spliced ringing cannot be lightly overlooked by anyone who wishes to advance in the art. In his survey of the year's ringing the Master mentioned the advance in Spliced Surprise and the peal in 12 methods rung at Dorchester.

An inordinate amount of quarter peals were rung and attendance and personal performances had been satisfactory.

After the speeches the company, mellowed and congenial, talked and rang handbells with varying success until midnight, when those remaining made their way to various parts of the city.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

Despite the unfavourable weather, an enjoyable meeting was held at Chertsey on March 7th, and was attended by about 50 ringers, including several from outside the District.

Following the service, conducted by the Rev. G. S. Archibald, tea was served in the Church Hall by the local ringers. A discussion was held on the subject of junior ringers' subscriptions and voting rights. Three new members—two from Esher and one from Chobham—were elected, and thanks were expressed for the excellent tea, and also to Mr. G. Lodge who has worked so hard in order to keep a band together to ring this difficult eight.

Before returning to the church, Mr. Harold Rogers and his family, from Isleworth, put many people to shame by their impressive performance on the handbells. Ringing continued until 8.45 p.m. in methods ranging from Grand-sire to Cambridge.

AMENDE HONORABLE

Dear Sir.—The Rabbits' Guild must beg a little of your space as an *amende honorable* for your printer's error. The suggested emblem for a possible section of Rabbit Ringing Masters is a rabbit not couchant but coachant.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. W. D.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

(Continued)

LOOKING TO YOUTH

Speaking not only to St. Martin's Guild but to the craft in general, the Canon said while they looked to the old men who had good, expert skill, the people to whom they really looked without any disparagement to the older ones were the young ones; and it was important that every possible measure should be taken to see that the Exercise moved with the times. There were certain things that could never pass away, but if a young person learnt what had gone in the past and became skilful, he would want to go forward and do something new. He thought it was extremely important. He did not know anything about Spliced Surprise, but if it was not a good thing it would die a natural death; if it was a good thing it would continue. He hoped the St. Martin's Guild would go from strength to strength.

As usual there was handbell ringing, but Stedman Cinques unfortunately did not come home, and Stedman Caters (a good touch) was rung.

The arrangements for the dinner were made by Mr. George E. Fearn with his usual efficiency.

THE COMPANY

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JUNIORS AND VOTING RIGHTS

Dear Sir.—At a recent quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, a proposed alteration to rule was put forward for consideration at the forthcoming annual meeting. If this proposition is carried, it will have the effect of withholding the right to vote at meetings from all junior members of the Guild, i.e., those under 18 years of age.

The fact that there is a real danger of this alteration being made effective is causing those of us with large numbers of young people attached to our towers a good deal of concern and anxiety. We feel that the younger ringing members of the Guild have just as much a right to voice their opinions in the running of it as the more established members, and that once this right is denied them their interest will flag and the very future of the Guild be imperilled.

Our opponents—among them a vice-president of the Guild—claim that in the past a few of us with large numbers of youngsters at our disposal have been influencing these youngsters' votes to our own advantage, and they are using this as their main objection to the present system.

There is, of course, a certain amount of truth in their claim. But surely it is the privilege of any instructor of young people to guide them along the lines he has found by personal experience to be the best. The assertion that we do this merely to our own advantage is, of course, ludicrous.

To some, this may seem a trivial domestic affair, but to us it is a very real problem. It would be interesting to hear what other ringers think on the subject, and whether other Guilds have experienced the same difficulties.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN VERNON.

Stoney Stanton, Leics.

Note.—The Guildford Diocesan Guild, where junior members have not the vote, will consider at its annual meeting the abolition of junior membership, thus conferring equal voting rights.—Ed.

RECORDINGS OF BELLS

Dear Sir.—The following is an extract from a list of special recordings made by E.M.I. The records are single-sided, 78 r.p.m., and cost 7s. 6d. plus 3s. 5d. tax. Postage and packing is 3s. 3d. for one to four records, and they are available from: Special Recordings Department, E.M.I. Records Limited, 3, Abbey Road, London, N.W.8.

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Ditto with bourdon	3 25	EP72

Recordings of fire bells, cow bells, etc., are also available.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. EVENDEN.

Malvern, Wores.

TWO SIMULTANEOUS PEALS

Dear Sir.—In reply to R. N. Pitman (see your issue of March 6th), I have not yet to my knowledge condemned record peal attempts, or the hobby of regular peal ringing. In fact, I am one of those who have already rung a number of peals, both tower and handbell, each of which included non-conducted peals, which may by some people be regarded as 'stunts.' But let us face up to the facts of the 'simultaneous' handbell peals.

Whilst the ringers in question certainly held a handbell in each hand, they struck both bells in the same place at the same time, thereby reducing the mental effort to the task of keeping both bells in the same place, which reduces considerably the skill of ringing two handbells, and is not by any stretch of imagination the generally accepted way of ringing a pair of handbells in a peal or peals.

As regards the claim that Sunday service ringing will benefit, I know there have been, and still are—for which I have every admiration—ringers capable of ringing two tower bells, but I trust not 'simultaneously.' Nor do I want to hear 6-bell peals rung at a 12-bell tower on the same principle as the 'simultaneous' handbell peals, neither Sunday nor Monday.

Why do not all concerned face up to the facts and admit that ringing two 'simultaneous' handbell peals was an attempt to hoax peal, or all, of the ringing fraternity that a feat, not a 'stunt,' had been performed?—Yours, etc.,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

RANDWICK, GLOS

Dear Sir.—In reply to the query in Belfry Gossip from Randwick, N.S.W., Australia. There are four bells at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Randwick, Glos (tenor about 8 cwt.). My wife's father was a ringer at this church about 70 years ago. These bells were rehung in 1908 in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and go well. About 1929 I was ringing for Sunday service when the Rev. Mr. Cakebread, Vicar of Randwick, N.S.W., who was on a visit to this country, took the service at the Mother Church, and on his return to N.S.W. a stone was removed from the church of Randwick, Glos, to be placed in the church of Randwick, N.S.W.

My wife and eldest son were born in this parish.—Yours sincerely,

A. LESLIE BARRY.

Gloucester.

Mr. E. T. Paul Field and Mr. P. N. Bond are also thanked for their replies.—Ed.

ONE CWT. DIFFERENCE

Dear Sir.—Two reports of peals rung at St. Peter's Church, Burnham, Buckinghamshire, give a difference of 1 cwt. in the weight of the tenor. One report gives this as 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb., the other report says 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. As the same ringer rang the tenor on each occasion, perhaps he found it easier to turn in to Superlative than to ring behind to Stedman.—Yours sincerely,

H. HALL.

Southgate.

SOUTHWARK TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir.—On a recent Saturday afternoon the following conversation between the writer (sitting in the barber's chair) and his hairdresser disturbed the momentary silence.

Barber: You're interested in campanology? I see you are wearing a bell-ringer's badge.

F.M.: Yes. Are you a ringer too?

Barber: No, not now. Where do you ring?

F.M.: At Burghill Church.

Barber: What 'peals' do you ring there?

F.M.: Usually Stedman and Grandsire on Sundays.

Barber: Do you ring Treble Bob? It is a very pretty peal.

F.M.: Do you mean Kent Treble Bob?

Barber: No, Southwark Treble Bob.

F.M.: Afraid I'm not familiar with that method.

Barber: Southwark Treble Bob is very popular in the south and is rung quite frequently there. It is a very pretty peal.

The writer could find no reference to Southwark Treble Bob in any of his books on bell-ringing other than 'Snowdon's,' and wondered if this method is considered pretty musically and whether it is popular with ringers in the South of England.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Herefordshire.

P.S.—Snowdon writes: 'The method (Southwark) . . . bases itself on London Surprise'; and in the latest edition of 'Standard Methods' we read that the music London Surprise (Major) produces is poor.—F. M.

JUST OVER THE BOUNDARY

Dear Sir.—May I apologise to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for ringing in a peal at Staines, Middlesex, for another territorial Association on February 14th.

Someone asked for which Association the peal was to be rung before we began, and I understood that it was to be a Middlesex peal. I should certainly not have started for it had I thought otherwise.

The custom, which has grown up in the Exercise, of regarding such peals as a slight on the Association in whose territory they are rung, is not a good one, but no one can deny that it exists.

Perhaps it would embarrass the other members of the band to have to deny openly or admit that this is an insult, so I will not ask them to do so, but as I have no quarrel with the Middlesex Association myself, I felt bound to state my own position and retreat as gracefully as possible from any battle which may be ensuing.—Yours faithfully,

M. P. MORETON.

Westminster, S.W.

SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir.—In reply to the two questions addressed to me by Mr. Rogers in his letter to the 'R.W.', March 6th, I should like to give the following information: (1) The number of changes which repeated in his peal of Cambridge and Superlative was 51; (2) I don't know, but none to my knowledge.—Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Scawthorpe.

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HINCKLEY DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER

A DEPRESSING little industrial township of South Leicestershire, is how the guide books describe the ancient parish of St. Mary's, Hinckley; but there was certainly nothing very depressing about the weather on February 28th, when some 120 ringers and friends gathered for the 12th annual dinner of the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, which was being held there for the first time.

The Parish Hall was beautifully prepared and decorated by the local ringers and an excellent meal was served. Those present included the Vicar of Hinckley (Rev. Mr. Platt) and Mrs. Platt, the Rural Dean (Rev. E. L. Fisher) and the two vice-presidents of the Guild, Mr. E. C. Turner and Mr. P. J. Staniforth.

The District chairman (Mr. Frank Measures) reviewed the past year's activities in the District with satisfaction. He spoke of the recent survey of ringing and ringers, which had been taken throughout the diocese, remarking that the Hinckley District, with its 26 towers and over 200 active ringers, was the equal of any in the Guild.

The Vicar, in welcoming the ringers to Hinckley, spoke of the revival of interest in ringing which had taken place at his own tower in recent years, and of the excellent support he received from his own band, both in the tower and in many other forms of Church work. He had, he said, realised the value of having so many pretty girls among his ringers; they made recruitment a lot less difficult and appeared to attract from local towers a great deal of useful talent, particularly of the male variety, on practice nights. He likened the relationship of ringers and clergy to that of the nuptial state, saying that while they did not always see eye to eye, they did as a rule get on quite well together.

The two vice-presidents both spoke of the warm welcome that they and their wives always received from the District. Mr. Turner recalled the very first dinner 12 years previous, when two halls had been hired to get around the rationing restrictions then in force.

Concluding, Mr. Measures, on behalf of the company, thanked Mr. Ballard and the local ringers for the excellent arrangements they had made.

A band had been engaged for the social evening, and dancing was arranged to suit all tastes, from the old tyme military two-steps to some remarkable variations of the modern cha cha. A competition to find the District Belle Queen was keenly contested, and Miss Anne M. Deacon, of Cadeby, was chosen the winner.

Mr. Gordon Bailey, of Burbage, assisted by his daughter, entertained with their whistling act, and despite the lateness of the hour, a well-struck course of Stedman Caters was rendered on handbells by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1-2, J. Vernon 3-4, P. J. Staniforth 5-6, A. Ballard 7-8 and M. Vernon 9-10.

With the release of large numbers of streamers and balloons towards midnight the proceedings developed into a minor carnival, concluding what was once again a most enjoyable occasion. M. V.

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH

An appeal for £7,500 to complete the repairs to the stonework of Rotherham Parish Church—mainly the tower—has been launched. Already £5,000 has been spent on the south face of the tower during 1958. So far there has been no interference with ringing.

The clock has been overhauled and partially electrified by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Leeds. The four huge cast-iron faces are also being reconstructed.

CUDDESDON THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Since the 1930's the Principals of Cuddesdon have encouraged their students to take an active interest in ringing, with the result that there are at the present time a number of clergy who, if they do no active ringing, at least have some knowledge of the rudiments of change-ringing and of belfry care and maintenance. There are other past students of the College who are taking an active part in the ringing in their own parishes and Diocesan Associations.

In the immediate post-war years, when the majority of students had seen war service, there was a keen and enthusiastic band who received great encouragement from the present Bishop of Lincoln (at that time Principal of Cuddesdon) and from the Chaplain (now the Principal). That band, among whom was the present president of the Bath and Wells Association, succeeded in ringing a quarter peal with the help of an outside conductor before they left, although most of them had no previous knowledge of ringing before they entered Cuddesdon. During the ensuing years the standard reached varied with each succeeding year and with the amount of time which the students were able to devote to ringing.

At the present time there are 55 students in the College. Of these, 29 can handle a bell, 24 can ring rounds and 7 can plain hunt, while 5 are ringing Bob Doubles. At the beginning of August, 1958, only one of the band had any knowledge of change-ringing, although three or four had some idea of what 'plain hunting' meant. It speaks well for the band that with very little outside help and encouragement they have progressed so far during the past six months that one has learned to conduct touches and that they can now ring 120's without any help from outside.

In addition to the weekly practices, several Saturday outings have been arranged, and at these help has been given by the 'rabble from over the river.'

Two members of the band are also actively engaged in acting as technicians for a teaching filmstrip for use both in the College and by the producer. This filmstrip is aimed at showing correct handling of a bell and for demonstrating the care and maintenance of bells, methods of soundproofing, etc. A. S. D. G.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

Attendance at the meeting at Norton on March 7th was poor—the weather was discouraging—but the ringing was quite good. Bristol Surprise being rung, as well as the more common methods.

The Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon conducted the service; tea, arranged by Mrs. H. Werrett and her friend, was enjoyed in the School. A report of the general committee meeting was given afterwards.

The Misses C. Wills and R. George (Norton) and Miss M. Preece (Hitchin), also Mr. J. Leeming (Stevenage), were elected. There were three who were re-elected—Messrs. S. Lake and L. Blackburn (Pirton) and A. Parish (Royston).

There was some discussion about arrangements for the place of the next District meeting. The secretary announced also that a coach had been booked for April 4th—the annual meeting. J. S.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London and Wells and 576 Cambridge and Beverley): G. Shellard 1, J. Linnell 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. First quarter of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band.

AN OUTING IN NORTH-WEST ESSEX

Perfect weather favoured a party of about 20 ringers who invaded N.W. Essex for a day's ringing on February 28th. Nearly everyone arrived late at Newport, the first tower, but all had time for a short touch on the noisy, odd-struck six. Two more sixes followed—Arkesden, obviously seldom rung, and Clavering, with its unusual enclosed ladder to the belfry. Manuden's bells are rather unmusical, having a sharp tenor; however, it is not so noticeable when rung in changes. Our first eight was Stansed Mountfichet: this is an anti-clockwise, uninspiring ring, but various methods were successfully rendered. Great Easton bells made a very pleasant change after the previous poor rings.

Having partaken of lunch, we had the pleasure of a pull on the grand Dunmow eight, where Mr. Walter Smith met us: a rather erratic course of Bristol here. In complete contrast was the light Warner six at Ford End; although they go well, the tone is poor, but our striking was passable. The Vicar was waiting to meet us at Felsted, where the bells hang in a fine Norman tower; our ringing was of a very low standard, possibly due to the trickiness of the front three. Some of the best ringing of the day was enjoyed on the recently rehung six at Stebbing, and included courses of York and Chester Surprise. The eight at Great Bardfield can be best described as a pleasant six with two shrill trebles: still, it was a new tower for most of the party. Finchingfield is probably most well known for being a very picturesque village, but it also has a fair Gillett eight. One more visit before tea, to Wethersfield: unfortunately, these bells cannot be heard very well, and the striking tended to suffer in consequence.

Suitably replenished, we had a short pull on the live at Shalford, where there are hopes of adding a sixth bell in the not-too-distant future.

Our last eight was Bocking, where we were met by Mrs. Moore: a course of London was brought round on this rambling old ring. Rayne bells are seldom rung, but are nevertheless in fairly good order. The outing ended with two 5-bell towers: first, Black Notley, notable for the fine timberwork and a good, light Warner ring (Mr. Pratt welcomed us here); and finally, the round tower at Great Leighs, housing an anti-clockwise Miles Graye ring, which does not go too well—or perhaps we were just tired.

So ended another enjoyable outing, made particularly successful by the fine weather, but also by the welcome of the various captains and incumbents to whom we extend our grateful thanks. I. H. O.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

Thirty-one ringers were present at the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch, held at Compton Abbas on March 7th.

Ringing started at 3 p.m., and at the Guild service the Rector of Compton Abbas (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore), who is also chairman of the Branch, gave the address, the vice-chairman (Rev. R. A. Wells) read the lesson, the service was conducted by the Rev. R. N. Longridge (hon. secretary), with Mr. Geoffrey Spencer playing the organ.

After tea, provided by the ladies of Compton Abbas, and before proceeding to business, the Branch was regaled with tunes on handbells rung by the Rector's young band of handbell ringers.

At the business meeting, eight new members were elected, including three life ringing members from a neighbouring diocese. The chairman also welcomed Fontmell Magna tower back into the Guild.

Ringing continued afterwards, the towers of Fontmell Magna and Melbury Abbas also being available.

OBITUARY

MR. G. N. PRICE

To the present generation of ringers, the passing of George Newton Price conveys very little. The last surviving son of the Rev. Newton Price, first Vicar of Oxhey, G.N.P. was well over 80 years of age.

He first learnt to ring a bell at St. Matthew's, Oxhey, and was educated in the rudiments of change-ringing by the late Mr. Edward P. Debenham, of St. Albans. The fascination of figures, especially compositions of peals of quality, was with him something of an obsession. As a conductor he was unique, and many may equal but none surpass his masterly precision and correctness when calling a peal. The scope, however, to apply his talents was very limited, until with patience he trained a young band at Oxhey, in the tower of which are peal boards recording local peals of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, which in 1907 were considered quite outstanding events. Most of his peals were rung for the Hertfordshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. The latter Society he had great love for, and he inculcated in his young band a kind of reverence for this ancient Society.

It was, however, with the older members of the A.S.C.Y. that his most noteworthy peals were rung, including several silent peals on handbells. In addition to the local tower bell peals mentioned above, he trained a few youngsters to ring handbells, and many peals of Holt's Original, Stedman Triples, Caters, Cinques, Double Norwich, and several of Superlative Surprise were rung. He called Carter's Odd-bob One-part of Stedman Triples from each pair of handbells.

In 1905 he took part in three peals of London in one day in three different counties—at that time it was a record. Cycling on the Sunday evening to Old Windsor, staying the night at the Bells of Ousley, a peal was rung early Monday morning at Old Windsor, *Berks*, the cycles were ferried over the river to Wraybury, *Bucks*, and then cycled to Islesworth, *Middlesex*, after which he cycled home to Oxhey.

In 1907 he called the first peal of London Surprise Royal at Stepney.

In 1912, on April 8th, he conducted the 12,160 Bristol Surprise at Knebworth. No doubt in his peal book are many more treasures—most of the peals mentioned above are from my own peal book.

As a man, unless you knew him well, you would say he was dogmatic and assertive; but the more you got in contact with him the better you understood him. It is true he had those characteristics but, strange to say, his youngsters all benefited from it, inasmuch no matter how good the ringing was he was never satisfied, nor were they. At the same time he had a most engaging smile and which, after a peal, expressed much more than words.

He quietly had a sense of humour. For example, the one occasion he took several of his youngsters to their first College Youths' dinner at the Bridge House Hotel (in those days there were no buses or motor cars on the street). When the dinner was over he called a hansom cab to drive them to Euston Station, and on the way said he would have some fun when he got there. His fun, however, was to offer the cabby 6d. for the fare. As quick as lightning the cabby jumped down, and a short and sharp argument took place. The cabby called the police, who quietly ordered G.N.P. to pay up. The cabby then drove off with a howl of 'Billingsgate.'

A somewhat different side of his character was shown after losing a peal of London in the last lead at Denham, *Bucks*, a lumpy ring, rung on the ground floor; and in those days, to ring them in rounds meant pull and hold all the time. He was never nearer to an apoplectic fit

than then. He never did forget that peal attempt.

In 1883, the writer of these few inadequate lines was baptised by George's father in St. Matthew's Church, Oxhey, so can claim a close connection with a fine old English family all his life. The passing of George Newton Price is a loss to the Exercise. In his day he added lustre to our art, and is a reminder to us all of our transitory life.

H. HODGETTS.

MRS. JAMES FERNLEY

The sudden death of Mrs. James Fernley on Sunday, March 8th, after less than a week's illness and so soon after the death of her husband, was most unexpected. Like her husband, she was both a ringer at the Church of St. Thomas, Norbury, Cheshire, and a member of the Norbury handbell band, and her presence will be missed very much.

On the occasion of the funeral on November 11th, a well-filled church demonstrated in no small way the high esteem the parish had for her. As the cortege approached the church the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled.

At the service, which was fully choral, the Vicar (Rev. E. Taylor), in a brief address, expressed sympathy with her daughter, Carol.

At the graveside a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' by B. Harris 1-2, A. Potts 3-4, John Worth 5-6, P. Laffin 7-8. Amongst the ringers present were the local company, headed by Basil Jones, Brian Harris, Mr. and Mrs. L. Boumphrey, John P. Fidler, John Worth, Alan Potts, Barry Corbishley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lawton, Peter Laffin, Robert Smith, Bernard Groves and others.

MRS. M. H. SHURCLIFF

One of the very few women members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mrs. Margaret H. Shurcliff, widow of Mr. Arthur A. Shurcliff, died on February 28th at her home, 66, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A. She was in her 80th year.

The daughter of the late Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of Boston, who was interested in English change-ringing, she developed a keen interest in the art.

She came over to this country for the first time in 1902 with her father, and met the College Youths. Her first peal was on handbells at the residence of Challis Winney, the band being Herbert P. Harman, George N. Price, Challis F. Winney and Margaret Nichols. Later in the day she rang 7-8 to a peal of Stedman. A little later she rang her first tower bell peal at St. George's, Southwark (Stedman Triples).

She later became interested in tune ringing on handbells and formed the Beacon Hill Ringers' Guild. To the people of Boston her band of handbell ringers became one of the traditional sights in Boston on Christmas Eve.

Years later she and a few others formed the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and became its first president, an office she held until last year.

She was a great personality and an all-round talented woman. In her younger days she won the New England women's singles tennis championship for two years. She was a first-class carpenter and joiner and also a good blacksmith. She and her husband, with their own hands, built their summer home at Ipswich, Mass., and made all the furniture. She will be greatly missed in and around Boston.

It is interesting to recall that the current peal record book of the College Youths was the gift of her father, who also gave the pair of brass candlesticks used at every annual dinner, and which were used by the Duke of Wellington throughout his Peninsular campaign.

MR. HARRY NUTT AN APPRECIATION

I should like to support all A.F. said about this gallant ringer, and to pay my humble tribute to his memory.

Dogged by ill health practically all his life, he nevertheless held his own with many younger, healthier ringers by sheer determination and grit. Although he belonged to Friezland, a 6-bell tower, he often came over to Lancashire meetings, where he enjoyed himself on higher numbers and made many friends. He was fortunate in having a wife who understood him and his craving for ringing, and often accompanied him.

One peal with him I always remember. I was asked to call Stedman Triples at Almondbury, Yorks, in 1945. I asked Harry to cover and he accepted. Previously I was warned to take a good band because the locals were very keen on striking. All went well till the last quarter, when I saw Harry stagger back: I just called his name and he recovered instantly to finish the peal. When we got outside the locals congratulated us on a grand peal. None of us knew until then that Harry had been off work all the week. I could quote other incidents of his courage, but let this suffice.

I and his other friends will miss him very much in this district. May he rest in peace.
I. KAY.

MR. E. J. THOMAS AN APPRECIATION

It was with great regret and deep sympathy that I read of the passing of Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of St. Peter's, Carmarthen. As a young soldier, I first met him having travelled down into Wales from Manchester on April day in 1945. Arriving in Carmarthen, I found that I had some time to wait for my next train to Llanybydder—a word which I could not pronounce properly.

I was tempted to pass my time away in the Elephant and Castle, under the shadow of St. Peter's Church, where Mr. Thomas was mine host. Whilst I partook of my black and tan I asked him if there were any bells at the church, to which he replied that there was a ring of eight with a tenor, and if I was a ringer I would be most welcome on the Tuesday evening practices.

The following Tuesday I met that other old stalwart, James Curtis, who was captain at that time. I became a great friend of the Curtis family and still am. V.E. day came and we honoured it by evening ringing and a great service in the church. Those were happy days for me, and I shall never forget Ed. J. Thomas and Jim Curtis. Alas, they are no longer with us, Mr. Curtis having passed to higher life about 1946. May the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace.

J. THORNLEY.

MR. BERNARD MOODY

Mr. Bernard Moody, who passed away on March 1st, aged 70, was a loyal and faithful ringer at St. Giles' Church, Pontefract. He became a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1905, and had rung 37 peals. His early ringing was at All Saints' Church, but in the 1930's he joined the St. Giles' company, where his father had been a ringer.

Bernard Moody was a very quiet, reliable ringer, and Sunday by Sunday he was always in the belfry, and prompt: his last occasion was a month ago.

On the evening of March 5th the bells of St. Giles' were rung half-muffled. Prior to the ringing the ringers stood in silence, and the Vicar of Pontefract (Canon R. G. Clarke) offered prayers to his memory.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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CANCELLED MEETING

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crews Branch.—The meeting provisionally arranged at Goostrey on March 21st will not now take place.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 4054

MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m., Ormesby (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Avenue, Middlesbrough. 4044

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Sandiacre, Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. Tea provided—no names required.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 4024

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Eyam (6), Saturday, March 21st, 3 p.m. A welcome to all. Cups of tea at nearby inn.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 4033

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4027

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 21st. Ringing: Holy Trinity and Stoke, 2.30 p.m. and in evening; St. Mary's, 2.30 and 4.15; St. Nicolas' and Shalford, in evening. Service at Holy Trinity, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.), 5.30 p.m., Harvey's Restaurant, High Street. The business of the annual meeting will follow.—S. T. A. Russell, Hon. Sec. 3989

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, Saturday, March 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing in evening.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Boyne Hill, Saturday, March 21st, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. Note date. 4007

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. Notts. 3966

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4028

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eckington, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3973

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Woburn, Easter Saturday, March 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Short service 6 p.m. Accommodation for tea limited to first 40 names (no cafe).—K. G. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn. 4021

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Bath, Easter Monday, March 30th. Service 12 noon, St. Michael's. Luncheon, Red House Café, 1 p.m., followed by meeting in café. Luncheon tickets available, on receipt of S.A.E., from secretary. Luncheon will be 9s. 6d., but send no money now. Ringing times: Newton St. Loe, 10 to 11; Keynsham, 10 to 11; Corston, 10.30 to 11.30; St. Michael with St. Paul's, 10.30 to 12; St. Mark's, 4.30 to 5.30; The Abbey, 4 to 5; Twerton, 5.30 to 6.30; Weston, 6 to 7; Bathwick, 7 to 8; St. Matthew's, 7 to 8. 4031

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Ottery St. Mary, Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by March 25th to Mr. C. J. Turner, Hillcote, Ottery St. Mary. 4017

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting, Cockermouth
On Easter Monday, March 30th
Bells from 1 p.m. A.G.M. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, March 26th, to Mr. R. W. Daniels, Shotton Lodge, Cockermouth. Difficult to obtain tea otherwise.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 3995

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, March 30th, at Blackwell, near Alfreton. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4039

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, March 30th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Eynesbury (6), 10 to 11.30 a.m.; St. Neots (8), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Great Paxton (5), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Buckden (5), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Great Staughton (6), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Spaldwick (6), 12.30 to 1.30; Leighton Bromswold (5), 1 to 2; Winwick (5), 1.30 to 2.30; Alconbury (6), 1.30 to 2.30; Brampton (5), 2.30 to 3.30; Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4; St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3 to 4.15; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 4 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, 5 p.m. Godmanchester and both Huntingdon towers available after tea.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 4026

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Easter Monday, March 30th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4052

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Llandaff, Easter Monday. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 4000

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee, 11 a.m., choir vestry, Parish Church. Service 12 noon. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. in the Sun Lounge of the Winter Gardens. Applications for tickets by Saturday, March 21st, to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne; members 5s., others 7s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include St. Laurence's, Thanet (10); St. Peter-in-Thamet (8); All Saints', Birchington (8); Quex Park, Birchington (12); and Margate Parish Church (8).—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham. 3976

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 30th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall, 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1.15 to 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for all who notify me by Wednesday, March 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 6 to 7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithun's (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgborough, Evesham. 4036

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—Rededication of five restored bells and dedication of new treble bell on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. 4057

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—Meeting at Huntsham, Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton. 4047

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, April 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to R. C. Heazel, Tye Green, Wimbish, Saffron Walden, Essex. 4059

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th annual general meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, April 4th. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Peter's Institute to follow. Ringing at Hatfield (10), 10 to 11 a.m.; Harpenden (8), 10.30 to 11.30; St. Stephen's (6), 2 to 4.30; St. Michael's (8), 3 to 4.30; St. Peter's (10), 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) and city churches in evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mrs. R. W. Darvill, 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4051

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Cheltenham Town Hall, Saturday, April 4th, 2.15 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) 4.45 p.m. Names essential by April 1st to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. Tel.: Miserden 232. Service, Cheltenham Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's (12), Bishop's Cleeve (8), Charlton Kings (8), Leckhampton (8), Prestbury (8), available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ringers please contact David Marshall, 19, Royal Parade, Cheltenham.—W. F. Scudamore, Assoc. Gen. Sec. 4050

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual District meeting at Saxilby, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 30th, to Miss P. Cox, Trinity House, 5, High Street, Saxilby.—A. Richardson, Sec. 4037

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 3 to 4 and 8 to 9; Cathedral (12) 3 to 4.10. Service, Cathedral, 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 in St. George's Hall, Colton Street (rear of Police Station). Important business includes election of president, two vice-presidents, treasurer and four Central Council delegates, and important amendments to rules affecting voting rights of junior members and non-recognition of peals rung on meeting days. Names for tea (price 3s. 6d.) must be sent to undersigned by Wednesday, April 1st. Please note that the caterers will only provide for those ordered, and that I shall be away all day on April 2nd. General committee meeting, Wednesday, April 25th, 7.45 in St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall (corner of Humberstone Gate and Vestry Street).—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. Tel.: Wigston 3244. 4053

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lower Heyford, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Ringing at Rousham (6) after 7 p.m. Names for tea by March 31st to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 4041

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 4th, Sutton Coldfield. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify by April 1st for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 4040

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddlehinton, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, March 31st, to B. Cheeseman, 3, Rectory Road, Piddlehinton, Dorchester. 4043

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—A.G.M. at Southwell Minster, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 2 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea in Trebeck Hall 5 p.m., with business meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss R. Cooling, 14, Allenby Road, Southwell.—J. W. Raithby. 4042

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth and Buckland on Saturday, April 4th. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandercross Lane, South Park, Reigate. 4048

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Llanelly Hill, Brecon, Saturday, April 4th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 28th, to G. Davies, 4, Free Street, Brecon. 4038

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole, Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 4034

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify by April 20th Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting—*change of date*—to be held on Saturday, May 23rd, instead of first Saturday in May. Owners of Ringers' Diary please note.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. and Treas. 4055

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Lunch and tea. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Outing secretaries please note.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4010

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob): Sheila Cameron 1, Jean Addicott 2, R. A. Jackson 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, J. H. Pailing 5, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 6. In memoriam Alice Baston. Also at New College, on Mar. 1st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. H. R. Freeborn 1, Sheila Camera (first of Caters and 'inside') 2, Christine Woodward 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, A. N. Stubbs (first of Caters) 5, R. N. Pittman 6, J. G. Pusey 7, R. J. Elliott 8, F. A. Barrett (cond.) 9, D. T. Darby 10.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

As is usual, the annual meeting of the above Society at Ranmoor, Sheffield, was attended by upwards of 50 ringers, and the handy ring of ten bells was put to good use to the usual range from rounds to Surprise Royal. A well-known Oxford Guild visiting ringer expressed surprise at the predominance of youth and pleasure at the enthusiasm that obviously prevailed in the District.

In his report on a satisfactory year's working, the secretary asked members to be more conscientious in sending their names in for tea. It was agreed to allow towers who so desired to pay 'block' subscriptions (6-bell towers 9s., 8-bell towers 12s., 10-bell towers 15s.) to cover an unlimited number of members.

The formation of the Sheffield University Guild was welcomed, and special provisions for its members to join the Sheffield and District Society and to enter for the silver cup competition were agreed upon.

Regrets were expressed that Mr. Thomas Lee, who for 50 years so artistically maintained the peal book had, since 1954, been unable to continue this work. Members were asked to inquire and to convey to the president the name of anyone who might be suitable and willing to take on this task.

The fixture list for the years 1959/60 and 1960/61 were announced, and it was decided, when possible, to have an additional tower available during the afternoon to give more opportunity for everyone to have a good ring.

The meeting stood in silence for a few moments in respect of Mr. Walter Allwood, an old respected member, who died on February 26th. The officers of the Association were re-elected, except that Mr. Leonard Goodall was appointed assistant secretary. The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on April 4th.

By way of a postscript to the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly, of Handsworth, entertained some of the Society's officers in their home. Yarns were exchanged, last year's cup contest rejugged, and Jumbo's handbells, which only their owner can match in girth, were made good use of to Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Kegmeg and Scalded Witch. S.C.

APPLETON RINGING DAY

'The Fourth of March this year,' announced the latecomer as he stepped into the tower, 'will be on the 7th.' 'Good,' said everyone, and made notes in their diaries. 'Appleton Ringing Day,' they said to a puzzled visitor, and went on to tell him how the first ring of six bells was dedicated on March 4th, 1818, how much the ringers then enjoyed themselves, and that they have continued to do so every year since.

This year was no exception, with the usual mixture of good ringing, good humour and ample refreshment. The peal in the morning came to grief. Ask not how in this village of bell-hangers, but look carefully to see who is having his leg pulled!

There was some very good ringing in the afternoon, and that precision of striking that stops idle chatter among the listeners. Tea over, and the bells finally lowered, the company gathered in ever increasing numbers (until the tavern was packed solid) to hear all the traditional Fourth of March songs and to listen to the Appleton handbell ringers. One by one the familiar items are rendered, interspersed with talk about ringing and ringers of the past and present, and with hopes for the future. For on the Fourth of March Day all that is good in our art comes out in surroundings of generous hospitality and friendship to all. Once one has enjoyed all this, one looks forward to the next year when, God willing, we will again drink with gratitude to the health of 'The Appleton Ringers, the Whites and the non-Whites.'

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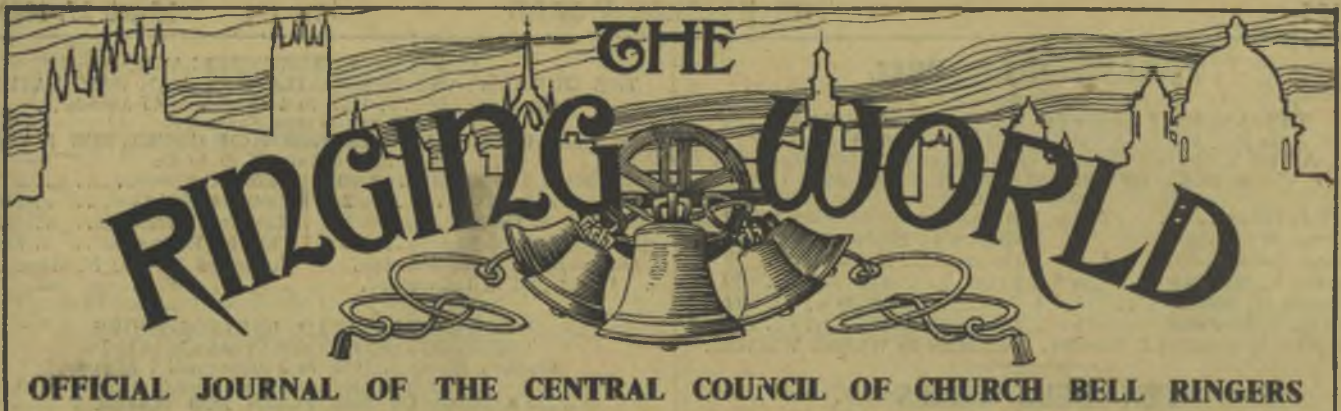
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THE RELEVANCE OF EASTER

By the REV. CANON C. CAREW COX

EASTER is not a word for an idea. It is the word for the Spirit-impelled expression of Life. As an idea it is accepted, and welcomed, for the opportunity to enjoy a brief holiday; and a multitude of people, among them even some professing Christians, will be content with that superficial conception of it. But as the expression of Life it takes us back to the Garden of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and throws an unearthly light on the path of men from that moment, which path is such a see-saw mixture of joys and sorrows, of hope and fear, of care and recklessness, of toil and rest.

For life interpreted by Easter means so much more than just living out one's allotted days on a circumscribed planet, surrounded all the time with spectacles of mortality. Mortal we are, but Easter is Easter because it proclaims the fact that 'mortality is swallowed up of life.' As from the Easter Dawn shines the lovely truth of the words once spoken to a woman mourning for the dead, and not only to her but to all those who have ever looked down speechlessly into a grave—'I AM the Resurrection and the Life.' Music indeed to stir the human heart!

'All, all that we ever loved, though it sleep in the silence,
At the touch of the Master shall wake and be music again.'
And though 'Memento Mori' remains true, it is met today with the Christian challenge 'Memento Vivere,' founded upon the proclamation

'Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
Thou, O Grave, canst not enthrall us.'

Yes. While Death inevitably must come to all, it is now the Gate to Life. That is the revelation of the Christian religion by the power and Love of God Incarnate. The stone before the tomb is rolled back by no human hand, never to be replaced. The voice of Him Who lives and has the keys of Hell and of Death speaks to the Church in time until time shall be no more: 'I have set before thee an open door and NO MAN can shut it.'

Consider then the abolition of controversy as a characteristic of the Resurrection life, visible in the movements of created Nature, which are so often unthinkingly accepted by many. But the trees, for example, break into foliage unhindered by controversy. No human arguments will make any difference to the wonderful expression of the Spring. St. Paul's words can have a place here—'Without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness.' For their are no controversies at the entrance to the Empty Tomb, because life itself is no subject for controversy.

How much more then ought this characteristic of the true life to be seen in the movements of man! Man, who, as it would seem, intoxicated with scientific knowledge, is endeavouring even to overcome the law of gravity!—a possibility which is unthinkable except in the spiritual sphere, where the Risen Christ becomes the Ascended Christ. So the prophecy 'I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me' has the Easter quality. Hence, the Church on earth which exists as the spiritual medium between God and man has an undying function, not to convert the material into the spiritual, but to resurrect the spiritual in man out of the tomb where the tendency is to bury it and seal it down.

Let this be applied to the belfry and all ringers. Easter is to be the expression of life in the belfries; where movements are not mechanical, but the effect of human wills and emotions; the effect of personalities—however differing—uniting to share in the perfecting of an art and science which turns the bells into resounding handmaids of the triumphant Gospel.

So the belfry is to be no sort of tomb where anything can corrupt, enthusiasm decay, or controversies disintegrate fellowship. It is the little world, for the time being, in which ringers live and associate to serve; to give of their best. Where difficulties are only difficulties that are to be overcome; where the experience of failure can be turned into the joy of success; where any feelings of despair can be transmuted into confidence and new effort; where the individual becomes absorbed into the team—the few, maybe, as were the first apostles of the Resurrection—but the nucleus of a persevering, painstaking witness to the whole Exercise of the truth that as the bells are uplifted in the steeple with tongues to speak, so the Risen Christ is uplifting the minds and hearts of the men and women who move those tongues to proclaim Sunday by Sunday the Easter Anthem of the unconquerable Church.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

ALAN J. FROST Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 8
DENNIS RANDALL 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 9
NORMAN V. HARDING 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. 10
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 11
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6	JOHN CHILCOTT Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

PATRICK J. BIRD Treble	D. JOHN HUNT 6
*SHEILA C. BLACKWELL .. 2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 8
DAVID HEIGHTON 4	ALBERT M. TYLER 9
MARY H. HALL 5	BRIAN J. WYLDE Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First on ten and in the method as conductor.

LONDON, W.C.

NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21½ cwt.

IAN H. ORAM Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
JAMES G. A. PRIOR 2	*ALAN BAGWORTH 7
JOHN S. MASON 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 8
HERBERT C. SPENCER .. 4	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD 9
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed by W. BOOTH.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal.

Rung by past and present members of the Royal Air Force and its associated Services and Cadet Forces as a farewell to the Rev. G. W. N. Groves, O.B.E., Q.H.C., chaplain-in-charge of this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 HACKINGTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
MRS. G. A. HALLS 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. Plain Major, No. 259).

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., March 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside'.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE WATCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON 5
*MRS. C. N. LEA 2	CHARLES N. LEA 6
GEORGE S. DEAS 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	ERIO N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

* First peal in the method.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5
*JENNIFER GAMBLING .. 2	*ANTONY KENCH 6
HERBERT GATES 3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 7
WALTER AYRE 4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

* First peal and first attempt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	*DEREK P. JONES 5
*ELSIE K. HART 2	*GORDON H. LANE 6
*H. GEORGE HART 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First of Wye Surprise on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

MARION J. PARKER Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 6
ALEXANDER PAGE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
ROBERT W. WAKE 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

KILBY R. HOLTON Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
*MARY H. HALL 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by R. BALDWIN.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. Treble	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 5
M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall) 2	A. L. M. SHEPHERD (Fitz. H.) 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) 3	P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 7
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 4	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN WOOD (Magd.)

Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

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On Mon., March 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARIAN H. MILLS Treble	GEORGE WATERMAN 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	IVAN COOPER 6
*HEATHER STEWART 3	LEONARD E. SHARP 7
PERCY W. MILLS 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., March 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 WITTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	ROBIN G. ELLIOTT 5
JEAN M. ADDICOIT 2	DAVID T. DARBY 6
JOHN G. PUSEY 3	JAMES H. PAILING 7
JEREMY A. M. SALTER 4	DONALD H. NIBLETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal ever rung in the method. Donald H. Niblett has now 'circled the tower' with different Surprise methods on each bell.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*JANET TAYLOR Treble	E. DENNIS POOLE 5
WALTER LEE 2	ERNEST E. GOSLING 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 7
ANTHONY E. COX 4	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung half-muffled to commemorate a lifetime of faithful service to the church and Guild by the late T. John Fowler.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., March 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 6
*RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
PETER BORDER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Pudsey.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

VIOLET ROLF Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO 2	MAURICE E. DOWNS 6
GEOFFREY PEARSON 3	JOHN R. COOPER 7
*PETER SMITH 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Surprise. The conductor's 50th peal of Cambridge Major.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	*CYRIL RUSBY 6
DENIS R. CARLISLE 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
MRS. G. A. HALLS 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

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

Rung as a belated wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
*ANN M. COX 3	DAVID BEACHAM 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MARY MADDISON Treble	*THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
*WILFRED SAUNDERS 2	*RAYMOND LOFTY 6
†JOHN R. SMITH 3	*FRANK ARNOLD 7
FRANK PHILLIPPO 4	*GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal of Spliced. † First of Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Major.

A 20th birthday compliment to Colin Spight, son of the ringer of the fifth.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*GEORGE E. VERNON .. Treble	MICHAEL VERNON 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	W. ERNEST RAWSON 6
GRAHAM T. BALL 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
†A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 4	WILLIAM A. LACEY Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major away from the treble.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 6
IVOR JENKINS 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

E. MARION KEY Treble	BRIAN H. DAWSON 5
ERIC EDGINTON 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 3	DAVID W. BRUNNING (15) .. 7
JOHN K. SMITH (14) 4	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

First peal of Major as conductor.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR J. HART Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
BRIAN J. LUFF 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

A birthday compliment to Miss Doris E. Colgate.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*JOHN E. IVINGS Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON 4
DAVID BRAND 2	ROBERT E. LESTER 5
JOHN L. GIRT 3	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the Rector's recovery from injuries received in a recent road accident.

EMBERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*YVONNE A. TILLEY .. Treble	† ANNE FOWLER 4
HAROLD WOODING 2	RAYMOND HENMAN 5
†TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 3	ALLAN R. JONES Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Anne Fowler and as a 16th birthday compliment to Timothy A. Wooding.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1) to (6) Stedman, (7) and (8) Plain Bob, (9) to (12) April Day, (13) and (14) Plain Bob, (15) to (18) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (19) and (20) Plain Bob, (21) to (24) St. Simon's Bob, (25) and (26) St. Martin's Bob, (27) and (28) Plain Bob, (29) and (30) St. Martin's Bob, (31) to (35) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (36) Plain Bob, (37) to (40) Grandsire, (41) and (42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*†PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
†BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 4

*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in seven methods. † First on five bells. ‡ 450th peal on tower bells (conducted 250).

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD ROBERTS Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE 4
*ELISABETH ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM TALBOT 5
ALBERT LAWTON 3	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in two methods. First in two methods on the bells.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BERNARD J. COGGINS .. Treble	*NORMAN LESLIE 4
BERTRAM J. COGGINS 2	*DENNIS LESLIE 5
*MICHAEL EDNEY 3	D. KAY ADKINS Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PETER WADSWORTH (13) Treble	H. B. SCHOFIELD 4
*KENNETH RUSHWORTH (14) 2	FREDK. A. MUNDAY 5
†MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD (13) Tenor

Conducted by B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD.

* First peal, first attempt. † 25th peal for the Association. First as conductor, first attempt.

Birthday compliments to Stephen, son of the fifth ringer, and the treble ringer.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

E. PATRICIA LEWIS Treble	*JOHN R. COOPER 4
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 200th peal, and rung on the bell on which he learnt to ring. Quickest peal on the bells.

HARTPURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. E. SPIERS Treble	L. BARRY 4
JOY SMITH 2	C. PHILLIPS 5
L. SMITH 3	*F. T. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by L. BARRY.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled by members of the North Forest Branch in memory of Mr. H. J. Vallender, ringer at this tower for 60 years.

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KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

MARGARET SMITH Treble	WILLIAM SYKES 4
DEREK INGLEBY 2	RALPH B. MITCHELL 5
*CHRISTINE R. DEARNLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD SENIOR Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD SENIOR.

* First peal.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent spliced and three each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. Treble	*BRUCE WAKEFIELD 4
*ERNEST H. JEFFERIES 2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 5
*HUGH FALKNER 3	*WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung as a farewell peal for H. Falkner, who is leaving the district.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Braintree, (2) Humber, (3) Marple, (4) Taxal, (5) Newdigate and Old Oxford, (6) College Bob IV and Willesden, (7) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN M. BURTON Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
LOUIS WILLDERS 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 66, MELTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., March 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT 22, PORTUGAL STREET.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 17 in A.

M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 1—2	M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall) 7—8
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 9—10
A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 5—6	D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 11—12

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

First peal of Maximus 'in hand' by the band.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT 4, RUSHTON DRIVE,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1—2	BERNARD GROVES 5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3—4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 7—8

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

First handbell peal as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT 169, STOCKTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

GORDON R. WALLACE .. 1—2	MRS. K. LAWSON 3—4
KENNETH LAWSON 5—6	

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

First peal on handbells by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury): Susan Eyre 1, Monica Barrett 2, B. Evans 3, R. Throsby 4, R. Wright (cond.) 5, M. Bevan 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Wright, father of the conductor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On March 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Perkins 1, G. Richins 2, N. M. Newby 3, R. Wilton 4, H. Barnes 5, V. Forshaw 6, J. E. Buries 7, T. Turner 8. For Confirmation Service.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, Roger Cooper (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Alexander Thomas Dalgety and Susan Hope Waller.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, J. S. Knighton 2, J. E. Collins 3, M. A. Fern 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Robert Leader, who is taking up a new living at Ashby-Folville.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-part): Miss P. Tyler (first quarter) 1, J. Tyler 2, W. Newman 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, F. Waite 5, F. A. Stephens 6, G. W. Simmons 7, F. Simmons 8. For Evensong. First quarter on the bells since being recast and rehung.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On March 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary J. Seabrook 1, Hescil Honeyball (first 'inside') 2, W. H. Kilsby 3, Peter Mayle 4, Owen C. Ballard 5, Stanley G. Honeyball 6, Samuel J. Twitcheit (cond.) 7, Frederick Kemp 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Walter G. Perry and Miss Joyce Pearl, both members of the local band, who were married that day at Hundon, Suffolk.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Negus 1, Hilary M. Johnson 2, Gillian Tavener 3, Mary J. Marshall 4, Michael F. Amos (cond.) 5, David J. Marshall 6. For Mothering Sunday.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Napper 1, H. K. White 2, G. W. Bishop 3, C. Garlick 4, D. Bosley 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, L. Cox 8. First quarter for the ringers of 4 and 8.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On March 10th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: Jack Smith 1, Frank White 2, Charles Henshaw 3, Harold B. Schofield 4, Joseph Burgess 5, Arthur Farrand 6. Rung for George Perrin's 72nd birthday.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, Miss P. Rayner 2, Miss G. Harbour 3, P. A. Ruch 4, W. W. Webb 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, A. Grant 7, C. Chase 8. For Evensong, and in remembrance of Ernest Gladman, who died on March 5th.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On March 15th, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, G. A. Parsons 2, G. Harvey 3, W. Prockson 4, F. Ransom 5, W. G. Wilson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. J. Peett 8. In memoriam T. J. Fowler.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): A. J. Hill 1, E. C. Anger 2, T. F. Stone 3, H. J. Pope 4, J. T. Sawyer 5, I. W. Hawkins 6, P. L. Anger (cond.) 7, P. Anger 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Dike, ringer, chairman and sexton for over 50 years at this church.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Welch 1, J. W. Drew 2, J. Looker 3, A. W. Dyer 4, G. E. Monckton 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, G. Gaylard (first as cond.) 7, W. H. G. Monckton 8. First of Stedman for the ringers of 1, 5 and 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, H. W. Perkins 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, R. Cann 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On March 1st, at Emmanuel Church, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. Sanders 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, G. Parsons 3, J. Cook 4, E. Talbot 5, J. Smith 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Jacobs 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, E. C. Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WALSDEEN, TODMORDEN, YORKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Scholfield 1, D. Hodgson 2, M. Fishwick 3, B. Wild 4, D. Butterworth 5, J. H. Fielden (first as cond.) 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On March 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, J. Warner 2, W. S. Butler 3, B. Crook 4, R. Dorking 5, A. Syder (cond.) 6, E. W. Bright 7, H. Dorking 8. For evening service: also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1, 5 and 7.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On March 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Fleming 1, P. Newing 2, B. Whitney 3, I. Knox 4, R. Sharp 5, R. Churchill 6, K. Spavins 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. Rung for the 84th birthday of Mr. H. D. Harris, a member of the local band and a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 67)

The following amendments have been noted since the publication of the previous part.

Foreman's Course Triples.—5,040 at Greenwich, on February 21st, 1861, by the Greenwich Society. Method not known. (See page 767, 1958.)

Sowerby Exercise Major.—Should be credited to the A.S.C.Y. (Bradford Branch) not the Yorkshire Association. It was rung by 'eight members of the A.S.C.Y., London, also of the Yorkshire Association, from St. John's, Bradford.'

The following regular Caters methods have been rung to peals.

Grandsire Caters.—5,040 at St. Bride's, London, on January 11th, 1717, by the London Scholars. (1716 old style.)

Reverse Grandsire Caters.—5,058 at Shoreditch on September 10th, 1769, by the Cumberland Youths.

Double Grandsire Caters.—5,094 at St. Bride's, London, on March 1st, 1733, by the College Youths. (1732 old style.)

Little Grandsire Caters.—5,019 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on July 7th, 1956, by the Hertford County Association.

New Bob Caters.—5,040 at Shoreditch on January 21st, 1770, by the Cumberland Youths.

Double Norwich Court Bob Caters.—5,093 at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894, by the St. Michael's Juniors of Gloucester.

Surfleet T.B. Caters.—5,040 at Surfleet on September 9th, 1913, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

St. Clement's College Bob Caters.—5,004 at Saffron Walden on November 19th, 1949, by the Cambridge University Guild.

The following irregular and unknown Caters methods have been rung to peals.

Plain Bob Caters.—6,480 at Leeds, Kent, on November 2nd, 1751, by the Lenham Society.

Kent T.B. Caters.—5,004 at Aston on February 13th, 1848, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Oxford T.B. Caters.—5,004 at Birmingham on January 7th, 1817, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Cumberland Imperial Place Caters.—5,004 at Shoreditch on November 20th, 1802, by the Cumberland Youths.

Canterbury Pleasure Caters.—5,004 at Chesterfield on March 23rd, 1895, by the Midland Counties Association.

Darlaston Bob Caters.—5,076 at Birmingham, St. Philip's, on December 8th, 1894, by the Midland Counties Association.

New Grandsire Caters.—5,003 at West Bromwich on March 1st, 1879, by the Christ Church Society.

Valentine Caters.—5,075 at St. Michael's, Coventry, on February 14th, 1809, by the Coventry Youths.

Union Caters.—6,410 at Shoreditch on December 26th, 1786, by the Cumberland Youths.

The following combinations of Spliced Caters and Royal have been rung to peals.

Grandsire and Plain Bob.—5,076 at Bristol on October 6th, 1926, by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Grandsire, Stedman, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.—5,086 at Beddington on November 26th, 1949, by the Surrey Association.

The following are regular single-hunt Plain, Treble Bob, Exercise and Delight Royal methods which have been rung to peals.

Plain Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Bride's, London, on November 22nd, 1725, by the College Youths.

Double Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Bride's, London, on February 28th, 1734, by the College Youths. (1733 old style.)

Reverse Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 22nd, 1761, by the College Youths.

Little Bob Royal.—5,040 at Exeter on September 16th, 1912, by the Cambridge University Guild.

Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Peter Mancroft on April 7th, 1769, by the Norwich Scholars.

Double Oxford Bob Royal.—5,040 at Winesbury on January 2nd, 1909, by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

Crayford College Royal.—5,040 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on May 15th, 1954, by the Hertford County Association.

Isleworth Bob Royal.—5,040 at Isleworth on November 12th, 1938, by the Middlesex County Association.

Macclesfield Court Bob Royal.—5,040 at Macclesfield on April 7th, 1958, by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

St. Clement's College Bob Royal.—5,000 at St. Clement Danes' on October 18th, 1935, by the A.S.C.Y.

Surfleet Double Court Royal.—5,000 at Surfleet on August 23rd, 1919, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Winton Court Royal.—5,000 at Norwich on August 7th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Oxford T.B. Royal.—5,200 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on April 7th, 1741, by the Eastern Scholars.

Kent T.B. Royal.—5,760 at Leeds, Kent, on May 15th, 1784, by the Leeds Youths.

Little Albion T.B. Royal.—5,040 at St. George's, Stockport, on February 7th, 1914, by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

London Exercise Royal.—5,040 at Southampton on May 14th, 1955, by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Saltley Delight Royal.—5,040 at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on June 12th, 1952, by the St. Martin's Guild.

The following irregular or unknown Royal methods have been rung to peals.

Grandsire Royal.—5,360 at Fulham on November 26th, 1780, by the College Youths.

Double London Court Bob Royal.—6,720 at Leeds, Kent, on January 25th, 1756, by the Leeds Youths.

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Eastern Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on February 19th, 1750, by the Eastern Scholars.

Morning Pleasure Royal.—5,400 at Leeds, Kent, on February 2nd, 1756, by the Leeds Youths. Method not known.

Maidstone New Bob Major Royal.—5,000 at Maidstone on April 21st, 1794, presumably by the Maidstone Society. Method not known.

Cumberland T.B. Royal.—5,200 at Shoreditch on December 13th, 1794, by the Cumberland Youths. May have been Kent T.B. Royal.

Canterbury Pleasure Royal.—5,040 at Bromsgrove on September 10th, 1898, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Erith Little Bob Royal.—5,040 at Southend on February 11th, 1939, by the Essex Association. Previously 5,040 'in hand' at Greenwich on April 29th, 1934.

Together with Erin and Stedman Cinques, the total number of Cinques methods rung to peals is only six. There have been no peals of Spliced Cinques and Maximus.

Grandsire Cinques.—5,060 at St. Bride's on January 19th, 1725, by the College Youths. (1724 old style.) This is the first peal recorded by the A.S.C.Y.

Double Grandsire Cinques.—5,060 at St. Bride's on November 29th, 1738, by the College Youths.

Kent T.B. Cinques.—5,104 at Birmingham on February 1st, 1832, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Plain Bob Cinques.—5,060 at Ipswich on October 14th, 1950, by the Suffolk Guild.

The following Plain and Treble Bob Maximus methods have been rung to peals.

Plain Bob Maximus.—5,280 at St. Bride's, London, on February 26th, 1726, by the College Youths. (1725 old style.)

Double Bob Maximus.—5,016 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 24th, 1740, by the College Youths. (1739 old style.)

Reverse Bob Maximus.—5,280 at St. Bride's, London, on May 15th, 1769, by the College Youths.

Little Bob Maximus.—5,016 at Newcastle on Tyne on May 26th, 1923, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus.—5,016 at St. Peter Mancroft on January 20th, 1817, by the Norwich Scholars.

Oxford T.B. Maximus.—5,040 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 12th, 1758, by the College Youths.

Kent T.B. Maximus.—7,200 at Birmingham on April 17th, 1820, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Little Albion T.B. Maximus.—5,104 at Ipswich on February 11th, 1933, by the Suffolk Guild.

Grandsire Maximus.—5,112 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on May 7th, 1792, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Maximus.—5,232 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 9th, 1795, by the Cumberland Youths. May have been Kent T.B.

Canterbury Pleasure Maximus.—5,016 at Canterbury on May 24th, 1930, by the Kent County Association.

A few methods have been rung to peals on handbells, and not yet on tower bells, viz.: Single Norwich Court Royal (lapping), Spliced Twelve Plain and Little Plain Maximus, Plain Bob Fourteen and Kent T.B. Fourteen.

To the best of my knowledge, the schedule beginning on page 699, 1958, and continued on pages 767, 67 and the above, contains all those methods rung to peals, Triples and above, with the exception of regular Plain Major and Surprise methods.

If anyone knows of other methods or earlier performances than those listed above, will they please send details to me, in order that the schedule may be concluded, with the regular Plain Major and early performances in Surprise methods.

[To be concluded.]

QUARTER PEALS

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Cooper 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Olive D. Couchman 3, B. F. Baker 4, C. T. Hillis 5, M. E. Downs 6, G. Pearson 7, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 8. Also 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Olive D. Couchman 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, B. F. Baker 3, M. E. Downs 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, G. Pearson 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Martin 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Patricia Wardle 3, C. Powdrill 4, A. Poynor 5, Rev. P. Blackman 6, B. Warwick 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8. Ring as a 21st birthday compliment to Terry F. Roper, member of the local band.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Miller 1, L. Wright 2, G. R. Goodship 3, L. Nice 4, C. Snowden 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. L. Lavender 1, Miss E. A. Cooper 2, Miss J. Winchester 3, R. J. Cook (cond.) 4, D. E. Parsons 5, S. F. Kimber 6, L. Reece 7, L. Bance 8. For Evensong.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Mar. 7th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elaine Richardson 1, Gillian Bridgford 2, N. Tompkins 3, G. W. Limmer 4, J. Thornley 5, D. Young (cond.) 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Carrott 4, Miss J. Peacock 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods 8. For Matins.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Nees 1, Hilary Johnson 2, Gillian Tavener 3, Mary Marshall 4, M. F. Amos (cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6. For Mothers' Day service.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): R. Hemming 1, J. Pointer 2, W. H. Raxter 3, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 4, R. S. Smith 5, T. A. Sparkes 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 2 and 5. Ring on the Feast of St. Winwalloe of Brittany.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, B. Aldridge 2, W.O.2 G. B. Beebe 3, J. Hurrell 4, Miss B. Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, F. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8. A farewell to W.O.2 Beebe on leaving for Sierra Leone, West Africa.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Wendy Bowak 2, D. Mitchell 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. W. Colley 1, Janet Morgan 2, J. B. Webb 3, Margaret Pritchard 4, C. M. Smith 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob for 2 and 4.

GRIMSBY, LINCs.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Moon (first quarter) 1, W. Longbottom 2, B. Doyle 3, J. B. Budd (cond.) 4, R. Warburton 5, F. Kennington 6, A. Pashley 7, H. Hadwick 8. First of Triples for 2, 3 and 5. For Confirmation service at which the ringers of 1, 2 and 3 were candidates.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Pannett 1, Miss J. Funnell 2, G. Beene 3, F. Beene 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. A welcome to the Rev. D. E. W. Lockyer, A.K.C., who was inducted at this church the previous Tuesday.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, A. Hodge 2, C. Webb 3, W. Sparkes 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6. For morning service.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 12th, at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. K. Whittell 1, C. Shemminas 2, H. G. Jillings 3, G. R. Goodship 4, G. E. Symonds (cond.) 5, J. F. Tillet 6, E. V. Blake 7, L. Alum 8. Half-muffled in memoriam H. R. Roper.

LINCOLN.—On Mar. 15th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Broxholme (first quarter) 1, C. Popple 2, H. Hurst 3, A. Melton (cond.) 4, L. Wilders 5, F. Dixon 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bundy, who were married the previous day at Walesby Parish Church.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob and 360 Reverse Canterbury Peasure): M. Gregory (13) 1, E. E. Pearson 2, R. P. Bentley (14) 3, G. D. Hankin (15) 4, M. W. Coleman (15) (first as cond.) 5, P. B. Reeves (15) 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First in three methods 3, 4 and 5.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. Taylor 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, W. H. Dowse 3, I. Jenkins 4, S. Hough, jun., 5, T. Taylor 6, D. Mottershead (cond.) 7, N. D. Lomas 8.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas: W. Robson 1, J. E. Anderson (first quarter) 2, D. Papworth 3, E. N. Harrison 4, J. Hedley 5, E. P. Crowdy 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, R. W. Leighton 8. For Evensong.

NEWLAND, GLOS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Goodwin 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, S. Goodwin 3, E. W. Penn 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Mrs. P. H. Williams (first quarter) 6. Farewell compliments to the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tucker) and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Curtiss.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire): F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, C. E. Willmington 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Lovell (first on working bell) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, R. Ballam 3, M. Worrall (first 'inside') 4, W. Hart 5, W. Ballam (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

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The bells of St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, will be heard in the West and North Home Services on Low Sunday, April 5th, prior to the Family Communion Service at 9.45 a.m. Mr. Reginald Hooper is captain of the ringers in this tower. The same day and at the same time will be heard the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the Home Service. The London veteran, Mr. W. H. Hewitt, is head ringer here.

The footnote to the peal at Twynning, Glos (see page 169) should read 'Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Martyn Hawkes,' and not as submitted. Martyn's brother rang the second and his father the third.

Stratton ringers are still progressing, and for Sunday services now ring three methods—Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major—thanks to an encouraging captain, the ever-popular Charles Sangwin.

Mr. A. G. Clark, of Tadworth, adds to the list of gramophone records 'Victory Day, 1945' (H.M.V. B 9417), which covers five towers and includes some well-struck Triples from Westminster Abbey.

Mr. P. D. T. Cattermole, of Droitwich, who recently climbed Wychbold (Worcs) tower to tighten the bearing bolts, informs us that all the bells are dated 1889. The footnote to the peal rung there on October 19th last is therefore incorrect.

Hackington Imperial Bob Major (C.C.C. Plain Major, No. 239) has been rung to a peal for the first time in the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile. The name is appropriate as Hackington is a suburb of Canterbury, which has the only octave in the city. The method is Double Bob with Canterbury places in 5-6 when the treble is at the back.

BELFRY GOSSIP

It is hoped to create ringing history on April 4th when, for the first time ever, a complete band, organised by Mr. Robin G. Leale, are flying to the Channel Islands to attempt peals at St. Anne's, Alderney, and St. Michael-du-Valle's, Guernsey. The other five are Messrs. A. P. Cannon, W. Deason, P. Mehew, E. J. Munday and J. D. Rock.

Charlton Kings ringers are proud of their pupil, 'Penny' Tyler, whose first quarter was rung faultlessly and is reported in this issue. 'Penny' had her first ringing lesson last October.

The 'Readers Digest' for April has a well-written article, 'The Joyous Ringing of Bells,' by Anne Decreson and Barbara Wace, in which there are many quotes from Mr. A. A. Hughes on ringing in general and bell-founding.

The composition by Miss Stella Hughes, of Walsall, which we give on our back page this week, has the merit of being the first we have published from a woman composer. Have the Ladies' Guild records of other women composers?

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are touring Kent for their week, which starts on April 4th with headquarters at Ye Olde Bull Hotel, Sittingbourne. The party will consist of the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews (Chittlehampton), E. G. Benson (Presteigne), A. C. Blyth (Cambridge), N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), Canon C. C. Cox (Whitechurch Canonicorum), Preb. E. V. Cox (Axminster), S. E. Evans (non-resident, Rams-gate), J. B. T. Homfray (Cheltenham), C. J. B. Marshall (Leatherhead), P. T. Robbins (non-resident, Prestwich), G. Ruming (Prestbury), F. A. Sanders (Overton), R. D. St. J. Smith (Astley Bridge), W. H. R. Trehwella (Crantock), H. F. Warren (Exford), E. B. Wood (Leatherhead).

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The third session of the 23rd Council (62nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, March 19th, 1959, at the Palace Hotel, Southport.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 7th, 1959.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS

Palace Hotel, Southport; some accommodation still available.

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

Conducted tour over the 'S.S. Carinthia,' a 22,000 ton Canadian liner, lying in Mersey Docks. Light refreshments will be provided on board. Inspection of the Mersey Tunnel in the afternoon. Early application to Mr. F. Dunkerley is advised, as it was only possible to arrange for 24 people to participate.

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

Two coach tours.

(1) Depart Southport 9.45 a.m., to Tarleton, Whalley, lunch 12 noon at Assembly Rooms; depart 1.30 p.m. for Lancaster, Kirkby Lonsdale, tea 5 p.m.; to Billsborough at 6 p.m., arriving back at Southport 8.45 p.m. Approx. cost 24s.

(2) Depart Southport 10 a.m. for Preston, Whalley, Clitheroe, Chatburn, Downham; lunch at Assheton Arms; depart 1 p.m. via Barley and Newchurch-in-Pendle for Burnley, then via Moorland Road to Bacup; light refreshments at Duckworth Hall, returning to Southport direct at 5 p.m. Approx. cost 17s. 6d.

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

Two coach tours.

(3) Depart Southport 9 a.m. for St. Anne's, Fleetwood; lunch at Heald's Café; depart Fleetwood 1.30 p.m. for Lancaster, returning to Southport for 5.30 p.m. Approx. cost 15s.

(4) Depart Southport 9.30 a.m. for Blackburn Cathedral; depart 12 noon via Wiltshire, Langho, Whalley to Downham for lunch; depart 2 p.m. for Haslingden; light refreshments at Duckworth Hall, returning direct to Southport at 5 p.m. Approx. cost 17s. 6d.

It is hoped to arrange ringing at local towers on all four tours. Applications for (1) and (3) tours to Mr. N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston, and for (2) and (4) to Mr. C. W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

A dinner has been arranged for Central Council delegates and Lancashire Association officials, 7 for 7.30 p.m., to which each representative is invited to bring one guest along.

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

An invitation has been extended to delegates by the Southport Publicity Committee for afternoon tea at 5 p.m.

The Lancashire Association invites all members and friends to a Social (dance and running buffet) in the Palace Hotel Ballroom at 8.30 p.m.

RINGING

Peals and general ringing arrangements for the three branches adjacent to Southport are in the hands of the following, to whom application should be made direct:—

Liverpool.—Miss G. I. Howlett, 10, Green Lane, Seaford, Liverpool, 21, Lancs.
Preston.—Mr. L. Walmsley, c/o Leyland Motors Ltd., Leyland, Lancs.
Wigan.—Miss M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, Lancs.

Ringling outside the above area is in the hands of the Branch secretaries concerned, i.e.:

Blackburn.—Mr. C. W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington, Lancs.

Bolton.—Mr. J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, Lancs.

Furness and Lake District.—Mr. N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston.

Fylde.—Mr. J. F. Turner, 3, St. Bedes Avenue, South Shore, Blackpool, Lancs.

Lancaster.—Mr. R. F. Eccles, 22, Walton Avenue, Bare, Morecambe, Lancs.

Manchester.—Mr. G. D. Fearnough, 14, Belgrave Avenue, Manchester, 14.

Rochdale.—Mr. P. J. H. Hudson, 67, Bel-field Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

Rossendale.—Mr. J. Porter, Chesham Green Cottages, Chesham, Bury, Lancs.

Application should again be made to the above, direct.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

SHARESHILL RINGERS DISBANDED

The Rev. E. R. Roe, Vicar of Shreshill, Staffs., has disbanded his ringers, states the 'Wolverhampton Express and Star.' He has taken this action because the ringers, who are all, with one exception, teenagers, do not combine ringing with church worship. There had been no unpleasantness, but for some months he had felt that the position was unsatisfactory.

Last year he had told them of his views, and had given them time in which to decide whether or not they were going to take a more active part in church life. The time was now up and there had been no improvement.

'I feel it is wrong for worshippers to see that the people who have called them to church are not staying for the service. I have no complaints about their abilities as ringers. Indeed, they are probably better than most teams of their age.'

Mr. Roe said that he would be pleased if the head ringer, Mr. H. Butler, about whom he had no complaints, decided to form a new team. In the meantime, Mr. Butler is carrying on by himself.

Ten Bells For Carbis Bay In Completed Tower

WHEN, in 1927, the late Archdeacon Hockley laid the foundation stone of the yet unfinished Church of St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, he referred to the adventure being part of a romantic story. A wooden mission church was then used for worship, but the local committee had rather daringly accepted a plan for a building which would still need for its completion four bays of the nave and the top stage of the tower with battlements and pinnacles. The tower was planned for the south-east corner, over the Lady Chapel sanctuary, and when the plans were submitted to the then Bishop of Truro (Dr. W. H. Freere), he queried the wisdom of spending money on what was to be a part of the tower carried up to a few feet beyond the level for the bells, with a temporary roof. The minute book shows how adamant the building committee was in its decision, although there was no suggestion for bells. The one ting-tang from the mission church was hung to a roof beam.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts was appointed priest-in-charge of the Conventual District in 1940. In 1946 a ring of eight (tenor 9½ cwt.) was installed, on which 26 peals have been rung. Sunday ringing is, of course, regular. In the summer many visitors pay a visit to the tower.

In May, 1957, a gift of £500 was made towards the completion of the tower. The challenge was accepted and the fund built up, but as the church is built of Cornish granite the same plan had to be followed, and it was realised how great the cost would be. At first it seemed to be a stumbling block, but nevertheless the effort continued. A few months ago the four pinnacles on the tower of Pendeen Church, near Land's End, had to be taken down and could not be replaced. These were generously given by the Vicar and Church Council to Carbis Bay. Each pinnacle weighs about 15 cwt. A Penzance firm of coal importers generously performed the major operation of transporting these the 15 miles to their new home. The problem of the high cost of dressed granite was still a real one until there came the wonderful gift of a large disused mine building on a farm at Trencrom, two miles from Carbis Bay Church. This was owned by Mr. J. Lionel Rogers, of Penrose, Helston, a leading layman in the diocese, who gave one of the bells at Wendron when the ring was restored in 1937. He readily consented that the building be demolished and the granite used for the church.

This has now been done, and some 250 cubic yards of large blocks are being transported to the church site. This is a quantity not only sufficient to complete the tower but to build the four bays of the nave also.

SOUND CONTROL

The Church Council has recently accepted a tender for the tower. Preparatory work has begun, and it is hoped that the dedication will be in the late summer. All the sound of the bells will escape through the tower roof. The present four sets of louvres are to be reused to form the lantern louvres, and the shutters behind them are to be reused in the lantern also. There are to be no openings in the tower walls. A white Cornish granite cross, six feet in height, will be built into the centre of the east wall, and the clock face raised to the centre of the south wall. It is considered that the experiment for the escape of sound will prove satisfactory as the greater part of the parish rises from the church, and with houses being built both opposite and behind the church the modification will be appreciated. It may well be that the experiment will prove a good example of what a bell tower should be, especially in residential areas. The planning has been most happily carried out, as the architect, Mr. K. E. Rundle, of Truro, was at school with the Vicar.

A further joy is that two trebles are to be added for dedication with the completed tower to make a ring of ten. The order has been placed with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who provided the present eight. The Church Council is happy to know that the only ten in Cornwall outside the Cathedral at Truro will be in the newest tower of the youngest parish in the diocese. Carbis Bay was created a parish in 1948.

With this work in hand it will mean some curtailment in ringing over the next few months, but due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World,' and it is hoped also to give good notice of the dedication so that those taking holiday in the far west may be able to include the occasion in their visit.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Mar. 14th, 1320 Plain Bob Major: G. Cousins 1, M. Hatchett 2, Miss M. R. Jaycock 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, H. Orlesby 5, R. E. Dean 6, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 7, G. W. Limmer 8. A 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. George Gilbert.

A NEW DERBYSHIRE FIVE DEDICATED

The hilly, rather tumbledown region that lies between Burton-on-Trent and the rocky knolls of Charnwood Forest is sometimes called South Derbyshire or just Swadlincote. It is an odd countryside of clay pits, kilns, collieries and tips, shattered in places by mining subsidence, but it has several rings of bells: for example, the eights at Overseale and Netherseale, the sixes at Newhall and Lullington, and the derelict five at Hartshorne.

Church Gresley is one of the bigger centres of industrial population, but the 14th century embattled sandstone tower, standing at the north east corner of the Church of SS. George and Mary, had never held a ring, only three, possibly at one time four, old bells from the Nottingham Foundry. Even they had not been sounded for some years, as the timbers were riddled with death-watch beetle and the tower strained by subsidence: the church stands on a hill top almost surrounded by the great Gresley Colliery.

But at last, through the generosity of several local benefactors, the tower was restored, and Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were commissioned to tune the three old bells and hang them in canon-retaining headstocks in a new steel frame. Two new bells were provided to complete a ring of five: one provided by the church and the treble by Mr. C. E. Robinson. Mr. H. Robinson enabled the tower, and Capt. Cyril Collingwood and Mrs. Frances Collingwood the bells, to be restored.

The long-awaited dedication day came on Sunday, February 15th, when the Lord Bishop of Derby, the Rt. Rev. A. J. Rawlinson, who is shortly to retire, paid what was probably his final visit to Gresley to perform the ceremonies during Matins. After the clergy and choir had processed to the tower, and the Bishop had sounded a bell and dedicated memorial plaques, the bells sounded out for the first time in rounds rung by D. P. Jones (ringing instructor) treble, D. Eames (13) 2, C. Heafield (13) 3, W. Woodward (Netherseale) 4 and J. W. Cotton (Overseale, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild) tenor.

After the service, visitors from Coventry, Lichfield, Burton and other parts of the Midlands had an hour's ringing on the new bells, which all agreed form a very pleasant-sounding and easily-handled ring. The ringers of the second and third at the dedication were two of a dozen or so local lads who have been trained at Overseale, and now ring good call-changes twice each Sunday without assistance. At the Wednesday practice, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m., they are learning the first steps in proper change-ringing: those named can already hunt the treble to Grandsire. In addition, they have put in much work to convert a gloomy and dirty ringing chamber into a bright, clean and well-appointed one.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble.—John Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough, 1958. Given by C. E. Robinson in memory of his parents, Benjamin and Sarah. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Second.—John Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough, 1958. 'Thanks to God.' 4 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

Third.—'God save our Church.' (Shield of Henry Oldfield, Nottingham, c. 1600.) 5 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Fourth.—'God save the Church.' 1639, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in A.

Tenor.—'I sweetly tolling men do call to taste on meats that feede the soule.' (Shield of George Oldfield, Nottingham, 1639.) 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

At Evensong on February 15th, the Vicar (Rev. K. Roy Upton) enrolled the young band, handing each ringer a membership card.

The following Saturday, February 21st, was the open day for visitors, and many came from as far away as Desborough to ring a large variety of Doubles methods, to partake in a short service conducted by the Vicar, and to enjoy a lavish tea provided by the Mothers' Union, organised by Mrs. Upton. Among those who sat down was the headmaster of the Secondary School, attended by most of the ringers. Ringing continued till 8 p.m.

Sunday ringing is at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Practice night is Wednesday at 7.15 p.m. Correspondence to the Rev. K. R. Upton, the Vicarage, Linton, Burton, or to D. P. Jones, c/o Castle Gresley Secondary School, Burton, Staffs. D. P. J.

MR. A. SMITH'S NOVEL 100

Mr. Alfred Smith, of Leeds, has an exceptional list for his first 100 peals. It reads:—

Maximus, Plain Bob 1, Cinques, Grandsire 1, Royal, Plain Bob 1, Yorkshire 6, Cambridge 5, Pudsey 1, Treble Bob 1, Caters, Stedman 1, Surprise Major, Yorkshire 14, Cambridge 16 (c. 2), Pudsey 2, Superlative 21 (1), London 3, Bristol 4, Chiltern 2, Painswick 2, Runnymede 1, Lincolnshire 2, Belgrave 1, Rochester 1, Four methods 3.

Major.—Double Norwich 3, Treble Bob 2, Plain Bob 4.

Treble to 7 spliced 1, and 5 spliced 1.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting at Wortley on March 14th. The afternoon's ringing was followed by cups of tea served in the School. The Vicar (Rev. T. V. Robinson) presided at the business meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to the Society. Members stood in silent tribute to the late Mr. Harry Nutt, of Friezland, a member for many years. Mr. Noel F. Moxon reminded the company of the many good services to the Society by the late Mr. Nutt, and expressed sympathy with his family and the Friezland ringers.

Two new members—Carl Hible and Peter Dixon, of Ecclesfield—were elected, and Wragby, near Wakefield, was selected for the meeting on April 11th. A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who made the meeting so successful was proposed by Mr. N. F. Moxon. Further ringing followed.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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

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THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The annual meeting of the South Wales District was held at St. Mellons on February 21st and was well attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Gower-Rees) and Mr. R. Addis read the lesson.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Gower-Rees and her helpers. Mr. R. E. Coles most sincerely thanked these kind ladies on behalf of all present.

Welcomed at the business meeting was the District's oldest member—Mrs. Young, of St. Mellons—who has been ringing at Rumney and St. Mellons for more than 40 years. The secretary gave a favourable report for 1958. During the year ten new members had been elected and there was a paid-up membership of 48.

Miss Dorothy Atwell (All Saints', Newport) was elected vice-president. The secretary, Mrs. J. S. King, was re-elected. Committee members elected were Mrs. F. Bailey, Mrs. A. Whitworth, Miss Marion Davis and Miss Ann Scorrer. General committee: Mrs. R. E. Coles and Miss Dilys Hulbert. One new member—Miss Jennifer James (All Saints', Newport)—was elected.

Llantwit Major was proposed for the next meeting, with Whitchurch as an alternative.

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, on March 14th, and was well attended. After ringing in the afternoon a service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Frost).

Some 38 members and visitors were present at tea, which was followed by the business meeting. Two new members were elected—Miss Margaret Tate and Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden. The officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Parfrey; secretary, Miss B. Johnson; committee, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. de Jong, Mrs. Massey and Miss Williams.

Members were asked to note the date of the annual outing—Saturday, September 12th.

Ringling afterwards included an all-ladies' touch of Grandsire Triples.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Taunton Branch

About 40 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Taunton Branch, held at Rockwell Green on March 14th. The Vicar (Rev. L. Naylor) officiated at the Association form of service.

Tea was held in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, with the Vicar taking the chair, supported by Mr. A. F. Reed (secretary) and Mr. G. Coles (vice-chairman). Eleven towers were represented, together with visitors from Bridgwater, Cannington, Chipstable, Spanton and Portsmouth. Altogether 14 new members were elected. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to a former member of the Wellington band—Mr. F. W. Slocombe—for the services he had rendered the Branch.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. J. Grant, of Taunton, who died shortly after the annual meeting held at Milverton in December.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and to Mr. F. Taylor, of Rockwell Green, who had made all the arrangements. G. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CANON RIDOUT

Dear Sir,—The mention of Canon Ridout in the article 'Let Loose in Africa' recalls happy memories of some pleasant hours spent with him 24 years ago. From 1897 to 1899 he was curate of St. John's, Gainsborough (1), and during that time local records show he did much ringing in and around Gainsborough. It was, therefore, understandable that when Lea bells were to be rededicated in 1935, and the rector, his old friend, being on holiday in England, he should want to come. He wrote to Canon Forbes and was invited to spend a few days with him.

Now Canon Forbes was something of a character and 'ruled' Lea for 53 years. He was a likeable man, never varied his ways, and lived with his charming wife and daughter in a huge, old-fashioned rectory with 2 acres of garden immaculately kept without help.

The day he arrived a short note was sent to me saying would I go down to the Rectory that evening to meet a very famous ringer. This I did but rather nervously, my only attribution being enthusiasm. However, as the writer pointed out, we were on common ground there, and he talked and talked and simply fascinated me with his stories and explanations. After two hours I was politely told by Mrs. Forbes it was time for Canon Forbes to have his supper, but if we liked we could continue our talk the next evening. That night I eagerly looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed. The following night was the dedication service. He read the lesson and took part in the ringing afterwards; and that was the last I saw of this fine gentleman, whose enthusiasm was certainly infectious. —Yours sincerely,

GEO. L. A. LUNN.

Gainsborough.

THATCHED CHURCHES AND TOWERS

Dear Sir,—While reading C. Messent's book on the Round Towers of England, I discovered that the Church of St. Lawrence, Ingworth, Norfolk, has a thatched portion of a round tower. The tower fell in the 1820's, and the base was rebuilt and given a conical thatched roof. The one bell hangs in a gable cote on the western gable.

There are many thatched churches in Eastern England. Hales, Heckingham, Acle (6) being good examples. Perhaps one of the loveliest of these is Holy Trinity, Barsham, Suffolk—a gem of architecture standing in a lovely wooded setting in the valley of the Waveney. The little round tower with spirelet is, in part, pre-Conquest, and considered by Julian Tennyson to be one of the most perfect round towers. It contains a very pretty ring of five (Mears, 1893, with a pre-Reformation 'Alphabet' bell as the fourth), with a 64 cwt. tenor in B flat. These lovely bells are now, alas, no longer allowed to be rung, and have only been rung to a peal twice (two methods in 1912 and three methods in 1956).—Yours faithfully,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Droitwich Spa, Wores.

MULTI-METHOD SPLICED EXTENTS

Dear Sir,—A peal of Spliced Minor on February 21st, rung at Fryerning, Essex, contained a 720 which was described as being in '14 methods, by C. K. Lewis.' This 720 was a rearrangement of a 720 of mine published a few weeks previous to Mr. Lewis's and was, in fact, thus described by him in the letter which accompanied, and was published with, his figures.

Although there is no doubt that the rearranged version is superior to the original, it would seem more logical to describe it as 'H. Chant, rearranged by C. K. Lewis.'

The whole subject of Spliced Minor ringing and particularly the theoretical aspect of arranging (or composing) is worthy of the closest study, and a thesis by some authority such as C. K. Lewis, under the auspices of the C.C., would make interesting reading. The development of some of the extents is quite fascinating—even exciting. Take, for instance, the one which now contains the greatest number of methods (26).

After starting life as an unassuming extent in a few plain methods it was gradually built up by Mr. C. K. Lewis over a number of years to a 720 containing 19 plain methods, who then by the original concept of combining Treble Bob with Plain reached a total of 22 methods. There it stood for a few years when, by the additional inclusion of Alliance and Little Methods, I managed to push it up to 23, and later to 24 and (by the inclusion of a bob lead) to 25.

C. K. Lewis then made an arrangement based on this to include 26 methods which, although I have not possession of his figures contains, I understand, the tenors coursing the 'wrong way' for a complete course. Working on a plan which owes much to a 720 by A. G. Driver, I made an arrangement in 26 with the tenors the 'right way' throughout.

In view of my expressed opinion on 6-5's, it should be clear that anyone who prefers my arrangement to Mr. Lewis's will incur my eternal displeasure but, in the event of it being rung and published, how should it be described? H. Chant's arrangement of C. K. Lewis's extension of H. Chant's extensions of C. K. Lewis's extent?

It is idle to pretend that my extensions would have been possible without the original 22 or (I like to think) Mr. Lewis's final arrangement without my own efforts. Quite frequently the addition of even a single method requires more thought (sometimes—if there be such a thing—original thought) than all the compiling that has gone into the extent before. Sometimes, indeed, quite a lot of hard work, much midnight oil and many sheets of foolscap (singularly appropriate!) are required to turn a bob lead into a plain one. So much we owe to the work of our predecessors that it is sometimes difficult to distinguish that which is original from that which is not, or to tell a transposition from an older extent.

It would, therefore, in many cases probably be better to describe a 720 with two names coupled together in the manner frequently adopted in musical composition: Corelli-Kreisler, Arne-Sargent, etc. In the case of a 720, the name of the person who had contributed most to the compiling of the composition could be followed by the name of the person who had

made the final addition, transposition or arrangement.

Where the last person had merely made a rearrangement his name could be placed in brackets, thus: Driver (Lewis), etc. In fact this idea could be extended or adapted to other numbers of bells; e.g., Thurstans (Heywood), Middleton (Johnson), etc., and the procedure more or less standardised.

So far has Spliced Minor advanced that it is reasonable to expect that before long it may be possible to ring more methods in seven 720's than was rung in the present record of nine 720's. In order to achieve this it may be necessary to include extents which contain in certain cases methods with

(a) Bob leads only.

(b) 'Singled' leads only.

(c) 'Singles' in Treble Bob.

The Central Council has no ruling on these points and there are, no doubt, arguments for and against accepting them. Personally, although I am not happy on the subject, I am bound to admit that a method is only decided in the final two rows of the changeover from lead-end to lead-head, and that this must be the criterion in deciding whether a certain method has been rung or not. E.g., Reverse and Double Bob (Minor) are differentiated at the lead-end, lead-head by a 6th and 2nds place respectively, therefore if in the case of an arrangement which contains (say) plain leads of Double a 6ths place 'single' is made, are we entitled to call this lead 'Reverse'? (It certainly is not Double, which has a 2nds place 'single'.)

It would be interesting to find out other people's opinions and to get a ruling from the C.C. on these points.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

The Southern District's meeting at Gorseinon on March 7th attracted many visitors, two being from Leeds. The newly-formed University of Wales Guild, the St. David's and Llandaff Associations were also represented.

Mr. D. G. Williams presided at the business meeting; he asked all to stand in sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Frank Gordon. In answer to questions, Mr. A. Hoare assured the company that on the occasion of the visit of the Queen Mother for the opening of St. Mary's bells there would be opportunities for ringing for all. The vote of thanks to the ladies for the tea was proposed by Mr. Chris Hawkins, and the Vicar was thanked by Mr. A. Hoare.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The March meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Great Cheverill. Owing to illness, arrangements for tea had to be cancelled at short notice. Ringing commenced at 5 p.m. and the service at 6 p.m. There was a good response from the members, 30 turning up, with visitors from the Swindon District. Owing to the illness of the Rector, the Guild service was conducted by Sir C. Chitham, who gave a welcome to all present.

It was good to see a large number of young ringers present. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge. S. C.

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CONTEST RINGING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND

By NOEL F. MOXON

MANY ringers today recoil with horror when the words 'a ringing contest' are heard, for memories and stories of misdemeanour in bygone days are recalled. It must be admitted that their misgivings are not without foundation, as the prize ringings of the past century were frequented by men who were not loath to descend to unscrupulous methods to gain the handsome money prizes which were presented to the victors. Alas, many of the contestants were men who although good and consistent service ringers had scant respect for the Church and rarely attended a service. Unfortunately, the ill fame of the prize ringing of last century has been passed down to the present day, and the ringers who now arrange and participate in contests for which there is little or no tangible reward for the winners are still frowned upon by many of our leading ringers: the true reward of our present day contest ringers is the satisfaction that they are promoting good striking, an art which is sadly neglected in many towers.

The earliest record we have of a contest is in 1786, when on September 22nd the ringers of Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne competed at Leeds Parish Church for a wager of 40 guineas, the test piece being Holt's peal of 5,040 Grandsire 'Tripples.' Oldham rang the peal in the forenoon in 2 hours and 46 minutes, and Ashton followed on with the same peal in 2 hours and 30 minutes. It was discovered that the last peal was some 400 changes short, so victory was pronounced in favour of Oldham. The Oldham and Ashton rivalry lasted into the next century, for these two towers rang against each other in 1808 at Flixton, near Manchester, for 40 guineas. The test was the same, Holt's Grandsire 'Tripples,' and Oldham were again the winners, the Ashton conductor making a miscall. Prior to the contest each team had rung four peals at neighbouring towers as a preparation for the great event.

Although there appear to be no more records of contests in the 18th century, such functions were fairly common, as a biographical sketch of Barnsley describes some rivalry. 'A public house in Barnsley now known as "The White Hart" was once "The Six Ringers," but was usually called "The Darfield Ringers." In 1787 the host, Thomas Kenyon, was a native of Darfield, a nearby village, and being a zealous ringer of that place did not care who knew it. He erected a massive sign, on which were gaily painted the portraits of the Darfield ringers, and proved a powerful attraction to the votaries of Bacchus but a sad annoyance to the Barnsley ringers who regarded it as a menace, there being warm contests between the Barnsley and Darfield ringers for the palm of superiority.'

BARNSELY CONTESTS

The earliest recorded contest at Barnsley took place on April 28th, 1810, when ten bands competed for two silver cups. This was a 6-bell contest, the test piece being three extents of 720 changes. The first prize was won by Wath St. Ann's College Youths, with Holmfirth as runners-up. Darfield, Birstall, Royston, Huddersfield, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Horbury and Darton also competed.

On June 5th, 1815, a prize ringing took place at Horbury, near Wakefield: the first prize a silver pint tankard and the second prize half-a-dozen silver spoons purchased by subscriptions by the gentlemen of the town. Thirteen companies assembled and took turn by ballot to ring 'two treble peals of 720 changes each.' Teams taking part with faults incurred were: Elland 47, Holmfirth 75, Birstall 43, Darton 126, Silkstone 51, Calverley 130, Dewsbury 21, Wath 26, Mirfield 90, Royston 72, Almondsbury 136, Sandall 123, Darfield 30. Dewsbury were awarded first prize and the second to St. Ann's Youths, of Wath, near Rotherham.

AN 8-BELL CONTEST

Eight-bell contests were also held in Yorkshire, for on August 25th, 1819, Birstall staged a contest to celebrate the opening of their new ring of eight bells, when the following seven companies attended on the occasion and took their turn by ballot in the following order to ring 2,496 or 2,528 changes of New or Oxford Treble Bob: 1, Sowerby and Halifax, a joint company, took the ropes and jumbled out; 2, Liversedge, rang 2,528 changes; 3, Otley and Keighley, rang 2,528 changes; 4, Bradford, rang 2,496 changes; 5, Huddersfield, rang well 2,300 changes but by a mistake lost the peal; 6, Leeds and Wakefield at the conclusion of the day and by candlelight brought round 2,496 changes; 7, Halifax concluded the opening with ringing 2,400 changes and lost the peal. When these elegant performances were over (near 12 o'clock at night), the first prize—a silver tankard value 12 guineas—was awarded by the umpires and censures, after summing up the faults, to the Leeds and Wakefield company. The second prize, a silver pint value 5 guineas, was awarded to the Bradford company.

ALL-ENGLAND CHALLENGE

Prize ringing contests were not always open to all and sundry, for on October 7th, 1812, Birstall and Darton competed for a silver cup at Royston, each team ringing three 720's; the prize was awarded to the Birstall ringers. Challenge contests at this time must have been held frequently, and culminated at Wragby in 1826, when on January 15th Wath ringers issued a challenge to all England for £30 a side. Darton accepted the challenge and won the prize. In the Darton team was John Senior, who died in 1861, having rung for 60 years and helped to win more than 30 prizes. Also in the team was William Johnson, of Mapplewell, nailmaker, who rang at Darton for 50 years; he died in 1845, aged 71. He was the proud possessor of a silver cup awarded for the champion tenor bell ringer of England, and his services were greatly in demand by various companies. Darton had a good team of ringers during the early part of the last century, ringing peals of seven different Minor methods and taking part in contests.

Many years ago a contest was to be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, and Darton were competing. One of the team, Andrew Briggs, was not selected for, being the secretary of a local Friendly Society, it was understood that he would be engaged at the Lodge meeting which was to be held on the day of the contest. Andrew, however, was annoyed when he heard he had been omitted from the team, and on the day of the contest walked to Sandal, a distance of six miles. When Darton were ringing their test piece Andrew, who had secreted himself near the ringing chamber door, called out 'Bob' in a loud voice, thus bringing the ringing to grief. It took some little time for the ringers to realise what had happened, but Andrew had escaped during the confusion and walked back to Darton.

The then Vicar of Darton was constantly making efforts to persuade his ringers to attend the services but without success, one excuse put forward that ringing made dirty hands and no washing facilities existed. The Vicar therefore had placed in the centre of the ringing chamber a wash bowl on a stand: the ringers used this bowl frequently—as a cuspidor!

The prize money for contests appears to have been considerable in the early days, and was usually collected from the gentlemen of the town at which the contest was held: a case in point being one at Wath-on-Deane on October 14th, 1822, when eight companies assembled, each ringing three 720's. Birstall were awarded the first prize, a silver tankard value £7, with

Ecclesfield second, receiving £3. Other teams competing were Horbury, Penistone, Barnsley, Darton and Darfield; Kirkheaton received a money prize, having come the greatest distance. This contest must have occupied the greater part of the day or even two days, and ringers had often to take lodgings in the town.

THE BROKEN WINDOW!

A story from George Lewis tells of the Ecclesfield team who had to spend the night in an hotel, where accommodation being limited two ringers had to sleep in one bed. During the night one, being asthmatical, awoke gasping for breath and begged his bedmate to open the window to allow fresh air to enter the room. The man located the window in the dark but could not open it as there was no catch to be found. In despair, the suffering man cried: 'Break it, I will pay the damage in the morning.' Nothing loath, the glass was broken by means of a boot, and the gasping man immediately found relief. However, when next morning arrived the window was intact but the dressing table mirror was smashed to atoms!

When a new ring of bells was opened, the occasion was often marked by a contest, as was the case on May 10th, 1824, when the bells of Pudsey New Church were opened. Each company, on entering the town, rang a practice touch of 224 changes, and at 11 a.m. 11 companies competed for the prizes, the test piece being 1,728 true changes of Oxford or Kent T.B. Major, the time allowed being 62 minutes, with a forfeit of 10 penalties for each minute over or under the time. The contest concluded after 3 the following morning, when the first prize of £10 was awarded to Halifax—58 minutes 99 faults; Huddersfield were second with 58 minutes 111 faults, and received £5.

On April 8th, 1827, eight teams competed in a contest on the noble ring of ten bells in the Parish Church of Halifax, the winners being Oldham and Outram United, with Leeds the runners-up. This may have been a 10-bell contest, although some of the teams competing did not come from towers with more than eight bells.

A new name appears in the list of towers patronised by the prize ringers—High Hoyland, where on May 26th, 1828, eight companies met in a competition. Prizes were awarded to Holmfirth (£5), Darfield (£3) and Silkstone (£1). High Hoyland Church, near Barnsley, stands well away from the village—an ideal venue for peal and contest ringing. Unfortunately, the light six are unringable; several wheels are broken, the third bell is cracked, but the frame appears good. In 1875 a new church in the next village, Clayton West, became the parish church in place of High Hoyland, but ringing continued, as a code of rules dated 1900 hangs under the tower, and as one of the rules refers to intoxication, etc., this seems to point to misdemeanour by the ringers. All six ropes are now attached to the clappers, the being being chimed by 'clocking,' a situation which needs attention, although the Church Council are not prepared to spend money on the bells.

A time factor contest was held at Liversedge on December 28th, 1829, with a test piece of 2,528 changes of New or Old Treble Bob. Out of eight companies the final placings were Dewsbury, Birstall, Huddersfield and Elland.

(To be continued.)

NORTHAMPTON.—On Mar. 1st, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): R. Finch 1, G. F. Roome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6, Miss N. G. Williams (covering) 7. For morning service. Also at the Church of St. Edmund, on Mar. 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): Miss P. Curtis 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, M. R. Bennett 4, E. Billings 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, R. A. Eldridge (covering) 7.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS JOHN FOWLER

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Thomas John Fowler, of Cookham, Berks, on March 9th, in his 71st year. John had been failing in health for several months, and on February 21st he had a severe heart attack. He was admitted to Maidenhead Hospital, where he appeared to be making satisfactory progress. He had another heart attack on the morning of his death.

John Fowler was known to us all as 'Uncle John,' and no man had so many affectionate nieces and nephews as John, for he was loved,



T. J. FOWLER

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respected and held in very high esteem by all who were privileged to know him.

Born within the sound of Bow Bells, he came to the Berkshire village of Cookham with his parents when young, and at the age of 10 years joined Holy Trinity, Cookham, choir. Last year he achieved the wonderful record of having been a member of the choir for 60 years. For many years he was a member of the Parish Council; he was secretary to the Parochial Church Council and sat on many committees. During the First World War he served in the Army Ordnance Corps and held the rank of Warrant Officer. He was mentioned in dispatches.

Starting to ring in 1912, on his return to the village in 1919 he was elected tower captain, an office he held to his death. Cookham was a call-change band in those days, but in spite of strong opposition he introduced method ringing. It was due to his efforts that in 1926 the ring of six was augmented to eight as a memorial to Cookham ringers who lost their lives in the two world wars, one of which was his own son.

A staunch member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he was Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch for more than 25 years. For this and his devoted work for the Guild he was elected a vice-president in 1954, an honour well earned and of which he was justly proud. He was also a member of the College Youths.

John Fowler rang 62 peals, from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major, not many peals at present day standards, but he much preferred to attend Branch practice meetings and to help and encourage those that needed it than to stand in a peal. John was a gentleman of sterling character and very sincere in his views. His advice to all ringers was—handle your bell correctly, listen to your strik-

ing, and attend Sunday service ringing and practices punctually and regularly. This he always did himself.

THE FUNERAL

On the Wednesday evening John was received to his beloved church by his Vicar, the Rev. Michael Westropp, where he rested the night.

Many ringers were in the large congregation who attended the funeral service on March 12th, which was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev. M. Westropp. Three of his favourite hymns were sung, including the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God who liveth.' In his warm tribute, the Vicar said: 'The guiding principle in John Fowler's life was his faith in God and his faithfulness to God, the latter expressed in a lifelong devotion to his church, in the choir, and in so many other ways; but his great love in service was the church bells: he was never happier than when ringing, teaching young people to ring, or servicing the bells themselves, or after a practice, just discussing them over a pint of beer. It is faithfulness such as this that Christ looks for in His followers, which is such an inspiration and example to others.'

At the interment, after the committal prayer, a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. D. Barker 1-2, D. Dean 3-4, W. Lee 5-6, E. D. Poole 7-8.

Before the service the bells, half-muffled, were rung to well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples by many ringing friends. After the service a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory by ringers from his own and neighbouring towers.

Among the many floral tributes were ten from ringers, which included one from the officers of the Oxford Guild and one from the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

A quarter peal, half-muffled, of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Slough, on March 12th, and on March 18th at St. Giles', Stoke Poges, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled to the memory of John Fowler. E. E. G.

AN APPRECIATION

The news of the sudden death of Thomas John Fowler has come as a great blow to me, as I was closely associated with him as a bell-ringer and church worker during my nine years' residence in Cookham in the 1930's.

At the monthly practices of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch he was ever ready to help and encourage beginners and stand behind them, if help was needed. A stranger or a shy and self-conscious person was always made to feel that he (or she) was welcome and needed.

In those days Tuesday practice nights in Cookham tower were, under his foremanship, something of a social occasion. Two or three ringers from Boyne Hill used to come over, and everyone—young and middle-aged—appeared to be enjoying their ringing immensely.

About the year 1933 Tom was responsible for the introduction of unpaid ringing at Cookham. He was untiring in his efforts to get new subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' for the ringer's own benefit, one felt.

'May he rest in peace.'

F. M.

MR. GEORGE H. HEAD

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Mr. George H. Head came as a shock to me because we became ringing friends in 1900, when he resided at Poltimore, near Exeter. Before coming to Devon he was a keen ringer in the Eastbourne District, where he took part in some good class peals, so he was an asset to bands in the Exeter District who were struggling to advance in method ringing. We stood in many peal attempts together, including two which came to grief after over three hours, and it was quite by accident that we were invited together in a peal—the only one we remembered scoring—back in 1902.

Mr. Head was fond of flowers, and being an expert he often helped to beautify the approach to a church by planting something which would please the eye. As a ringer he was quiet and unassuming, keen on good striking, and a good, faithful churchman. He generally greeted me with the motto of the City of Exeter, 'Semper Fidelis' ('Always Faithful'), and this could truly apply to George Head. R.I.P.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Walklate (15) 1, Patricia A. M. Halls 2, M. R. Blore (15) 3, C. W. Walklate 4, S. Walklate 5, G. A. Halls 6, H. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. B. Stennitt 8. For St. David's Day, Also on Mar. 5th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Freebrey 1, H. Taylor 2, Patricia A. M. Halls (cond.) 3, F. R. Lowe 4, G. A. Halls 5, R. Pocklington 6, C. W. Walklate 7, M. R. Blore (15) 8.

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CONWAY—PARKER.—The wedding between Mr. A. C. Conway and Miss P. M. Parker will take place at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Saturday, April 4th, 1959, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 4062

MINCHIN—KIRKMAN.—The marriage between Peter and Jean is arranged to take place at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, on Thursday, April 2nd, 1959, at 11 a.m. All friends welcome at the church. 4065

DEATH

DIGBY.—At Fulham, on March 3rd, 1959, in her sleep, Alice Kate Digby, wife of Frederick C. Digby and mother of C. W. Roberts, in her 82nd year. R.I.P. 4063

PERSONAL

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Bath, Easter Monday, March 30th. Service 12 noon, St. Michael's. Luncheon, Red House Cafe, 1 p.m., followed by meeting in cafe. Luncheon tickets available, on receipt of S.A.E., from secretary. Luncheon will be 9s. 6d., but send no money now. Ringing times: Newton St. Loe, 10 to 11; Keynsham, 10 to 11; Corston, 10.30 to 11.30; St. Michael with St. Paul's, 10.30 to 12; St. Mark's, 4.30 to 5.30; The Abbey, 4 to 5; Twerton, 5.30 to 6.30; Weston, 6 to 7; Bathwick, 7 to 8; St. Matthew's, 7 to 8. 4031

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 30th, in St. Paul's Vestry, Bedford, at 2 p.m. Bells available: St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (8), Bedford, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3.30 to 5.30 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Hall. Names by 25th, please, to Miss A. Amor, 100, Denmark Street, Bedford.—John W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. and Treas. 4022

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, March 30th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Eynesbury (6), 10 to 11.30 a.m.; St. Neots (8), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Great Paxton (5), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Buckden (5), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Great Staughton (6), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Spaldwick (6), 12.30 to 1.30; Leighton Bromswold (5), 1 to 2; Winwick (5), 1.30 to 2.30; Alconbury (6), 1.30 to 2.30; Brampton (5), 2.30 to 3.30; Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4; St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3 to 4.15; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 4 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, 5 p.m. Godmanchester and both Huntingdon towers available after tea.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 4026

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Easter Monday, March 30th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4052

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 30th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall, 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1.15 to 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for all who notify me by Wednesday, March 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 6 to 7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithun's (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 4036

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, April 1st, 6.30 p.m. Joint meeting with London County Association, Saturday, April 11th: details next week. 4081

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—Rededication of five restored bells and dedication of new treble bell on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. 4057

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 4th, 6 p.m. Ringing at Christ Church, Southgate, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Nearest station Southgate (Piccadilly line), thence by 29 bus to the Cherry Tree.—John Chilcott. 4066

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Keysoe, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names by Wednesday to Mr. G. Seth, Brook End, Keysoe, Bedford.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec. 4078

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 4067

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Brilles, Saturday, April 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 4079

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 4th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. General meeting 6 p.m., St. Peter's. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Peter's, 3 to 4.15 and 7 to 8.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 4074

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—Meeting at Huntsham, Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton. 4047

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, April 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to R. C. Heazel, Tye Green, Wimbish, Saffron Walden, Essex. 4059

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Madeley (8), Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, April 1st, to J. Stanier, 8, West View Terrace, Madeley, Salop.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 4061

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th annual general meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, April 4th. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Peter's Institute to follow. Ringing at Hatfield (10), 10 to 11 a.m.; Harpenden (8), 10.30 to 11.30; St. Stephen's (6), 2 to 4.30; St. Michael's (8), 3 to 4.30; St. Peter's (10), 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) and city churches in evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mrs. R. W. Darvill, 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4051

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Horsmonden on Saturday, April 4th. Please note change of tower for this meeting. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, April 1st, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4070

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Cheltenham Town Hall, Saturday, April 4th, 2.15 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) 4.45 p.m. Names essential by April 1st to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. Tel.: Miserden 232. Service, Cheltenham Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's (12), Bishop's Cleeve (8), Charlton Kings (8), Leckhampton (8), Prestbury (8), available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ringers please contact David Marshall, 19, Royal Parade, Cheltenham.—W. F. Scudamore, Assoc. Gen. Sec. 4050

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual District meeting at Saxilby, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 30th, to Miss P. Cox, Trinity House, 5, High Street, Saxilby.—A. Richardson, Sec. 4037

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Annual District meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, Saturday, April 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by Thursday, April 2nd, to Miss J. Robson, 6, The Grove, Gosforth.—N. I. Lea, Sec. 4073

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Saturday, April 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakely, Branch Sec. 4064

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Burton-in-Kendal, Saturday, April 4th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. E. Braithwaite, 7, Drovers Way, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 4075

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 3 to 4 and 8 to 9; Cathedral (12) 3 to 4.10. Service, Cathedral, 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 in St. George's Hall, Colton Street (rear of Police Station). Important business includes election of president, two vice-presidents, treasurer and four Central Council delegates, and important amendments to rules affecting voting rights of junior members and non-recognition of peals rung on meeting days. Names for tea (price 3s. 6d.) must be sent to undersigned by Wednesday, April 1st. Please note that the caterers will only provide for those ordered.

and that I shall be away all day on April 2nd. General committee meeting, Wednesday, April 22th, 7.45 in St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall (corner of Humberstone Gate and Vestry Street).—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. Tel.: Wigston 3244. 4053

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lower Heyford, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Ringing at Rousham (6) after 7 p.m. Names for tea by March 31st to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 4041

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting, Kelmars, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. M. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckley, Rugby. 4072

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Addington, Saturday, April 4th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 4083

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 4th, Sutton Coldfield. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify by April 1st for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 4040

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wareham, Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by April 1st I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 4082

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddlehinton, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, March 31st, to B. Cheeseman, 3, Rectory Road, Piddlehinton, Dorchester. 4043

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next monthly meeting, Harthill, Saturday, April 4th. Names for tea by 2nd to Mr. H. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill, Sheffield.—J. Seager. 4077

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—A.G.M. at Southwell Minster, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 2 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea in Trebeck Hall 5 p.m., with business meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss R. Cooling, 14, Allenby Road, Southwell.—J. W. Raithby. 4042

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available: St. Mary-le-Tower, 2 to 3.30 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.; St. Margaret's, 3 to 4 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.; St. Matthew's, 7.15 to 9 p.m. It is hoped to have St. Clement's during the afternoon. Service, St. Margaret's, 4. Tea, Ipswich Co-op, 5 p.m. Business meeting, Diocesan House, following tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 1st, to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 4080

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth and Buckland on Saturday, April 4th. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcross Lane, South Park, Reigate. 4048

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 4th, Pevensey. Look up London Minor. Westham after tea. Names early, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4069

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Practice meeting at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, April 4th, 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4085

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole, Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 4034

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Woods, 72, Broad Street, Dagenham. 4084

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to C. Chapman, Chicago House, Pond Hill, Cliffe, near Rochester.—P. Barton, Hon. Sec. 4087

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hucknall, Notts, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than April 9th to Mr. B. Lewin, Cranford, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, Notts. Everyone welcome. 4086

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. C. Johnson, 4, Albert Walk, Holbeach, Lincs. 4071

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MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—Ringing meeting on recently restored and augmented bells (6), Saturday, April 11th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th to Mr. G. R. Finch, The Lodge, Marlesford Hall, Woodbridge. 4056

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Bircham on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Tovell, Bircham Post Office, King's Lynn. 4076

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Epsom (Christ Church) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notifications for tea by April 7th to Mr. F. Oakshott, Downsvie, Lewins Road, Epsom.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4068

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Earlsheaton, Saturday, April 18th. For teas please notify by April 11th H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4060

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints, 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify by April 20th Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST GLADMAN

There were many friends and parishioners at St. Leonard's Church, Heston, on March 10th, to pay their respects at the funeral of Mr. Ernest Gladman, who died on March 5th at the age of 82. Wreaths were laid for the Heston band and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. After the interment in the churchyard, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by H. J. Eldred (Ealing), F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon) and A. W. Coles (North Mimms), all of whom were old friends of 'Ernie,' as he had been affectionately known for almost countless years.

Ernest Gladman's family have been living in Heston for over 920 years, and during his lifetime of service to the church both as chorister and bell-ringer he always displayed great zest for life and never showed his years. He was always the life and soul of any party, as many will remember who have attended Heston outings and the 'Heston' suppers of the South and West District of the Association.

He was one of the two surviving founder members of the Middlesex Association, formed in 1897, and before that was a member of the old West Middlesex Association. He had been a ringer at Heston since 1898 or 1899.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gladman who, badly crippled, relied much on her husband's devoted care and attention. Together with her, his friends will reflect in sorrow on the passing of Ernest Gladman. But, they will remember also with reverence and gratitude his particular quality of life and great service to the Church and ringing.

As a last tribute, on March 10th the Heston band rang a touch of Grandsire Triples half-muffled, and on Sunday, March 15th, a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung open. G. W. G.

MR. MAURICE WATTS

Wadhurst has lost an outstanding personality by the death on March 9th of Mr. Maurice Watts, who sang in the choir for 70 years and rang in the belfry for 56 years.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Aughton, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. R. Larkey, 38, Smithy Lane, Aughton, by April 2nd.—M. E. Ridyard. 4088

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chieveley (6), Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 7th, to F. Tuffley, Kelston, Priors Court, Chieveley, Newbury. 4089

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leek on Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, April 1st, to E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4090

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Rivett 1, P. Payne 2, Mary Tysoe 3, R. J. Harrison 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, C. Mann 6. A compliment to Colin Payne and Jean Fuller on their engagement.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Munt (first of Stedman) 1, A. P. Cannon 2, Ethel Clear (first of Stedman) 3, Mrs. P. Cross 4, T. A. Cross 5, G. F. Pratt 6, E. G. L. Coward (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, B. Read 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Stedman on the bells for at least 50 years.

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MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on Mar. 1st, 1,284 Spliced Plain, Little and Gainsborough Little Bob Royal: F. A. Leeson 1, Mrs. L. Cullingworth 2, L. Mannering 3, Olive D. Couchman 4, G. Pearson (cond.) 5, M. E. Downs 6, H. S. Wickens 7, J. Wallis 8, B. F. Baker 9, T. Cullingworth 10. For evening service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. R. Hobbs 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, Miss A. J. Knight 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, A. W. Fry 8. For Confirmation.

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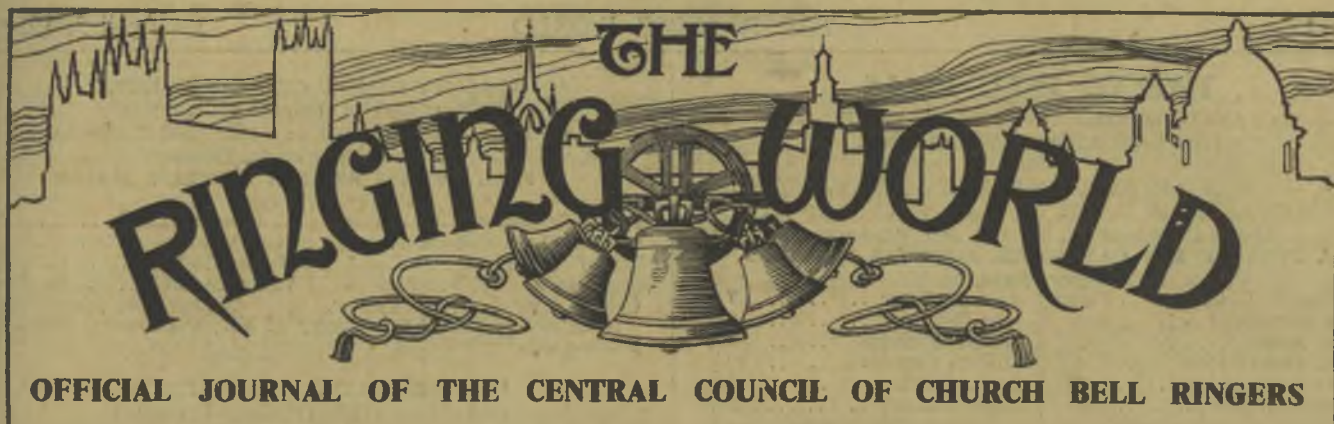
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SINGLE!

THIS call is now heard frequently in peals and touches so that we accept it as a matter of course. Has this always been so? The evidence suggests that it most certainly has not, at least in peals. The fundamental significance of the 'in and out of course' of the changes was appreciated from quite early days, and hence the necessity for the use of at least two singles to obtain the extent of doubles. It is in relation to the use of singles in ringing on higher numbers of bells that the attitude of early composers often appears to have been rather strange.

In pure triples methods (e.g., Grandsire and Stedman but not Plain Bob) the rows are alternately odd and even. This suggested to many composers that the extent should be obtainable using bobs alone, and indeed, only one sort of bob. Considerable effort was devoted to the solution of this problem, and although its impossibility was suspected it was not until the discovery of the Q-Set Law by W. H. Thomson ('A Note on Grandsire Triples,' 1886) that this was proved. More recently, Professor R. A. Rankine, using Group Theory, has confirmed the correctness of this result. The position with respect to Stedman Triples is still uncertain. We know that a 'twin-bob' peal has to have singles, but no more comprehensive proof has yet been published. This does not mean that the Q-Set Law is not universally applicable but that the absence of a fixed 'hunt' bell in Stedman makes its application to the method particularly difficult. This curiously fluid character of the method has its compensations. Some years ago Dr. G. W. Slack obtained a regular two-part peal with two singles half-way and end, a type of composition which is not possible in Grandsire.

Whereas it can be surmised that the initial reluctance of composers to use more than the minimum number of singles in triples composition derived from theoretical considerations, their continued neglect on eight and more bells is far less comprehensible. Judging by the Central Council's Collections, for instance, the majority of five thousands of Major and Caters produced up to the beginning of this century contained bobs only. This was in spite of a comment by Shipway that if singles were used in peals of Grandsire Caters the fifth and sixth could be kept exclusively behind the ninth in the tittums and the music thus greatly improved. This reasoning applies, with equal validity, to many other methods.

The 1903 edition of 'Stedman,' in the Snowdon series, includes a table of starting and homing courses for Stedman Caters compiled by A. B. Carpenter. None of these turning courses contain singles and, as might be expected from this, no 'out of course' course ends are considered. Comparing this list with the countless variations used by John Carter and others in recent years, many of which involve singles, we may well smile at W. Snowdon's remark at the head of the chapter that the table 'will in all probability be found exceedingly useful.' In the following line the assertion that the table 'contains all the course ends with the treble fixed in second's place' ought to provoke a marginal note in red pencil. The table actually covers sixteen pages; it is a matter for speculation how many it would have covered had Dr. Carpenter admitted the use of singles.

Present day composers are far more aware of the utility of singles and have few, if any, inhibitions or reservations about their employment. The longest length of Cambridge Surprise Major so far obtained (13,280 by R. F. B. Speed) uses singles. It may be recalled that, somewhat surprisingly, there is a precedent for this. The longest length of Treble Bob Major with the tenors together (9,120, composed by James Lockwood and rung in 1876) was brought round by a single (actually an 'in-course' single).

Purists might, perhaps, argue that this ever-increasing use of singles is, in many cases, merely taking the easy way out, although it is generally accepted. Peal compositions have been obtained in several methods using singles alone, and we may yet find a band ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples containing no bobs.

A. W. T. CLEAVER.

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†R. GEORGE MORRIS .. . 6	†GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by R. ROGER SAVORY. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Maximus 'inside.' † Completes Minor to Maximus in the method. †† First of Maximus. 50th peal together by treble and 9.

A farewell peal to the Rev. Albert Webb, who is leaving Cleve Prior for the parish of Holy Innocents, Kidderminster; and in appreciation of his friendship and enthusiasm.

TEN BELL PEAL

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) Treble	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 6
J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. . 2	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 7
SUSAN JACKSON (Gilton) .. . 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) 8
F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. . 4	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 9
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn) 5	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

500th peal for the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RUSSELL S. MORRIS Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
JOHN B. BENNETT 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. . 4	WILLIAM THORNLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

Rung to mark the birth of Steven Alan Sharpe, the first grandchild of the conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. . 2	JOHN WORTH 6
ERNEST BENNETT 3	ROBERT SMITH 7
BASIL JONES 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. Eva Fernley, buried the previous day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DIANA J. PERRINS Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
DEREK P. JONES 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
*MRS. G. A. HALLS 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. . 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 100th peal. † First in the method 'inside.' The composition is believed to be rung for the first time.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 17, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	HARRY FULLER 5
*ALBERT G. HARRISON .. . 2	†LEONARD J. MINNS .. . 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. . 7
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. . 4	†ARTHUR C. W. ROOPE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Triples in the method. † First of Triples.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. R. Todd, churchwarden for 40 years and an honorary member of the Norwich Association.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MARION ARCHER Treble	*LEONARD GOODALL 5
HOWARD SCOTT 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. . 6
CYRIL RUSBY 3	*JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 7
IAN M. HOLLAND 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. . 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. . 2	*HARRY BROUGHTON .. . 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. . 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	GEORGE BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.

* Final peal.

Rung to the affectionate memory of Phyllis Poole, who passed away March 20th, 1958.

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**HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. Treble	ROLAND PARK 5
MRS. K. LAWSON 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
W. NORMAN PARK 4	KENNETH LAWSON Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

**PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. Treble	PHILIP HUDSON 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 6
*IAN TILLING 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 7
NORMAN SMITH 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise.

**SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5216 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*ROBERT A. REEVES .. Treble	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
*ALBERT DISERENS 3	*FRANK A. BARRETT 7
CHARLES COLES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. F. W. Durrant, instituted and inducted to the benefice of Shrivenham-with-Watchfield on March 13th.

**WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUDD,

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*ROGER KING Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
*JOHN S. DEAN 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
*JOHN F. HUGHES 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
*GEOFFREY PARTING 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the 21st year as Rector of Whitchurch of the Rev. J. H. Hall, M.A.

**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tues., March 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Day's Six-part.	Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. Treble	STANLEY ANDERTON 5
JOHN FROOME 2	PETER CROOK 6
ELAINE A. RICHARDSON .. 3	GORDON W. LIMMER 7
JAMES W. METCALFE .. 4	JOHN F. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

A birthday compliment to Elaine A. Richardson; also to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Sharon) to the Rev. Mr. Higginson, formerly Vicar of St. Peter's, Smithills, and Mrs. Higginson.

SIX BELL PEALS

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one of Double Oxford and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
*DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK Treble	*PETER J. MILTON 4
*JOHN C. PERRIN 2	*COLIN F. MCGILL 5
*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in four methods. First in four methods on the bells.

Rung by the local band to mark the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*DIANNE J. WALLACE .. Treble	R. JAMES COOK 4
*DOREEN F. CROWE 2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
ROBERT W. HINDE 3	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal. First of Minor and first 'inside.'

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALNWICK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*DAVID J. TAYLOR .. Treble	*RAYMOND G. SMITH 4
*WILLIAM WENBAN 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 5
*ROBIN G. LEALE 3	†JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (2) Spliced 216 Capel, 264 Kingston and 240 Sandal Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Spliced 120 Double Plain Bob and 600 Plain Bob; (6) and (7) Plain Bob; ten changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*J. DAVID ADAMS .. Treble	ALEX RICHARDSON 4
†STUART ELLISON 2	JOHN R. KENNETT 5
R. BRENT WHERRY 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KENNETT.

* First peal in eight methods. † First in eight methods 'inside.'
First in eight methods as conductor.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 100 individual plain course methods in 42 spliced extents, viz.: (1) Perivale, Lockinge Alliance, Lathbury, Twyford and Littleton Little Bob; (2) Laleham Little Bob, Dorney, Bisham and Barham Alliance; (3) Coudsdon, Langley, Marsworth Alliance, Greenford and Laleham Little Bob; (4) Amersham Alliance and Greenford Little Bob; (5) Astleham Alliance, Ashford, Twyford and Greenford Little Bob; (6) Shepperton Alliance, Stanwell, Kempton and Hanworth Little Bob; (7) Chalvey Alliance, Clewer, Spital and Dedworth Little Bob; (8) Horton Alliance, Hampton, Ickenham and Northolt Little Bob; (9) St. Simon's and Merton S.C.; (10) Rev. Shipway's Pl., Rev. Plain Bob, Canterbury Pl., St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints', St. Sebastian; (11) St. Martin's and Slapton S.C.; (12) Coxwell Pl., Rev. Bob, St. Botolph and Stedman S.C.; (13) St. Osmund and Rugby S.C.; (14) Rev. St. Simon's, Union, Uffington and Rev. St. Nicholas; (15) Rev. St. Martin's, St. Faith's S.C., Stowe Place and Rev. Winchendon Place; (16) Rev. St. Osmund, St. Julian, Datchet and Rev. St. Remigius; (17) St. Simon's and Slapton; (18) St. Alphege and Rev. New; (19) St. Andrew and Rev. Huntspill; (20) St. Gregory and Rev. St. Vedast; (21) St. Simon's and Rugby S.C.; (22) Shipway's Place and Tandridge; (23) Rev. Canterbury Pl. and Dorton; (24) Plain Bob and Boxford; (25) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook; (26) Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham; (27) Plain Bob and Candlesby; (28) Westminster II, Ockham, Broughton and Chesham; (29) Blackburn and Broughton; (30) St. Hilary and Chesham; (31) Westminster II, Knappton, Lyng and Intwood; (32) New Bob and Chipstead; (33) Huntspill and Oakley; (34) St. Vedast and Itchingfield; (35) New Bob and Fornett; (36) Huntspill and Ellingham; (37) St. Vedast and Bedingham; (38) St. Nicholas and Hascombe; (39) Winchendon and Thornborough; (40) St. Remigius and Longford; (41) St. Nicholas, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe and Harpley; (42) Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Merton, Slapton and Rugby; with 325 changes of method.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

CHARLES G. JONES .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 4
*ERIC SUTTON 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3	MRS. A. R. PEAKE Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Spliced Doubles. The most Doubles methods yet rung to a peal, and the greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. G. Jones, whose induction took place on March 2nd, 1959.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 96 lb. in F sharp.

CECIL V. EBBERSON Treble	GEORGE SAYER 4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Association.

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 23 methods: (1) Braintree, Humber, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (2) Marple, Taxal, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (3) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS 4
PETER A. SHARP 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. . Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in 23 Treble Bob Minor methods on the bells, and by all the band.

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob, each extent called differently. Tenor 5½ cwt.

PETER M. DAWSON Treble	WILFRED LEE 4
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	*ROGER J. LUMLEY 5
JOAN M. DAWSON 3	JOHN RHODES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN RHODES.

* First peal. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's.

ALAN SHEPPARD 1-2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3-4
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5-6	

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 22 in C.

GERALD PENNEY 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 3-4	STANLEY HUCKLE 7-8
MICHAEL D. FROST 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

A birthday compliment to Gerald Penney.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 8, 1959, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being 360 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmond's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and St. Remigius', and 720 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

MRS. J. R. RENDER 1-2	ALAN SHEPPARD 3-4
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5-6	

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT 166, HARLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK C. PRICE 1-2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD 3-4	JOHN HILL 7-8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT No. 29.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 1-2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. . 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. . 7-8

*†CYRIL A. WRITTEN .. 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal on ten handbells. † Completes Plain Bob 'family.'

Witness: MRS. D. J. MARSHALL.

ICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT 23, TAVISTOCK ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Killamarsh variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK C. PRICE 1-2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD 3-4	JOHN HILL 7-8

* Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 'in hand' by all the band.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. D. Fletcher 1, D. W. Woodcock 2, R. Bird 3, P. J. Milton 4, J. C. Perrin 5, C. F. McGill (cond.) 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On March 15th, 1,260 Doubles: R. A. Eggleton 1, W. B. Pitcher 2, C. H. Bagot (cond.) 3, B. R. Cox 4, H. F. Cox 5, J. W. Higgins (first quarter) 6. For an ordination service.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Powdrill 1, Patricia Wardle 2, P. Martin 3, A. J. Poynor 4, H. G. Bray 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, Rev. P. Blackman 8. Rung to welcome the Provost of Leicester for Evensong.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. M. Elliott (first quarter) 1, N. Bell 2, A. Coupland (first quarter) 3, S. Neave 4, W. A. Crowder 5, M. W. Crowder (cond.) 6. Also on March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. A. Crowder 1, P. Farrow (first quarter) 2, N. Bell 3, S. Bromfield 4, S. Neave 5, M. W. Crowder (cond.) 6. Also on March 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Bromfield 1, J. A. Crowder (first quarter) 2, S. Neave 3, N. Bell 4, M. W. Crowder 5, W. A. Crowder (cond.) 6. Also on March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Bromfield 1, Mrs. W. A. Crowder (first quarter) 2, N. Bell 3, W. A. Crowder 4, S. Neave 5, M. W. Crowder (cond.) 6. Rung for Lenten services.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Green (first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, R. Broadley 3, Ann Shiels 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Meads 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BOOTLE, LANCs.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Knowles (first quarter) 1, R. W. Atkins (first quarter) 2, T. M. Fitzgerald (first quarter) 3, R. Ingham 4, F. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, C. Knowles 6. For morning service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): F. W. Box 1, G. Gunstone 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, P. Gaisford 5, E. Wicks 6.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On March 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Keighley 1, Ruth H. Appley 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, J. Rhodes 4, R. J. Lumley 5, W. Lee 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. For evening service.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Tullett 1, W. J. Weller (first quarter) 2, A. Harman (cond.) 3, Mrs. H. Penfold 4, Miss B. Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Goldman, a ringer at St. Martin's Church, Dorking.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, Bucks.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): M. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss E. L. Badcock (first as cond.) 3, C. J. Shepherd 4, P. G. Badcock 5, E. G. Swift 6. For Evensong. Also on March 11th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): C. J. Shepherd 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss E. L. Badcock 3, E. G. Swift 4, J. E. Camp (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 5, M. G. Swift 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Martin (25th in the method) 1, Miss M. V. Godderidge 2, Miss M. L. Bryant (first 'inside') 3, A. P. S. Berry (25th quarter) 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. C. A. Turner 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on March 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, T. Cooke (cond.) 5, W. E. Mashiter 6, G. R. Parker 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Confirmation service.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On March 20th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, A. G. Harrison 2, E. A. Head 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, L. J. Minns 5, L. E. Etheridge 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. O. Dent on his 98th birthday.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Looker 1, F. Welsh 2, J. Cornelius 3, J. E. Monckton 4, G. Gaylard 5, A. W. Dyre 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, J. W. Drew 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Celia Lawrence 1, R. Clarke 2, Brenda Slark (cond.) 3, E. J. Coode 4, K. Small 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, J. Sims 7, P. Clarke 8. First quarter to be rung by an entirely local band since being made an 8-bell tower in 1924. For Evensong.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, J. Paul (cond.) 3, J. E. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Joseph Hartley Archer.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Robson 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, C. N. Lea 3, N. I. Wright (first in method 'inside') 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, E. N. Harrison 6, G. S. Deas 7, R. F. Telford 8. For Confirmation service conducted by the Rt. Rev. M. Armstrong, Bishop of Jarrow.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Parkes 1, A. Fulcher 2, A. W. Bird 3, P. G. W. Newstead 4, E. R. Goate 5, W. B. Duncan 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, S. Sharland 8. First in method for 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On March 21st, 1,314 London Surprise Major: I. Cooper 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, B. Fairhead 4, A. R. Andrews 5, U. W. Wildney 6, R. Duesbury 7, H. Millatt 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, R. Chance 2, B. E. Woodall 3, L. Clissett (cond.) 4, J. H. Cox 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilcock 7, A. H. Harris 8. For evening service, and as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. J. C. Williams, B.A.).

HORSELL, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Old, 240 April Day, 120 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss P. Drury 2, D. Wright 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. First in six methods by all.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): M. Woodridge (first quarter on a working bell) 1, Joyce D. Walsh (first in method) 2, Mary Carnoghan 3, G. Mansbridge 4, H. W. Brown 5, Angela Hood (first quarter) 6, S. W. Brown (cond.) 1, D. Robinson 8. A compliment to Gwynneth Brown and Derek Payne, Aldington ringers, on their engagement.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Waples 1, Miss G. Graney 2, B. M. Barker 3, D. J. Goodman 4, R. W. Picton (cond.) 5, R. J. Picton 6, W. Ayre 7, R. Wallis 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Ada Cox.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Clarke 1, P. Cox 2, D. Kent 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, M. Stone 5. A wedding and 20th birthday compliment to Margaret, only daughter of the conductor, who, earlier in the day at St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Glastonbury, was married to Douglas Solle.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, New Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, W. C. Chandler 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, M. J. Martin (cond.) 4, A. Jackson 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. First in five methods for all the band.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Phillips 1, A. Bartlett (first of Major) 2, A. Knight 3, J. Case 4, P. Harding 5, F. Slatford (cond.) 6, E. Hitchins 7, L. Hitchins 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Anne Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, R. Bridges 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

OAKS-IN-CHARNOOD, LEICS.—On March 22nd, 1,296 Minor (720 Beverley, 576 Cambridge Surprise): E. Tebbutt 1, H. Haynes 2, C. W. Hall 3, F. Chambers 4, J. W. Bowley 5, R. Beniston (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the annual Palm Sunday Area Scout Parade.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On March 19th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Bartholomew, 420 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. Croal 1, P. Wilkinson 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, Miss S. Kimmings (first quarter) 6.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Bentley 1, P. Giles (cond.) 2, J. Felce 3, E. Frost 4, M. Bennett 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. C. B. Groves Broadhurst (Rector) interred this day.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Reeve 1, G. Sandwell 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, L. H. Jones (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Meek 5, H. Meek 6. In memoriam S. A. Scott.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On March 8th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Cornell 1, Clare B. Chambers (first in method) 2, G. Dodds 3, W. J. Arnold 4, W. Little 5, J. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, M. D. Frost 8. A birthday compliment to 1, 2 and 7.

SLOUGH, Bucks.—On March 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Janet L. Adamson 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, D. K. Walters 3, N. D. Robinson 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, B. T. Lister 6, A. J. Glass 7, J. R. A. Muller (first on 10 bells) 8, Wm. Birmingham (cond.) 9, D. Livingstone (first on 10 bells) 10. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Thomas John Fowler (Cookham), for 25 years beloved ringing master of the East Berks and South Bucks branch.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On March 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. E. Lester 1, C. Snowden 2, R. F. Taylor 3, R. Rose 4, L. Wright 5, H. A. Mitson 6, E. A. Cracknell 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. First of Kent Major by 3, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Ambrose 1, C. Bower 2, W. Scott 3, R. Seabrook 4, J. H. Brett 5, S. J. Twichett 6, E. Hynard (cond.) 7, T. Bird 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles W. F. Clarke, late of Sudbury company, who died March 15th.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On March 15th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Bassett 1, Miss J. Bassett 2, C. A. Bassett 3, L. W. Giles 4, C. Pilbeam (first as cond.) 5, A. Hemsley 6. For Evensong, and in memory of Maurice Watts, a ringer at this church for 56 years.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Alderton 1, N. Bagworth 2, Mrs. N. Bagworth 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, P. Alderton 5, P. Fuller (first on eight) 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, G. Pridham (first quarter) 8.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Rev. C. J. Kay 1, D. Price 2, F. Lawrence 3, E. D. Wilson 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, L. Dovey 6.

CONTEST RINGING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND

By NOEL F. MOXON

(Continued from page 208)

FATHER AND SONS

In October, 1832, at Mirfield, the winners of a contest were Benjamin Thackrah and sons, an unusual combination, and although Benjamin had two ringing sons it is doubtful if he was the father of the remaining ringers. Benjamin was a Dewsbury ringer, and died on February 20th, 1851, aged 76. He assisted in winning 24 prizes on six and eight bells, and rang 50 peals. The opening of a new ring of bells at Meltham, near Huddersfield, was marked in April of 1836 by a contest, in which 14 sets of ringers entered for the various prizes. The final placings were Almondbury Old Set, £8; Saddleworth, £6; Kirkheaton, £4; Mirfield, £2.

Darton staged a contest on August 14th, 1837, with 12 teams competing, each ringing three extents of 720 changes, and the ringers from the little church of High Hoyland carried off the prize of £4.

There appears to have been little difficulty in securing large sums of money for prizes at this time, and one can well appreciate the keenness shown by the competitors when a sum of £8 was at stake, for one ringer's share, about 25s., would amount to over a week's wage. In August, 1836, Huddersfield ringers challenged Kirkheaton ringers to ring three Treble peals for any sum from £50 to £500! Huddersfield ringers must have had the backing of prosperous business people to be able to issue such a challenge; unfortunately no information regarding the outcome is available. A contest was held at Huddersfield on October 28th, 1839, when 'the principal streets were literally crowded with attentive listeners': ten teams took part, with Manchester and Halifax taking away the main prizes.

AN HONOURABLE ADIEU

Challenge contests were still popular, for in 1842 six ringers of Barnsley challenged six ringers of Darfield, the venue being Wragby, apparently a favourite tower for such matches, the test piece being 5,040 changes in seven methods. Barnsley were the victors, possibly gaining consolation for the indignities suffered by their predecessors of half-a-century earlier. Barnsley went to the nearby village of Silkstone on March 3rd, 1851, to take part in a three 'peal' contest: Dewsbury took away the first prize, Barnsley second, Kirkheaton third, Holmfirth fourth. Marsden, a Dewsbury ringer, a man of 71 years, having been a winner at 40 ringing contests, dressed his hat in ribbons and bade an honourable adieu to the ropes. Barnsley eventually were successful in an open contest, when at Ecclesfield in 1858 they received the first prize of £7. Their conductor was Thomas Dawn, innkeeper of the Hole in the Wall; he died in 1866, being a ringer for 30 years. Barnsley ringers, in common with many others, rarely attended the church services, and the Rector bitterly accused them of running down to the Turf for refreshment immediately after ringing, and demanded that this practice should cease. The ringers agreed to mend their ways, and ever afterwards they walked down to the Turf!

In keeping with the usual practice, a contest was held when 'A beautiful peal of six bells was opened at Harworth on March 10th, 1846, . . . the melodious sounds producing a feeling of joy and satisfaction to the inhabitants of this densely-populated neighbourhood': the first prize was awarded to Holmfirth and the second to Mirfield. When Batley Church received a new ring of six bells, cast by Messrs. Mears in 1852, the customary contest was held to celebrate the opening with 13 sets of ringers from the neighbouring churches taking part. Four prizes, of £8, £4, £2 and £1 were offered,

and the final placings were Holmfirth, Mirfield, Shipley and Kirkheaton. The 'Leeds Mercury' stated that the decision of the judge, Mr. James Firth, of Liversedge, gave general satisfaction.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST JUDGES

Such unanimity was not always the case, as can be learned from a contest held at Earlsheaton in July, 1853, when ten teams each rang 2,528 changes of Major. A surprise victory was scored by Dewsbury with 829 faults, whilst the favourites, Liversedge, were placed third with 986 faults. Dewsbury, who were not fancied for a prize, received a purse of £12, being loudly praised in the 'Leeds Intelligencer' for their fine ringing. However, the newspaper the following week published a letter from the Liversedge ringers alleging that the members of the Earlsheaton team had visited the judges' room on various occasions with refreshments, although it had previously been agreed that the room should be private. It was further alleged that should the Dewsbury and Elland teams complete the test piece they should be awarded first and second prizes, leaving the other teams only two prizes for which to compete.

A reply from the Earlsheaton ringers was promptly forthcoming, describing the 'allegations as a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end,' and followed the denial with a good deal of unnecessary abuse which the editor refused to print. He also refused to print any more correspondence on the subject but accepted as an advertisement a further letter from Liversedge, repeating their allegations and describing the awarding of the prizes as the 'most infamous and roguish transaction that was ever witnessed in all their lives.'

NEWSPAPER PROTEST

Discontent was also shown when Ilkley bells were opened in 1846, this being a 6-bell contest. Eight teams competed and the Tong company received first prize, much to the disgust of the Holmfirth ringers, who in the following week published a letter in the 'Leeds Mercury' complaining bitterly of unfair treatment by the judges, and asserting that 'every ringer in the town declared that the Holmfirth ringing was far superior to that of any other party. Naturally the following week a letter was published from Geo. Robinson and Christopher Giles (or

Illes), two of the judges involved, declaring that 'no unfairness was manifested towards the Holmfirth ringers.'

Barnsley again staged a contest in July, 1861, which occupied three days, the test piece being three extents of Minor. Fourteen teams entered but four withdrew, leaving the following who were finally placed by the judges: Ecclesfield 1,253, Kirkheaton 1,547, Saddleworth 1,620, Almondbury 1,832, Cawthorne 2,226, Silkstone 2,335, Calverley 3,713; Wath, sen., false peal; Wath, jun., rung out; Kilnwick, rung out. The prizes were £7, £5, £3 and £1 10s., £3 and £1 10s. The successful teams were Almondbury, Barnsley, Saddleworth and Silkstone; others included Kirkburton Senior and Junior, Armitage Bridge and Shipley.

(Much of the foregoing information is the result of the efforts of Mr. David Cubitt, of Wakefield, who has transcribed reams of data from old newspapers, and I am most grateful for his assistance.)

MATCH RINGING

For the next period, the latter half of the 19th century, I am indebted to Mr. Allan Robinson, of Mirfield, who looks back to the old days when they were keen on ringing, as they had two or three sets of ringers in a tower, and if you missed a bob you were out! In the early '80s it was all 'match ringing,' and up to 1893 money prizes were always offered. The sum of £20 in prizes was put up at a contest at Batley on May 26th, 1860. Judging from the large number of faults (the winners scored over 1,000) this would be a 6-bell contest with three 720's as the test piece, with 12 teams taking part. Six teams shared the prize money, which was allocated as follows: Almondbury, Calverley, Wath, Saddleworth, Dewsbury and Kirkheaton, with the newly-formed team at Cawthorne coming in last.

EIGHTEEN TEAMS

There appeared to be no scarcity of money in Dewsbury, for on April 2nd and 3rd, 1866, an 8-bell contest was organised, offering six prizes totalling £33 for a half peal of Major, the figures of which were given by the organisers. Enthusiasm was high at this period for at a contest at St. Peter's, Horbury, on September 28th and 29th, 1875, 18 teams competed, and it is noteworthy to find that three teams came from Kirkburton—No. 1 and No. 2 and Kirkburton Church ringers; what the state of affairs was in this village we cannot attempt to describe. Saddleworth, who now were quite a power in the prize-ringing field, were represented by two teams, as were New Mill. The winners were Kirkburton No. 1, North of England, Almondbury, Saddleworth Seniors, New Mill and Mirfield Tin Bobin Set.

A set of rules with competing teams was printed for the occasion by the Horbury Society of Change Ringers. No. 9 rule states: 'If any conductor, that goes into the steeple along with any set, speaks or rises from his seat, after the bells begin to ring, 50 faults shall be put down to the set he belongs.' No. 12 rule states: 'No person or persons will be allowed to go within the boundary walls round the church, except on business or by leave from the secretary or steepleman.' The committee certainly took every precaution to ensure no jiggery-pokery was possible. In addition to the North of England United, a team calling themselves All England competed but were unplaced.

Batley ringers staged a contest on June 5th and 6th in 1876 requiring each team to ring two

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720's each differing in name and change. The printed rules were identical with the Horbury Society and form the basis of rules used today. Thirteen teams competed but five rang out, leaving eight sets to battle for the six prizes, and here class began to tell because the first three places were taken by United North of England, Yorkshire United and All England, followed by Calverley, Horbury and Mirfield. These two-day contests usually raised the problem of lodgings, and it often became difficult to accommodate all the ringers, one such case being at Saddleworth, where Tom Stead, of Kirkheaton, failed to find a bed for the night unless he slept with the judge. This Tom refused to do, preferring to walk the streets all through the night! Prize money still proved easy to obtain, for Liversedge on Whit Monday and Tuesday, 1891, offered 30 guineas in five prizes, Dewsbury, who always put up a good show, took away the first prize.

A new name now appears amongst the competitors, Friezland from the Lancashire border, who were to be a force in contest ringing for many years; this team annexed the first prize of £8 at Kirkheaton in 1893.

According to Mr. Robinson, prize ringing began to tail off in 1893, but the custom died hard as Huddersfield St. Peter's staged an 8-bell contest in 1899, offering 27 guineas in prizes. The test piece was 2,048 changes of Kent T.B. Major, and the winners were Almondsbury, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton and Lindley.

HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

In 1893 the Heavy Woollen District Association was formed, and organised two contests each year, one on six bells and one on eight bells; a silver challenge cup was purchased, to be held by the winners for one year, the members of the team receiving timepieces, medals,

or watchguards, usually provided by the home tower.

The cup holders in the last century were Dewsbury, 1894-1896-1897-1898, with Liversedge, 1895, and Earlsheaton in 1899. New Mill won the cup in 1900, this contest being held at Holmfirth. No details of further contests are available until 1906, when Mr. H. Dransfield, of Earlsheaton, gives a report of a H.W. contest at Batley when his team, who were competing for the first time, were awarded the second prize, receiving six electro-plated tea pots; the winners, Almondsbury, took the cup and six marble timepieces.

Some time later an 8-bell contest followed at Lindley, and only Dewsbury entered, so a mixed band was formed to ensure the contest being held. Dewsbury won, and having apparently won the cup in three successive years for the second time they claimed the trophy. This action caused much dissension and probably led to the break-up of the Heavy Woollen Association. The cup is now preserved in the Crow Nest Park Museum, Dewsbury, perhaps a satisfactory end to its career, as many such trophies have unfortunately disappeared altogether.

PREFERRED THE MANTEL SHELF!

Mr. John W. Moxon, of Sandal, related to me of a contest for the H.W. cup held at Kirkheaton in 1896, which he attended with his father. His uncle, Jack Blackburn was ringing that Whit Tuesday with Batley Carr, and being confident of winning the first prize, a marble clock, cleared a place on the mantel shelf before he left home. Unfortunately, Batley Carr were drawn last, and after spending a long day awaiting their turn, broken by numerous visits to the local inn, the team were rather unsteady. Mr. Moxon recalls the crowd listening to the perfect ringing of Batley Carr who had the

contest practically won, when three leads from the end there was a fatal slip and the band 'rung out.'

At the time when interest in the Heavy Woollen Association began to wane the Halifax and District Association was formed, the headquarters being at the Ring of Bells at Halifax. The object of the Association, according to the rules, was 'the encouragement of Scientific Change Ringing and Good Striking amongst its members by the means of Competitions or otherwise.' A silver cup, value £9 17s., was purchased on December 16th, 1904, the money being raised by subscriptions from 14 neighbouring towers. The present secretary, Mr. A. Farrand, gives details of the first recorded contest, which was held at Halifax Parish Church on January 12th, 1907. Test pieces were 640 Kent T.B. Major or 676 Grandsire Triples, and out of four companies, Brighouse won with 252 faults.

Eight- and 6-bell contests were held alternately from then until 1933, when only two teams entered; ever since, all contests have been for six bells. According to Mr. Farrand, 126 contests have been organised by the Association up to the present time and 42 different teams have competed. Previous to 1918 Earlsheaton were the most successful tower, with 14 wins, and during one remarkable spell took the cup seven times in succession.

(To be continued.)

CAMBRIDGE.—On Mar. 8th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. Neill (cond.) 1. D. J. Roaf 2. J. H. Pailing 3. A. R. Heppenstall 4. P. H. Langton 5. R. Elliott 6. J. Pilkington 7. E. C. Hibbins 8. J. R. Taylor 9. H. F. Brown 10. J. W. R. Quinney 11. J. Schofield 12. Rung on the last Sunday of University term as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Mervyn Stockwood), who takes up his appointment as Bishop of Southwark at Easter.

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Mr. W. B. Pitcher, secretary of St. Peter's Cathedral Society, Adelaide, South Australia, writes: '... Incidentally, we have noticed certain remarks in "The Ringing World" where both Sydney and Melbourne hold out various enticements to the ringing immigrant. But Adelaide can offer the heaviest bell in the Southern Hemisphere and the second heaviest eight in the world. We give pride of place only to Sherborne; and our tenor is *Great Frederick* —41 cwt.'

Cambridge University Guild's 500th peal was rung at Saffron Walden on March 7th.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. A. Charles Morris has been in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, for the past four weeks. A speedy recovery and a quick return to ringing is his friends' sincere wish.

While the peal attempt at Great Holland, Essex, broke down and the band had to be content with a quarter peal, there was a compensation in the excellent tea provided by the Rector. He is looking forward to a meeting being held at his church at an early date.

Regarding the peal at Llanelly (page 184), claimed as the first peal on the bells for 25 years, Mr. Patrick Cannon writes: 'I had the pleasure of calling a peal of Bob Minor here on February 6th, 1946, while stationed at the Royal Signals Depot, Abergavenny. The rest of the band came from Ebbw Vale.'

A farewell peal was rung at Farnworth, Lancs, on March 21st, to Mr. Gordon W. Limmer, of Burnham Beeches, and Miss Elaine A. Richardson, of Brigg, Lincolnshire, who during the past few months have been staying in Bolton on professional duties or courses. Mr. Limmer has rung five peals and Miss Richardson three, and both have been an asset to the District. They returned to their respective homes before Easter.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harry Broughton, of Leicester, has rung his final peal, which was a memorial peal to Mrs. Phyllis Poole. Some years ago he had a bad attack of cerebral hæmorrhage. He has now been informed by his doctor that while he made a remarkable recovery a recurrence of the trouble might come at any time. Peal ringing was one of the things he had to give up, but he could not resist the temptation to ring in the peal to the memory of a beloved friend.

On April 5th the morning service at Finchley Parish Church, Middlesex, is being televised by A.T.V., and just prior to the service the bells are going to be heard.

Congratulations to 16-year-old John Rhodes, an enthusiastic member of the Calverley band, who conducted his first peal at Whixley on March 21st. In his short ringing career (slightly over two years) he has had 13 peal attempts and rung 12 peals. The only failure was the first attempt.

Mr. E. J. Brown has retired from the captaincy of Brant Broughton, Lincoln, ringers. An inexperienced band was formed here in 1957. The band's first quarter peal was achieved in February, 1958, and first peal last February. The new captain is Mr. C. (Phil) Pitchford. Practice nights are the first and third Thursdays of each month.

The bells of St. Mary's, Ely, will shortly be heard on the air in Canada. At a recent practice a representative of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation made tape-recordings of the bells and also of a practice in progress. The ringers were all scholars of local schools, who are under the tuition of Mr. John Pickett, a service ringer for over 50 years. Mr. Pickett was in 1910 a ringer at St. Michael's, Aldershot, with Mr. Geo. Gilbert. His present Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Rowsell, was also a former Aldershot vicar.

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THERE was a larger attendance than usual at the Guildford Diocesan Guild annual meeting, held at Guildford on March 21st. Ringing took place at Holy Trinity, St. Nicolas', St. Mary's, Stoke and Shalford churches. The singing at the Guild service, held in the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, was led by a robed choir of ringers, and the organ was played by Miss Janet Cleeve, a local ringer.

The Provost (Very Rev. Walter Boulton) conducted the service. In his address the Provost said: 'You have a distinct ministry in belonging to the Church of God—a ministry which is an art. Almost anybody can take a church service, but it is a very difficult art to ring bells properly and you have to give a great deal of time to the cultivation of that art. It is only people with a sense of vocation who stick the course and become first-class men in the art.'

'Most ringers are practising Christians and recognise that their work in the belfry is part of the Church's work. I hope that every ringer as he performs his duty in the church is reminding himself that it is to the glory of God and for the good of Christ's Church. It is only when we do things to the glory of God that they are worth while. The lovely bells peal out not because they are useful in calling people to church—that could be done by loudspeakers—but because it is to the glory of God.'

A company of 156 sat down to tea in Harvey's Restaurant, and the Provost presided at the business meeting which followed, supported by the Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. S. T. A. Russell).

RESTORATIONS

The executive committee's report, presented by the Master, stated that bell restoration work had been carried out at Womersley, where two new treble had been added and the bells rehung. Farnham's bells were at the foundry for recasting and rehanging, and would be dedicated in the middle of the year. The ring at Ashted had had a peal-and-meeting ban imposed owing to clapper holes and the condition of the frame. A fine ring of six in a new frame had been put in at Binsted, and although in the area of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild this was mainly through the efforts of the Farnham District.

All towers received the review of Sunday Service Ringing form circulated by the Central Council, and 85 per cent. of the forms had been returned. It seems from these forms that the Guild is operating successfully in most towers, and in the few exceptions, the pockets of inactivity will receive attention during the period ahead.

The membership of the Guild was 555 ringing and 101 honorary. Ringing members were Chertsey District 89, Farnham District 148, Guildford District 109, Leatherhead District 129, life and unattached 80.

CANON COLERIDGE'S BOOKS

The report of the librarian (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) stated that the total number of books in the library, not including bound volumes of periodicals, was 260. A series of books and papers, many formerly owned by the late Canon G. F. Coleridge, together with those belonging to the late Major H. J. Cann (nephew of Canon Coleridge), had been passed on to the Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) by Mrs. Cann and were now in the library. The collection included valuable books by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, and Mr. Hazelden said there was a strong reason to believe that they were at one time Mr. Ellacombe's personal property. They wanted somebody with a knowledge of heraldry to identify the coat-of-arms.

The peal recorder's report stated that 22 peals were rung during 1958, one more than

the previous year. These were rung by 91 different ringers, of whom 22 were ladies. The peals were rung in 17 different towers with 13 conductors. Mr. P. G. Smart conducted his first peal and there were eight first-pealers, of whom seven were ladies.

IN MEMORIAM PEALS

Major Bragg (peal recorder) said he was very sorry to see that a peal rung in memory of someone was also described as the fastest peal on the bells. He did not think that personal pride should go into a footnote of an in memoriam peal.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £37 11s. 11d. on the General Fund, £133 5s. 2d. on the Benevolent Fund and £115 4s. 3d. on the New Cathedral Bell Fund.

Mr. A. H. Pulling urged the Guild to build up the New Cathedral Bell Fund. Fifty years ago they used to look forward annually to visiting Winchester and ringing on the Cathedral bells. In 50 years' time ringers would be looking forward to visiting Guildford Cathedral and ringing on the bells there. He thought they should vote more money to the Cathedral Bell Fund and less to the Benevolent Fund. The Benevolent Fund did good, but now with a benevolent Government it was unnecessary.

Mr. G. S. Joyce asked the Provost if he was able to give any information regarding the Cathedral bells.

The Provost said the most optimistic thing they could hope for was to find a benefactor of the tower. The present building would be consecrated on May 31st next year. A possible date for the bells was five years' time.

Officers declared elected for 1959 were: Mr. C. W. Denyer, Master; Mr. S. T. A. Russell, hon. secretary and treasurer; Miss W. R. Hide, assistant hon. secretary; Mr. G. H. Brown, hon. auditor; Mr. F. Oakshott, liaison officer with the Surrey Association.

The meeting decided to fix the date of the Guild annual meeting as the second Saturday in March, that the names of all paid-up members be printed in the Guild annual report, and that the Guild annual dinner be held on October 10th. The election of Miss Angela Martin, of Bramshott, previous to a peal attempt, was ratified.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

At the request of a majority of members present at Calverley on October 18th, a ringing meeting was held at Meltham on March 7th. Towers represented were Batley, Cawthorne, Calverley, Friesland, Huddersfield, Lightcliffe, Shelley, Silkstone, Stainland and the local company.

Ringing to a variety of methods was continuous from 3 to 8 p.m., except for a break for the business meeting, held in the tower, with Mr. F. Webster, of Meltham, as chairman.

The meeting stood and observed one minute's silence in respect of the death of Mr. Harry Nutt. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the Meltham company for the use of the tower and bells was proposed and passed. The secretary announced that the next meeting would be on April 18th at Earlsheaton.

A resolution was proposed and seconded to hold only two contests per year, but the secretary held that the resolution would involve a change of rules, and could only be submitted to the annual meeting.

Mr. H. Mann proposed, and the meeting fully agreed, that a mark of appreciation be recorded in the minutes re the work done for the Association by the late Harry Nutt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Bristol City Branch At Dinner

Defying superstition, 45 members and friends of the Bristol City Branch held their annual dinner on Friday, March 13th, at the Ship Inn, Redcliffe. The customary toasts to the Queen and the Church were proposed by the Branch chairman (Mr. F. Hansford), who expressed his regrets that the Precentor of Bristol Cathedral was unable to be present.

Mr. S. G. Riches (general treasurer) proposed the toast to 'The City Branch,' and congratulated members on their present choice of officers. He spoke on several diverse subjects, including the great distances at which the bells of St. Thomas' could be heard, and how we should consider arousing the interest of the general public in Bristol in matters appertaining to bell-ringing. He expressed his hope that the bells of the blitzed Church of St. Nicholas would one day be recast and rehung to take their former place as one of the finest rings of ten in the country. In conclusion, he reminded members of the aims of the Association in cultivating Sunday service ringing and promoting the art of change-ringing.

Mrs. Joan Gray, in reply endorsed what Mr. Riches had said about the Branch officers, and in particular she paid tribute to the secretary (Mr. A. V. Bennett) for the hard work he put in as instructor at the St. John's School of Ringing. She stressed the happy relationship which existed between the University Society and city ringers, but pointed out that it was necessary to devise means of attracting new recruits in order to keep the towers fully manned when the University was not in session. The reasons why recruits were lost had been listed in some of the replies to the Central Council survey. She suggested that the time had come for the Gloucester and Bristol Association to take a lead from the Bath and Wells and endeavour to establish stronger links with the clergy.

Entertainment was provided by the Southville Handbell Ringers, under Mr. E. F. Hancock, who played several well-known airs and lapped a well-struck course of Little Bob Major. Grandfire Triples were rung 'in hand' by P. M. J. Gray 1-2, R. G. Hooper 3-4, A. M. Tyler 5-6, Joan Gray 7-8. R. J. B.

Swindon Branch

Snow usually falls for the spring quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch, but 1959 proved the exception, and the meeting was held at Stratton St. Margaret in comparatively good weather on March 14th. Ringing was followed by the usual service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Wolsey), and the young lady ringers of Stratton provided an excellent tea in the Church Room.

The Master of the Association (Mr. W. H. Trueman) presided at the business meeting in the absence of the chairman (Dr. H. Craig), who was engaged on a Civil Defence exercise. Several new members were elected, and it was proposed that quarterly meetings should be held at Wanborough, Brinkworth and Bishopstone. Mr. T. Moulden, of Stratton, the oldest member of the Branch, was nominated as a life member of the Association. The syllabus of the course at Dillington House was read, but unfortunately the date clashes with the Association A.G.M. at Cheltenham.

Further ringing followed, methods up to Cambridge Major being rung. In addition to Branch members, ringers attended from Bradford-on-Avon and Malmesbury. W. B. K.

A YORKSHIRE JOINT MEETING

Although a little disappointing in terms of attendance, the joint meeting of the Leeds and District Society and Yorkshire Association (Western District), held at Christ Church, Armley, on March 21st, was in all other respects most successful and enjoyable. The bells were raised at the appointed time of 3 p.m., and apart from intervals—firstly to replace a broken rope and secondly for the tea and business meetings—were used to full advantage until 8.30 p.m. The new vice-president of the Western District was well and truly 'christened' when, having led the bells down in peal and called for the customary Queens change to be chimed in conclusion, the treble rope came coiling down upon his head!

The tea was a credit to the organisers and heartily enjoyed by all. It was pleasing to note that the number of teas ordered was well matched by the number of persons sitting down. An appropriate vote of thanks was accorded to the local company and ladies.

The Leeds and District Society business meeting was held first, and it was here that the secretary (Mr. J. M. Thorley) took his leave, retiring from office a month in advance owing to his removal from the district. The president (Mr. I. Slack) thanked Mr. Thorley for the capable way in which he had handled the job of secretary, and wished him well in his new surroundings. Mr. D. Thorp, of 6, St. Stephen's Road, Calverley, Pudsey, was elected to take over the secretaryship until the annual meeting, which is to be held at Leeds Parish Church on May 2nd, the usual last Saturday in April not being available.

Nominations were invited for the various offices, and were received as follows: President, Mr. T. W. Strangeway; vice-presidents, Messrs. L. Drake, J. W. Gibson and C. F. Sutcliffe;

secretary, Mr. D. Thorp; Ringing Master, Mr. I. Slack, and auditors Messrs. A. I. Johnson and H. Lofthouse.

SIX NEW MEMBERS FROM IDLE

The Western District meeting followed, and the vice-president (Mr. W. Barton) began by expressing pleasure at seeing Mr. A. J. Coldrick, of Armley, present. Although 82 years of age and prevented from ringing by a physical infirmity he looked extremely well—may he continue to live a long and happy life.

Six new members were elected, all from Idle. The local company there are to be congratulated on this excellent sign of progress. By majority vote it was decided to hold the next meeting at Gargrave on June 20th, provided that the necessary arrangements can be made. This will be the annual District meeting, at which the following officers are due to retire: Hon. District secretary, Mr. A. E. Marsh; committee—Messrs. J. Ambler, P. Birkett and H. Lofthouse. Nominations should be sent to the hon. District secretary.

The vice-president announced the terms of certain propositions which had been discussed at the meeting of the general committee the previous week and subsequently referred to a sub-committee for consideration. A lively discussion ensued, during the course of which several useful opinions were expressed. A collection for the bell repair fund realised £1 1s. 7d.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Because of the bad weather, the attendance was small at the quarterly meeting of St. David's Diocesan Guild, held at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, on March 14th. The Vicar conducted the service and presided at the meeting. A welcome tea was provided by the Church and served by members of the Mothers' Union, to whom, and also the Vicar, a hearty vote of thanks was passed.

At the meeting a tribute of respect was paid to two members who had passed on since the last meeting. The usual touch on handbells was given by four members. The meeting approved a grant of £10 to St. David's towards the cost of the sound-proofing project.

Proceedings were briefer than usual to enable members to have a final ring before finishing at 7 p.m. This limitation was necessitated because of a rehearsal of the service to be broadcast the following morning.

C. H. H.

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LONDON WEEK-END

Being invited by Wilfred Williams and John Chilcott to ring in an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on March 14th, we arrived in Paddington very appropriately on the Cathedral's Express just before noon. A conducted tour through the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey and a trip downriver occupied the time previous to the 6 p.m. start. A good peal was duly rung on these mellow, well-balanced bells. One notable feature of this peal was John Chilcott's ringing of the tenor: he looked as cool, calm and collected at the end as he did at the start (nice work, John). During light refreshments afterwards it was a pleasure to renew acquaintance with Tom Francis, who had listened to the last part of the peal.

On Sunday, after another sightseeing tour, we went to St. Paul's to hear the ringing for service. We arrived outside in time to hear the bells go off into changes, and the St. Paul's band lived up to their reputation by treating us to some really fine Stedman Cinques. During a short convivial with the St. Paul's band, it was again a pleasure to renew acquaintance with Alfred B. Peck and Jack A. Waugh after over 30 years. From St. Paul's we visited the Old Bailey and afterwards St. Clement Danes', where the wonderful restoration has to be seen to be believed. We arrived at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in time for Evensong, where we saw the inspiring spectacle of a packed-to-capacity congregation.

Monday commenced with a visit to the Whitechapel Foundry, where we were cordially received by Mr. A. A. Hughes and shown round the foundry. We had the pleasure of trying out the new 12 for St. Mary-le-Bow. A notable feature was the rows of brilliant and shining handbells being made for export to the U.S.A.

The Tower of London, Covent Garden (where the smell of fruit and vegetables reminded us of home and the Vale of Evesham), the Opera House and the Albert Hall were visited en route to Paddington to board the Cathedral's Express for the two hours' run to Evesham. Ringing was not yet finished as we ran into Fred Wilkins, and enjoyed the pleasure of his company to Oxford, when quite a few peals were rung and lost!

To Wilfred Williams and John Chilcott we say 'Thank you' for the ringing arrangements you made for us on this enjoyable and memorable London weekend.

G. J. and G. C. HEMMING.

BRISTOL QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on Mar. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Doreen Gibbons 1, R. J. Wylde 2, M. J. Austin 3, R. Blackler 4, P. J. Bird (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, D. Heighon 6. First of Surprise for 1, 3 and 4. Also on Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 720 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): B. J. Wylde 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, Jane Cook (first as cond.) 3, M. J. Austin 4, R. Blackler 5, M. Taylor 6. First in three Doubles methods by all. Both by U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong. Also on Mar. 15th, at the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainser (cond.) 1, Elizabeth M. Jackson 2, M. T. Rothwell 3, M. J. Austin 4, R. Blackler 5, D. Heighon 6. For Evensong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—As a student at present at Salisbury Theological College, I was very interested to read of the ringing activities of the students at Cuddesdon, and would wish to congratulate them on their progress. At Salisbury we have formed a Guild as well, and since last October we have held regular Wednesday afternoon practices at St. Paul's Church, Salisbury and Britford, through the kindness of the incumbents and with the much-appreciated co-operation of Mr. Manns and Mr. Lewis, the Ringing Masters at these churches. Like Cuddesdon, we have every afternoon free, and study in the evenings, and thus cannot join the local towers for practice. Of our 42 students, 25 can ring or are learning to ring, and many of the others are intending to start once the rigours of G.O.E. are past and done with. So far, our ringing has been limited to call-changes and Grandsire Doubles with the help of one visitor, but after Easter we should be able to make a start on Grandsire Doubles with an all-college team.

Obviously, we cannot expect to turn out first-class Surprise Maximus ringers with the little time available and with limited help, but I am hoping that we shall at least be able to teach a little about ringing, how a tower should be run, and how an incumbent should co-operate with his ringers and try to understand their art.

And this brings me to the real point of this letter. All too often, it has been my experience in dealings with clergy all over the country, they are, on the whole, ignorant of what goes on in their towers. How many have ever seen their bells, or really appreciate that they are alone responsible for these expensive musical instruments? How many have even an inkling of the work and effort needed to raise and maintain a regular loyal Sunday service band? How many of them ever think of visiting their towers on practice nights and Sundays to say the Belfry Prayer, and to have a friendly word of encouragement with their ringers? In my experience, the answer to each and every one of these questions is 'Surprisingly few.'

What is the solution? I doubt if there is any easy answer to that question; the local Diocesan Associations have done and are doing much to encourage parish priests to take an interest in ringing, but I feel that this encouragement would bear more fruit if given earlier—in the clergy-nursery—the theological colleges (parsons are not brought into the world by ecclesiastical storks, neither are they found under burning gooseberry bushes). May I suggest that the Diocesan Associations, under the guidance of the Central Council if necessary, should approach the Principals of the theological colleges within their territory, and ask that permission be granted for qualified persons to visit the colleges to give lectures on the subject?

In all colleges there are opportunities during the year for visiting lecturers to advance the claims of the Mothers' Union, the R.S.C.M., and so forth; I do not think that two extra lectures a year would be too crushing a burden to impose. Two lectures are suggested: one to be given by an incumbent who has a good, keen band of churchmen (dealing with the law relating to the tower, his own relationship with his ringers and what he expects from them, how he

encourages them, and so on), and the other to be given by a Ringing Master who has charge of a tower where there is a good, loyal and regular band of church bell ringers (and here may I insert a plea for the type of ringing instructor who has proved himself by practical work and results over a period of years, not—please not—one of the plentiful supply of theory-pedlars who have an abundance of bright but unworkable ideas, and who have never produced other ringers themselves).

I do not suggest that this plan, if carried out, would be a cure-all for the problems of difficult relationships which crop up from time to time between ringers and their clergy—one does occasionally find the type of parson who is determined to be the head of his parish, with infallible knowledge on all matters; and on the other hand, ringers who cannot be persuaded to take part in the services for which they ring must not be surprised if they find themselves replaced by others who are churchmen first and ringers second. But I do believe that if handled properly it would bring abundant blessings on the Exercise in years to come, and would help to encourage the recruiting of ringers to meet the shortage which is evident in all parts of the country and which is desperate in some.

I shall be delighted to discuss the matter with any person who cares to write to me.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O. FRY.

19, The Close,
Salisbury.

COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—In the Minutes of the Central Council meeting, held last year at Whitsuntide, is a reference to the proposed publication of the Minor Methods Collection which, it is stated, would appear in several months. Nearly 12 months have passed, and still there is no sign of the book. I think a statement from the committee concerned is long overdue.

If the script has not yet reached the hands of the printer, I suggest that the names of 'irregular' treble bob methods are included to avoid possible confusion caused by one method being known by more than one name.

I am sure Mr. H. Chant will be pleased to furnish names and details of the methods which should be included.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Barnsley.

VOTING IN GUILDFORD GUILD

Dear Sir,—May I respectfully point out that your footnote to the letter from John Vernon is not strictly correct and may lead to misunderstanding.

The rules of the Guildford Diocesan Guild do permit junior members to vote, but at *District level only*. They are not allowed to nominate Guild or District officers. This compromise was reached in 1957, after some considerable discussion in 1956, when juniors were entirely deprived.

So far as the Chertsey District are concerned, this has worked well.—Yours truly,

ROY COLLINS.

Chobham.

SPLICED CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the correspondence concerning the false arrangement of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative, my sole reason for this letter is to establish the truth of the Rotherfield peal, conducted by Bill Rogers on January 18th, 1951.

Strange as it may seem, Bill has been saved from calling the false arrangement on two occasions. He is a very lucky fellow.

In his first letter to 'The Ringing World' he mentions the episode which took place in the belfry at Marshfield, Gloucester, just before the peal was attempted. This was almost a repeat performance of that which took place eight years ago at Rotherfield, prior to the peal being rung.

I was aware of the falseness at that time. I took part in the peal, and can vouch for the truth of the composition rung. I do not keep a detailed list of my peals rung, but have a vague recollection that the peal was submitted to the 'R.W.' incorrectly—Bill was probably still in a 'flat spin' when he sent it up. I have, incidentally, written to him reminding him, and said I would write to the 'R.W.', which is the reason why no notice of withdrawing the peal has been published.

I would like to add here that I intend no reflections upon Bill Rogers. I have not seen him now for over two years; if I had, perhaps this unfortunate episode might never have occurred.

As a matter of interest, I would like to add that I was not aware until I read his letter in the 'R.W.' that he had nearly been caught on a second time, but for the timely intervention of Stephen Ivins.

I realise that I have little to substantiate my statement that the peal was true, as apparently nobody else clearly remembers. I have, however, over the intervening years, called the true variation four or five times, as back numbers of the 'R.W.' or K.C.A. annual reports will confirm, and I hope this will dispel any doubts as to my integrity in this matter.

For years I have been under the impression that the falseness of the arrangement was well known; I had no reason to doubt this until July, 1957. Whilst on tour in Sussex I happened to mention it, and was surprised to find that none of the company were aware of it. Shortly after this, Stephen Ivins wrote to the 'R.W.' explaining the falseness of the arrangement. Well done, Stephen!

Just how many of us did know, I wonder?—Yours faithfully,

MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
Willesborough.

THAT EXTRA CWT.

Dear Sir,—Yes, Mr. Hall, the cwt. that fell off Burnham tenor between January 31st and February 14th made all the difference in the Superlative. As the Stedman report was sent in by me (the tenor ringer), I can only assume that my figures were so bad that the Editor could not distinguish my 2 from a 3. Correct weight: 12 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp. Taylors, 1949.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

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LEICESTER SCHOLARS' RECORDS

Dear Sir,—When going through the old Leicester Scholars' books for history records check-up, I came across the enclosed quaint 'Ringers' Song' and 'Rules,' which I feel sure will be of interest to many of our present ringers who may not have seen these before. I have copied exactly from the original as to spelling and notation.—Yours sincerely,

Leicester,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Ye Sons of yore that dearly Love the Musick
of the Bell
I pray draw near and you shall Hear how it is
to Ring them well
You must have Strength and Health with it its
fit you this Should Know
And Being now a proper Set Lets to the Tower
go,
Lets to the Tower go. . .

Now we are to the Tower come in Rising take
great Care
So that you mind your Bells each one & rise
them close and clear
Most Bravely Done they finely Run and Plea-
santly they sound
12345678 they are up and do go round.

There is one thing for to Set us right which i
will make appear
You Must not Trust all to your Sight but
Likewise to your ear
This being Done they'll finely Run I Verry well
Do Know
12345678 and so they round do go.

Now we have got them up at Set all Man'd with
Proper Strength
See that all Things they are now fit and the
Ropes of Proper Length
All being Right pray hold them Tight and Ring
them well allso
21354768 And so we off Do go.

There is one thing you Must Understand in
Leading Give Due Scope
you must Lead Clear Boys at Hand and Close
at the Back Rope
tis this will keep your Compa's good I verry
well Do Know
23145678 and so they on Do go.

We have them in the Tittom Course as Planely
you may hear
the Backward Bells must be Rund Close and
fore Bells must be clear
Most finely Done they Nicely Run in Concord
they Do Roll
13572468 for to Enchant the Soul

The Backward Bells are now in Course as
Planely you may hear
By which my Boys we may Suppose the End
is Drawing near
Most bravely Done they finely Run thers None
can us Excell
15263748 was Struck Booth true and well

We have them now in the Plain Course all
hasting home with Speed
Without a bob they must of Course Come
Round at the Next Lead
The Bob Omit I think not fit by which our
Peal is Crowned
12345678 and so they Do Come Round

Now we have Finished our Peal and Struck
them true and well
In Order for to fall them each man Mind his
Bell
Its finely Done they Bravely Run all fall in
Proper time
12345678 and finish with a Chime.

Orders agreed on by the Society of Change Ringers and Subscribed to by the Church Wardens of Kineal [? this word is very indistinct—E.M.] for the Better Regulation and Encouraging the Art of Change Ringing.

From Easter Sunday untill New Mayor Day,
At ten the Ringers shall appear allway.
The afternoon by halpast two again
this Rule unalter'd ever shall Remain.
From New May'ers Day till ten shall be the
hour

for forenoon's service as expres'd before;
the afternoon's from thence must alter'd be
Untill the Clock commence the hour of three.
Who e'er till Bells are rais'd is absent hence
the forfeit for the fault is just one pence,
If he Neglects till service it be o'er
For ev'ry Peal he forfeits twopence more.
He who the Whole Day does himself absent
Without one, two or more he gains consent
one shilling forfeit he must pay as fee
For the use and service of Society.
on Parish Day the Ringers shall appear
When they the tolling of the Bells do hear
all absentees for every peal thats past
In twopence fine most surely will be cast,
and 'tis agreed, that on such Parrish Days
the Sevenths Bells warning shall the absent Raise
Within one quarter of an hour if not
No more's allowed an Equal fine his Lot.
Who'e'r Presumes a Bell to pull off here
Without consent, or does get drunk and Swear
Sixpence for each offence he sure shall stake
E'er he his peace with us for it shall make.
Likewise he fourpence pays besides all that
Who here appears with either spurs or hat,
the Youth who to the Ringing Arts inclin'd
Shall ever with us here right welcome find
If he with us the jolly Boy Reverss
Who sometimes soothes and mitigates our cares
No miser ever with us can claim a part
Nor Be Companion in our Noble Art
Which mustuers health of life the chiefest Bliss
With which compar'd the world a bauble is,
he who to pay these forfeits is not free
If Yearly Ringer or his Deputy
It is Resolv'd the same from Wages due
Shall be Deducted with exactness true,
And further more if any one beside
Refuse by these our Orders to abide
From out the Belfrey shall be expell'd
And as an Alien evermore be held.

JUNIORS' RIGHTS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. J. Vernon, asks for opinions on the junior vote.

I was extremely surprised to hear that any Guild member should doubt the integrity of younger members by trying to abolish their right to vote over matters which concern them. In my experience they are quite able to appreciate matters put to the vote.

In this area, we of the younger generation are encouraged to take an active interest in the business of our Guilds and Associations, with the result that four local Guilds and Associations have a large number of officers under the age of 25. Because at an early age we were made to feel that we and the Guild belong to each other, by being allowed to have some say in Guild matters, we have become loyal members.

It is not the fault of juniors if they are numerically stronger at meetings than their elders, thereby being able to outvote them. We should all be happy to see young people taking sufficient interest in associations of ringers (or any other associations) to make the voting a fair representation of all age groups.

I emphatically support Mr. Vernon's views. Let's have democracy in this not-so-trivial matter.—Yours sincerely,

Tunbridge Wells. ERIC J. BRUNGER.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Dear Sir,—Rule 18 of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild rules states that a booking fee of sixpence per ringer is due from all ringers taking part in tower bell and handbell peals rung for the Guild, and the conductor of the peal is responsible for collecting and forwarding these fees to the Peal Recorder.

These fees have not been paid in respect of the following list of peals, published in 'The Ringing World' as having been rung for the Guild: and at an executive committee meeting held at Southampton on March 21st it was unanimously agreed that unless the fees be paid before April 30th the peals in question will not be recognised by the Guild or included in the Guild records or reports.

- 12/7/58. 7 methods Minor at Upton Grey.
Conductor, R. G. Leale.
- 28/9/58. Bristol Surprise Major at Hawley.
Conductor, R. G. Leale.
- 29/9/58. Bob Minor at Binstead.
Conductor, C. W. Denyer.
- 2/10/58. 2 methods Doubles at Heckfield.
Conductor, F. R. Scott.
- 8/10/58. Winchendon Place Bob Doubles at Abbot's Ann.
Conductor, R. G. Leale.
- 8/10/58. 4 methods Minor at Lockerley.
Conductor, R. G. Leale.
- 15/10/58. New Doubles at Silchester.
Conductor, R. G. Leale.
- 16/10/58. Bob Minor at Sydmonton.
Conductor, R. Bird.
- 20/10/58. Yorkshire Surprise Major at Liss.
Conductor, R. G. Leale.
- 27/12/58. 6 methods Minor at Speen, Berks.
Conductor, R. G. Leale.

It should be noted that unless Rule 18 has been complied with it is not in order for a peal report to be sent to 'The Ringing World' for publication under the heading of the Guild.

—Yours faithfully,

D. T. MATKIN,

Peal Recorder.
26, Wellington Road,
Bournemouth, Hants.

50 YEARS AGO

From 'The Bell News and Ringers' Record' of April 3rd, 1909.

Peals recorded.—Superlative 1, Double Norwich 3, Treble Bob Major 5, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire Triples 6, Minor 4, Doubles 2. Total 25. Handbell peals.—Grandsire Caters 2, Forward Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 2. Total 7.

Peals of Doubles provide plenty of material for correspondents. We learn: 'Forty-two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles is regarded in some quarters as an awful infliction both upon ringers and parishioners. It has been hinted that the everlasting monotony of such a performance is mental danger. The terrific strain upon the faculties, combined with the awful monotony, must develop a tendency to brain softening.' Now we know.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On March 7th a very successful and happy gathering of over 60 members and friends attended a by-meeting of Rochester District at SS, Peter and Paul's, Shorne. This tower contains a handy ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.) which is rung from the ground floor. Good use was made of these bells both before and after the service and tea.

The Vicar (Rev. M. G. Taylor) conducted the service and Mr. C. Jarrett (Ringing Master) played the organ. Tea was held in the Village Hall, there being no business meeting.

Mr. T. Barton thanked the Vicar and the ladies who had helped with the tea. For a change, handbells were rung to tunes until 6.30 p.m.; then tracks were made to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

ONE ROAD TO CAMBRIDGE

THE STORY OF A VILLAGE TOWER

WHENEVER a hiker lowers his pack to take a well-earned breather by the wayside, he thinks not only of the miles which lie behind but also of those unknown roads whose mysteries have still to be explored. As with a hiker, so with a ringer. There may be many milestones behind us, but any ringer worth his salt must often wonder what lies just around the corner or over the hill.

One 'never-to-be-forgotten' milestone in the life of many a ringer is the one which marks his arrival at Cambridge. And if a complete band arrive together, then the occasion is even more momentous.

When the ban on ringing was lifted in 1943, Saxilby had four bells and five ringers whose ability extended to chiming. Within a short time, however, the bells were being raised and lowered in the approved style, some new recruits had been found and, with the assistance of E. Collinson, from Harby, a start had been made on change-ringing. Of that band, John Blaikie (who was then tower captain), Martin Mann, John and John B. Nicholson are still members. David Crosby joined in June, 1946.

In June, 1947, two new trebles were added, the old bells were retuned and the whole set was rehung in a new steel frame. Taylors did the work. This was during the ministry of the late Rev. W. L. Mann, and the Sub-Dean of Lincoln (Canon A. M. Cook) dedicated the bells on April 19th.

Police Sergeant Fred Bishop happened along at this time, and took over as tower captain when John Blaikie reached military age. Mr. Bishop was the only member of the band who had rung changes on six bells, but some of the members were now making regular visits to the neighbouring 6-bell tower at Eagle. Here they were made very welcome and given opportunities to practise Doubles and Minor methods. By October they were ringing Bob Doubles in their own tower.

THE FIRST PEAL

In the meantime the first peal on the augmented ring of six had been recorded. This was on May 3rd, when Fred Bishop rang the treble for five members of the Frampton band—Rhoda Brown 2, Arthur Young 3, Albert Flatters 4, Wm. Wilkinson 5 and John Young (conductor) 6.

By the end of 1948 the local band were ringing Grandsire Doubles, St. Simon's Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. A number of new recruits were started from time to time. Some 'stuck'—most of them failed. Among those who did make the grade was the first lady member, Joan Leek, who started in July, 1948, and Harry Dove (March, 1949).

In December, 1948, the band scored its first quarter peal of Grandsire. The team on that occasion was David Crosby 1, John Nicholson 2, Fred Bishop 3, John Blaikie 4, John B. Nicholson (conductor) 5 and Ted Stroud 6. In April, 1949, the band was strengthened by the arrival in the parish of Bill Baker, who had been a regular ringer at St. Peter's, Lincoln, and shortly afterwards Single Court and St. Clement's were being rung.

But things did not always run smoothly, and all members of the band were shocked to hear—on November 8th, 1949—that Ted Stroud had been killed in a motor-cycling accident. A few weeks later Martin Mann was admitted for a lengthy spell in hospital, and in the following April Fred Bishop reached police force retiring age and left the parish. Once again, rounds, Queens and call-changes figured prominently in the Sunday service ringing. Bill Baker now took over at tower captain, and two recruits of this period who made the grade were Bill Cragg, who commenced in December, 1949, and Walter Cox (April, 1950).

A DIFFICULT PERIOD

Single Oxford was being rung in June, 1950, but members were still being lost. Joan Leek left the parish in June, 1950, to take up a nursing appointment, and Bill Cragg joined the Royal Navy in September, 1951. Mary Yardley started in June, 1952, but she was the last recruit of note until her sister Kathleen started in May, 1955.

The strength of the band was now down to nine, and enforced absenteeism through sickness and National Service resulted in 'No ringing' appearing in the records far more often than anyone wished. At other times only five bells were rung. Practices were kept going with difficulty and the only new method learned was Kent Treble Bob, which was being rung by early 1954.

Bill Baker had several bouts of sickness and eventually handed over the captaincy to Walter Cox in January, 1956. Either John Blaikie or Martin Mann would probably have been elected captain at this time, but they were both now living outside the parish, and their future as members of the band was probably thought to be more uncertain than time has proved it to be.

A group of new recruits started training on Easter Monday, 1956, and two of these—Shirley Guymer and Pamela Cox—are now established members, as is Mike Keyworth, who started in January, 1957.

'MOST NOTEWORTHY EFFORT'

John B. Nicholson was doing all the conducting at this time, but his most noteworthy effort was in June, 1956, when he conducted Mary Yardley to the altar. A quarter peal was tried on that occasion. The following year another quarter peal was tried. The baby brought us better luck!

Attempts at new methods met with little success, and the training of the new recruits was pushed on apace. Five members, however, scored their first peal on May 12th, 1956, when, with the very able assistance of George Feirn, two extents each of Plain Bob, Single Oxford and Single Court, and one extent of Kent were rung by David Crosby 1, Harry Dove 2, John B. Nicholson 3, John Blaikie 4, Walter Cox 5 and George Feirn (conductor) 6.

The next method to be really conquered was Double Oxford, and this was not until early 1958. The first touch of Stedman Doubles was scored in June of the same year, and the 1958/59 winter started with Cambridge just round the corner. But a start on the last stage of the journey was not made until the new year, and then, on January 29th, the first course by the band was rung by Mary Nicholson 1, Shirley Guymer 2, Pamela Cox 3, John Blaikie 4, Martin Mann 5 and Walter Cox 6. During the next few weeks courses were also rung by John B. Nicholson, Mike Keyworth and Harry Dove.

It has been a long road with many a twist and turn, and one thing is certain—no history is being made at Saxilby. No Wm. Sheppard of the future will entertain his readers with tales of the greatness or eccentricities of any of our members. Saxilby is but a tiny spot in the overall pattern of bell-ringing activities taking place in this country today. But, some of us think, it's not a bad spot! H. W. C.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept 9th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Yvonne M. Obbard 1, W. H. Minnear 2, W. E. Honour 3, W. Ivings 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5, R. G. A. West 6, W. J. Cross 7, B. J. Sykes 8. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. S. Miller, widow of the late Mr. T. Miller.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES W. F. CLARKE

Following a long period of indisposition and infirmity, the death took place of Mr. Charles W. F. Clarke, of Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk, on March 13th, at the age of 81.

He was the last of the company that did so much excellent work to advance ringing at Thorington, Essex, where, with his great friends the late Geo. Andrews and W. J. Nevard, he did most of his early ringing.

His pleasant, unassuming manner earned him many friends. He lived for a time at Assington before coming to Sudbury. A good ringer and striker, he was there obliged to hide his light under the proverbial bushel, where the company was under the capable and respected late D. H. Elliott. He was always willing to turn out, and ready to walk the three miles each way to and from Sudbury. Mr. Clarke had rung several peals far and near.

Of late, failing eyes prevented him from reading, and the writer had visited him frequently and read over items from 'The Ringing World,' and it has given me much pleasure to allow him to recall his many excursions of years ago and experiences.

He was laid to rest with his wife, who died nine years ago, amidst signs of great respect and sympathy. A truly lovable character, may he rest in peace.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at All Saints', Sudbury, as a passing tribute. A. A. F.

MR. MAURICE WATTS

In our last issue we briefly recorded the passing, on March 9th, of Mr. Maurice Watts, of Wadhurst, who sang in the choir for 70 years and was tenor soloist for 50 years.

He learnt to ring at Wadhurst in 1888. As the result of a serious internal operation, the doctor forbade him to ring, but such was his determination and effortless handling of a bell that he carried on, and completed 56 years in the belfry.

In the Church he held many offices, including churchwarden. He was a successful business man and prominent in local government: in sport he was an excellent shot, and in his younger days a footballer, cricketer and bowls player.

Every organisation in the parish was represented at the funeral service on March 13th, and as the coffin left the church local ringers paid tribute with half-muffled Bob Doubles, the sound that he knew so well. Before Evensong the following Sunday, a quarter peal was rung to his memory. We shall always remember him standing with his head bowed, leading the old six down in peal, a job he could do to perfection. C. A. B.

MR. EDWARD PHILLIPS

A fine ringer who put service ringing first, Mr. Edward Phillips has died at his home in Bryncoch, near Neath, aged 74 years. For 60 years he rang at Cadoxton and was respected by all who knew him.

MR. G. N. PRICE AN APPRECIATION

I should like to support all Mr. Hodgetts said about this very good ringer and teacher of many others. What I remember most about him was a peal attempt at Wymondham, near Norwich, on September 27th, 1913: 'G.N.' was conducting. After 20 minutes he said: 'Stand! Shall we ring something we can ring?' The little man next to 'G.N.' said: 'We have come here to ring Bristol.' 'Bristol it's going to be,' he replied, and Bristol it was—a good peal. He did a lot for the Exercise and young ringers. May he rest in peace.

F. SEAGER.

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SOLLÉ-FIELD.—On March 21st, 1959, at the R.C. Church of St. Mary, Glastonbury, Douglas Rex to Margaret Elizabeth Jean, only daughter of E. T. Paul Field. 4092

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As a final invitation, the organisers will be pleased to include any ringers, whether Sussex or otherwise, wishing to take part.

Methods:

Plain and Surprise, 8 and 10 bells.
Accommodation is an individual responsibility; however, endeavours in this field can be undertaken upon notification.

H. W. WOOLVEN, 56, Cobden Road,
Brighton, 7. 4094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined annual report for 1956-57 available to non-members at under half price, 3s. post free. Lists of towers, correspondents, ringing times, complete Guild records, compositions, etc.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 4128

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 4th, 6 p.m. Ringing at Christ Church, Southgate, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Nearest station Southgate (Piccadilly line), thence by 29 bus to the Cherry Tree.—John Chilcott. 4066

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 4th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. General meeting 6 p.m., St. Peter's. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Peter's, 3 to 4.15 and 7 to 8.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 4074

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, April 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. 4059

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th annual general meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, April 4th. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Peter's Institute to follow. Ringing at Hatfield (10), 10 to 11 a.m.; Harpenden (8), 10.30 to 11.30; St. Stephen's (6), 2 to 4.30; St. Michael's (8), 3 to 4.30; St. Peter's (10), 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) and city churches in evening.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4051

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Horsmonden on Saturday, April 4th. Please note change of tower for this meeting. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. 4070

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 4th, Sutton Coldfield. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meetings.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 4040

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, April 4th. Ringing at Harthill 3 to 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after tea at South Anston, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—J. Seager. 4119

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—A.G.M. at Southwell Minster, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 2 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea in Trebeck Hall 5 p.m., with business meeting following.—J. W. Raithby. 4042

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available: St. Mary-le-Tower, 2 to 3.30 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.; St. Margaret's, 3 to 4 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.; St. Matthew's, 7.15 to 9 p.m. It is hoped to have St. Clement's during the afternoon. Service, St. Margaret's, 4. Tea, Ipswich Co-op, 5 p.m. Business meeting, Diocesan House, following tea. 4080

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney, Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4129

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Practice meeting at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, April 4th, 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4085

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, April 6th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Joint meeting with Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Saturday, April 11th. See separate notice. Everyone welcome. 4142

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, April 6th, 7 p.m. 4096

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wragby, near Wakefield, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea—please bring your own food.—J. W. Buxton. 4124

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The Branch quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton (8) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lee, 3, New Road Buildings, Twerton, Bath. 4113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stogumber. Please note! Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by 7th.—A. R. Tudball, West Close, Dunster. 4117

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Timsbury (6), Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4115

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 9th to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 4099

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Poynton, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise before Tuesday, April 7th. Mr. I. Jenkins, 2, Bardell Crescent, Dickens Lane, Poynton.—C. K. Lewis. 4100

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—There will be a rally of all ringers in the diocese of Coventry at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, on Saturday, April 11th. All bands taking part will be notified their ringing time. Service will be at 4.30 p.m. Address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. Tea will be in the Town Hall at 5.15 p.m., at which all bands taking part will be received by His

Worship the Mayor of Stratford-on-Avon. Ringing after tea will be open to all.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 4125

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 4133

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Fulbourn, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 4104

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, April 11th, Danehill. Come and have a ring on the newest six in Sussex. Names by April 7th to Mr. A. Butcher, The Cottage, Christopher Fields, Danehill, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett. 4114

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Woods, 72, Broad Street, Dagenham. 4084

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Eastington (6), Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 7th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 4131

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-Wold Branch.—Meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to F. Newton, Hon. Sec., 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Glos. 4118

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6) on Saturday, April 11th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 4109

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross (8), Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 4130

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Little Munden, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4107

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to C. Chapman, Chicago House, Pond Hill, Cliffe, near Rochester.—P. Barton, Hon. Sec. 4087

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hucknall, Notts, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than April 9th to Mr. B. Lewin, Cranford, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, Notts. Everyone welcome. 4086

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, St. Luke's, Heywood, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea (free of charge) 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 10th to Mrs. M. Mills, 8, Manchester Road, Heywood, Lancs.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 4102

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Rotherfield, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Apps, Glendu, New Road, Rotherfield. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 4108

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Ulverston, Saturday, April 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names to N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston. 4135

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, April 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday, 8th, to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, Preston. Buses from Preston 2.10, Chorley 2.15, also from Oswaldtwistle and Southport.—L. Walmsley. 4098

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (North West District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, April 11th, at St. Luke's, Heywood. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea (free) by Friday, April 10th, to G. S. Mills, 8, Manchester Road, Heywood. *No names no tea.* Buses 4 and 63 from Manchester, Cannon Street. Trains direct from Rochdale and Bolton.—Hudson, Sec. 4121

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. C. Johnson, 4, Albert Walk, Holbeach, Lincs. 4071

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—Ringing meeting on recently restored and augmented bells (6), Saturday, April 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th to Mr. G. R. Finch, The Lodge, Marlesford Hall, Woodbridge. 4056

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Church Lane, Kingsbury, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, for election of officers, etc., to follow. Buses 52 and 83 pass the church, or buses 16 and 46 to Blackbird Cross, or train to Wembley Park Station. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m.; also at Edgware (two minutes Edgware tube station) and Hendon (buses 83 and 143, alight bus garage, or five minutes Hendon Central Station).—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4097

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chieveley (6), Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 7th, to F. Tuffley, Kelston, Priors Court, Chieveley, Newbury. 4089

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, April 11th. Names for tea to me by previous Saturday.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 4120

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettring Branch.—Meeting at Isham (6), Saturday, April 11th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. A. E. Garley, 14, Fairfield Road, Isham, Kettring.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec. 4112

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Bradley (8), Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 4101

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Symondsby, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 4095

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, East Drayton (6), on Saturday, April 11th. Please take own food—cups of tea are being arranged.—H. Denman. 4106

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, April 11th. St. John-at-Hackney, Mare Street, 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30 p.m.—A. W. J. Butler, H. W. Rogers. 4136

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Epsom (Christ Church) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notifications for tea by April 7th to Mr. F. Oakshott, Downview, Lewins Road, Epsom.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4068

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Wisborough Green, Saturday, April 11th. 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 7th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 4093

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Samways, Waterloo Farm, East Cholderton, Weyhill, near Andover. 4139

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Waltham, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Linter, 4, Coppice Hill, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton. 4140

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Preston Candover on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Village Hall 5 p.m. for those who notify by April 7th.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Alresford. 4137

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Easingwold (8), Saturday, April 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, 9th, to Mr. Edward Burton, 5, Long Street, Easingwold.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 4138

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton, Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., with business meeting following. Names for tea, please, by April 15th to Mr. W. Beebe, 80, Wheat Street, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 4126

HALIFAX and DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Earlsheaton, Saturday, April 18th. For teas please notify by April 11th H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton.—A. Farand, Sec. 4060

LINCOLN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Grimsby (8), Saturday, April 18th. Service 7 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Names for tea by April 14th to Mr. Kennington, 211, Robert Street, Grimsby. 4105

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Billingborough, Saturday, April 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Monday, April 13th, to Mr. L. P. Wilson, 40, Grosvenor Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4132

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, Wymondham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Vicarage Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.—C. Bird, Branch Hon. Sec. 4103

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Benson, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 14th to H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 4116

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Todmorden, Saturday, April 25th. Towers available: Todmorden, Christ Church (8), 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., and after meeting until 9 p.m.; Todmorden, Unitarian Church (8), 10.30 a.m. to 3.15 p.m., and after meeting until 9 p.m.; Todmorden, St. Paul's, Cross Stone (8), and Walsden, St. Peter's (8), 10.30 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in Christ Church at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. W. Hodgson. Tea 4.30 p.m. (3s. 9d. per head), in National School, Christ Church. Names, together with remittance, by Wednesday, April 22nd, to Mr. P. Scholfield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers to save postage. Meeting to follow at approximately 5.30 p.m. in the National School, Christ Church. 4110

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify by April 20th Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annual festival will be held on Saturday, July 4th, instead of Saturday, July 18th, as originally advertised.—M. R. Cross. 4141

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bootle, Saturday, April 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 8th, to M. F. Hayes, 46, Stuart Road, Bootle 20, Lincs.—T. E. Radcliffe. 4143

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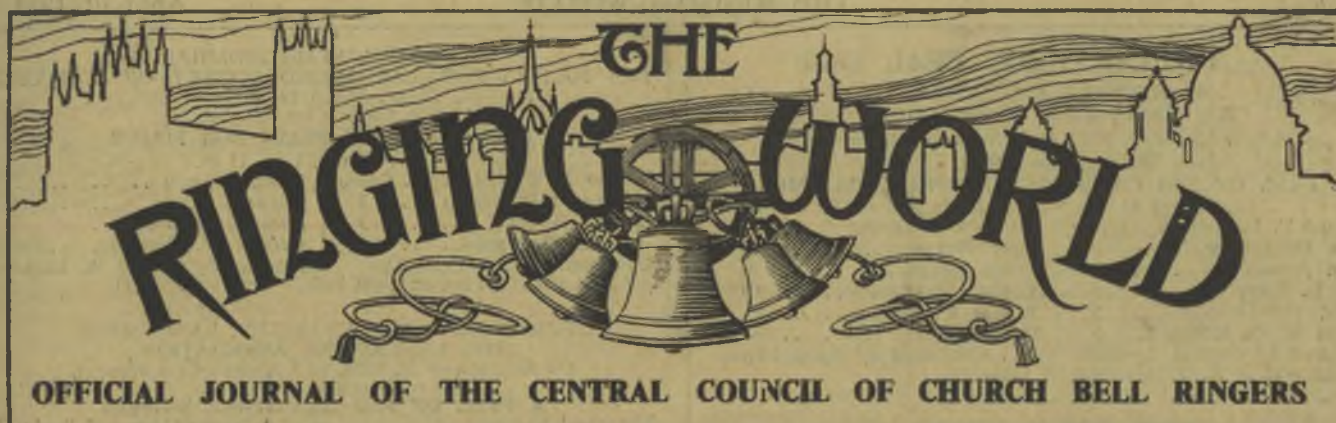
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ORANGES AND LEMONS

DICK, later Sir Richard Whittington, was Lord Mayor of London in 1406-7, and again in 1419, 1420 and 1423. It is not until 1605 that we find any reference to the legend of his being inspired by the sound of church bells, and that information comes to us in the records of the licensing of a play entitled 'The History of Richard Whittington, of His Lowe Byrth, His Great Fortune.' One can speculate as to how the play came to be written and come to any conclusion one likes best. It may be that the bells inspired Whittington, but it is equally likely that they inspired the playwright. Whichever way it was, one point must be kept in mind.

Before the Reformation very few churches were allowed to have a ring of more than three bells; and whether or not Bow was one of the more fortunate, and whether or not it was the Bow bells which Whittington heard, it is almost a certainty that it would be a ring of three bells which the playwright heard. But however that may be, it would not be the ringing of Cambridge Surprise or some other scientific change-ringing which inspired either Whittington or his historian. No! It would be the oft-repeated 'called' change, and that most likely on three bells only. 'Turn again: Whittington': one, two three; one, two, three; 'Thou worthy: citizen': one, two, three: one, two, three.'

It is a sobering thought that no more people go to church in places where there are eight or ten good bells rung in the best tradition than there are in parishes with only an odd and not so musical little thing swinging in an arch. But that is not to say that the ringing of a full eight is of no more worth than the single bell. But much depends on the manner of ringing. If then the attendance at church is not in proportion to the number of bells and the style of ringing, just where is the value of a full ring to be found? Surely it is dependent on the impression which the ringing makes on the listener. But what does the listener hear? Does one just hear the bells or does

one listen to them? There can be very little doubt that people who are quite uninformed in matters pertaining to campanology only hear the bells. The question that then presents itself to ringers is—How can we ring so that people are made to listen?

It was not Kent Treble Bob on the bells of St. Clement's which inspired that wonderful party game of our childhood—nor Stedman on the bells of Shoreditch. Surely, it can only have been an oft-repeated but well-struck called change; and maybe there is a lesson for us today to be found in the sometimes despised work of our forbears. One thing can be certain, and that is that the constant altering of the order of the bells, however well it is performed, will never impress itself on the mind of the casual hearer; and if our ringing is going to have any lasting benefit at least some part of our Sunday effort must contain an oft-repeated called change which would impress itself on the mind of all who heard it. It would then be carried away in memory, and though the people who heard it might not be aware of it at the time they would recall it in days to come. And who can tell what saving grace such recollection might impart?

There is a place in every tower for a 'Signature Tune,' and the cultivation of that can only lead to better and more fruitful ringing. At present we ring too much for our own ears.

HENRY ALLEN.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. 10
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* 50th peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composer's circuits, D.W.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	DAVID CORNWALL .. 6
MRS. JOYCE DODDS .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
MRS. ELSIE K. HART .. 3	GEOFFREY DODDS .. 8
†VERNON GREEN .. 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 9
REGINALD W. REX .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Yorkshire.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 7
DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 8
KENNETH L. BROWN .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. 9
CLIFFORD BIRD .. 5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A wedding compliment to Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Goodman, and Anthony G. Webster, who were married at St. Edmund's, Costessey, on Saturday, March 28th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 2	*DONALD F. MURFEE .. 6
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 2	*D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 7
*RICHARD E. DEAN .. 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate a lifetime of faithful service to Church and Guild by the late T. John Fowler.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., March 19, 1959,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*DAVID J. WILKES .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. 5
†MARGARET PRITCHARD .. 2	MICHAEL ELSON .. 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

FARNWORTH AND KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

GORDON W. LIMMER .. Treble	NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 5
DAVID YOUNG .. 2	PETER CROOK .. 6
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7
*ELAINE A. RICHARDSON .. 4	HENRY PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the wedding on March 14th at this church of Orrell Davies and Barbara Avison. The bridegroom is a regular ringer at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
PETER R. JOHNSON .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. Treble	ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. 5
*HENRY L. BISHOP .. 2	*FRANK ABSOLOM .. 6
CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
*FRANK E. GODDEN .. 4	*†ALEC F. F. SAMLER .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells. Claude Corderoy has now 'completed the circle' of the tower for the second time. 50th peal on the bells.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. Treble	JAMES E. DANIELS .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	MICHAEL J. BEST .. 6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
COLIN CONWAY .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

A compliment to Miss Joan Mitchell on her engagement.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

PHILIP J. HUDSON .. Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. 5
MRS. GORDON A. HALLS .. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
HAROLD HAMER .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 7
PETER CROOK .. 4	GORDON A. HALLS .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

Rung as a farewell to the Parish Priest, the Rev. J. J. Broadhurst, after a happy ministry at this church.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. Treble HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 5
FRANK W. PERRINS .. 2 LEONARD TREVOR .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3 *JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 4 JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* 50th peal for the Guild.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.
EVE PEARSON .. Treble *STANLEY E. PONTING .. 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2 ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 6
JOHN P. MCDERMOTT .. 3 E. JOHN WELLS .. 7
MONICA E. COLLINS .. 4 JOHN L. QUEEN .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* 100th peal.

To the glory of God, as a thanksgiving for the life and ministry of
the Rev. Canon Percy Reginald Lobb, M.A., Rector of this parish
1939-1959.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble G. HARRY BRAY .. 5
†A. JAMES POYNOR .. 2 RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3 ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4 FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY Treble DEREK C. JACKSON .. 5
MRS. R. WRATTEN .. 2 STEPHEN J. BOULDEN .. 6
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 3 ROBERT J. SWIFT .. 7
MAISIE VANTOM .. 4 †ANTONY JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*CAROL FURNLEY .. Treble *WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2 LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3 ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4 BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. Treble EDMUND MALIN .. 4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2 *DAVID W. FRIEND .. 5
*ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 3 ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First Surprise peal. First of Surprise on the bells.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
COLIN G. JACKSON .. Treble EDWARD J. BROWN .. 4
PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 2 FREDERICK DERRY .. 5
RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 3 JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A wedding compliment to James Gilmore, of Penrith, Cumberland,
and Miss Freda M. Sibey, of Quarrington, Lincolnshire.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley,
Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. Treble ALAN R. SYDER .. 4
PETER L. WOOD .. 2 WALTER ARNOLD .. 5
JOHN A. WARNER .. 3 TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

YORK.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL STUDY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD Treble MICHAEL MASKILL .. 4
*IRIS LEMARE .. 2 MARGARET E. WILKINSON 5
COLIN REEVES .. 3 J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughters, Katharine and
Penelope.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., March 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Cle-
ment's Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain
Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
HEATHER STEWART .. Treble GEORGE WATERMAN .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2 FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3 RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, one each of Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.
*WILLIAM STOKER .. Treble G. FREDERICK TERRY .. 4
MRS. J. RENDER .. 2 JOHN POTTS .. 5
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3 ALAN SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* First peal.

Annual Good Friday peal, rung half-muffled.

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On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK .. Treble | COLIN F. MCGILL .. 4
JOHN C. PERRIN 2 | PETER J. MILTON .. 5
RALPH BIRD 3 | ANDREW M. MACVE .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1) to (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) to (7) Plain Bob, (8) to (11) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (12) and (13) April Day, (14) Plain Bob, (15) and (16) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (17) Plain Bob, (18) and (19) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (20) April Day, (21) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (22) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (23) and (24) Grandsire, (25) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (26) Plain Bob, (27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (28) April Day, (29) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (30) Plain Bob, (31) April Day, (32) Plain Bob, (33) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Plain Bob, (36) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (37) Grandsire, (38) April Day, (39) to (41) Grandsire, (42) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*VALERIE GREEN Treble | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2 | A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4

RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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

WAINFLEET ST. MARY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Day, March 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. EDWARD W. COLLEY Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 5
LOUIS WILLIERS .. 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. COLLEY.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 six-scores Stedman, 11 six-scores Plain Bob and 11 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

G. ARNOLD MOORE Treble | HARRY HODSON .. 4
ERIC YOUNG 2 | WILLIAM TALBOT .. 5
ALBERT LAWTON .. 3 | WILLIAM WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

An 80th birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. W. Garner.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1), (3) and (5) London Surprise, (2) Plain and Oxford Bob, (4) Double and Single Court, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2 | LOUIS WILLIERS .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble | EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 2 | *STANLEY JENNER .. 5
GEORGE FRY .. 3 | ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss J. French (a local ringer) and Mr. K. S. Hohl, who were married at this church this day.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CHARLES B. SKINNER .. Treble | BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 4
MARIAN SKINNER .. 2 | GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 3 | RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Charles Hone and Miss Jocelyn Gumbrell at this church; also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Helen Skinner, of the local band.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER Treble | †GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 4
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 2 | BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3 | PETER H. LANGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 24, 1959, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. RENDER .. 1—2 | ALAN SHEPPARD .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS 5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION VISIT ISLE OF THANET

FOR the third time since the war, it was the turn of the Canterbury District to be hosts for the annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday; but this time instead of Canterbury the venue was Margate, after an interval of 21 years. For many it was the first opportunity for a concerted attack on the Thanet towers: the recently recast octave at All Saints', Birchington; the unique ring of 12 in Quex Park; the ten bells of St. Lawrence-in-Thanet (an 11th century church with an interesting approach to the ringing chamber); the ring of eight at St. Peter-in-Thanet, which church has distinguished itself by building up a local band of 38 (thirty-eight!) ringers; and the octave at Margate Parish Church itself. Over 200 members from all parts of Kent attended.

THE SERVICE

The service at noon in Margate Parish Church was a glorious experience. The beautiful Easter decorations, the robed choir even on a Bank Holiday (the choirboys volunteering to come), the singing of the Ringers' Hymn and the great Easter hymns, not least the sermon by the Vicar (Canon S. A. Odum), which opened with the arresting words: 'Whether you like it or not, the plain truth of the Christian faith is this, that it is God who gives all power, it is HIS-STORY'; all this combined to give a deep sense of inspiration.

Second came the luncheon in the sun lounge of the Winter Gardens, and we were privileged to have with us as our guests the Mayor of Margate, his chaplain (the Vicar of Margate) and the Vicars of Birchington (Rev. Christopher Donaldson) and St. Peter-in-Thanet (Rev. Tom Prichard). It was an excellent repast, and everyone was in good humour and conscious of a glow of welcome. Both the Mayor and Canon Odum remarked with pleasure on the large number of young people present—a healthy sign for the future.

The third corporate activity was the annual meeting, under the excellent chairmanship of Mr. John Willis. Apologies had been received from Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. F. S. Macey, Mr. E. J. Ladd, Mr. A. G. Hill, Jill and Geoff Waters (pressure of lambing) and Mr. G. H. Spice. After the minutes the secretary (Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher) presented his report, the company standing in silence while the names of members who had died during the year were read. Especially tragic was the untimely death of John L. Morris, to cut short a brilliant career and to rob the Exercise of an outstanding ringer and a potential leader of great promise.

THE SURVEY—NOTHING BUT GOOD

The report began by extending good wishes to Dr. Crick, the former Dean of Rochester, and Mrs. Crick on their retirement, and welcomed the former's successor, who as Bishop of Woolwich was already a vice-president. Summing up 1958, the activity and vigour of the Association was ramified throughout every District, and as an organised body was reasonably equipped to face the great challenge of the present, a challenge soon to be interpreted factually by the Sunday Ringing Survey. Later in the meeting it was announced that the towers of the county had responded well to the survey invitation, and the chairman remarked that it was a long time since any similar survey was made and that nothing but good would result.

There was an improvement in membership, with subscriptions from 1,045 practising members, the new members (166) still being offset by considerable 'wastage.' Of six towers affiliated during the year, Minster (Thanet) and Ulcombe were for the first time ever, while Hunton was one of the original founder towers

of 1880. A full programme of 44 District meetings was carried through, a few of these jointly with other Guilds, and the annual dinner in Maidstone on November 22nd was attended by a company of 120, the president of the Central Council (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) being among the guests. Interesting events of each District in turn were mentioned, and to conclude his report the secretary recalled that at the request of the Bishop of Rochester the bells of the diocese pealed forth on the day of the great thanksgiving service in the Royal Festival Hall for the wonderful progress of church extension in the vast new housing areas, the tinge of sadness being at the dearth of planning eventually to build towers to the new churches in which bells could be hung. 'Still, we are extremely delighted that a ring of six bells is to be hung in the new church at Biggin Hill.'

REPORTS—DISAPPOINTING SALE

Mr. B. W. May, as treasurer, presented a most satisfactory report, noting, however, that the price of badges was to be increased to 3s. 6d. to meet their extra cost, and that the sale of printed reports was disappointing, only one member in ten buying one. The cost of their printing is the Association's heaviest item of expenditure, and it was regretful that at half their cost price the available copies were not eagerly taken up. Considerable effort goes in the compilation of the report, especially to bring it out in time for Easter Monday. This year such efforts had been thwarted as proofs did not arrive from the new printer until the Monday and Thursday of Holy Week. Incidentally, fewer peals were rung during the year, and on the comment that this would ease the pressure on space in the report, the secretary informed the meeting that he was utilising this to give an up to date summary of Association peals and details of first performances.

In the election of officers two changes occurred, Mr. A. S. Richards succeeding Mr. W. L. Rayner as hon. auditor and Mr. Ian H. Oram succeeding Mr. T. Cullingworth as peal secretary, Mr. B. W. May continuing as hon. treasurer and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher as hon. secretary.

The date of the annual dinner had been fixed for Saturday, September 26th, in Rochester, just previous to the round of annual District meetings and, as far as possible, avoiding clashing with the dinners of other Guilds and Associations.

During the year four younger members had submitted designs for a new membership certificate, and it was announced that a sub-committee had been formed charged with the responsibility of selecting a winning design and supervising its printing.

INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

Perhaps the most significant item of business came late on the agenda, for after consideration by the meeting it was unanimously agreed to extend a very warm invitation to the Central Council to hold their 1960 meeting in Kent, this being the 80th year since the Association was founded, and also fairly early in the period of office as secretary to the Council of Mr. E. A. Barnett, a vice-president of the Kent County Association and a member of a great Kent ringing family. Appropriately enough, under 'Any other business,' Mr. E. A. Barnett read a letter he had received from the Rector of Pluckley, giving warm thanks for the expert advice given to him by Mr. F. E. Collins, a member of the Council's Towers and Belfries Committee, who happily was present. Finally, Mr. P. A. Corby gave a hearty vote of thanks to 'everyone to whom it should be extended' for all that had been done to make the day

such a success: Mr. B. J. Luck (District secretary), Mr. A. J. Dadds, of Margate, the Mayor of Margate, the Vicar of Margate and the incumbents of the other Thanet towers; for the service arrangements, especially the choir; to Mr. John Willis as chairman, and to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

The sun shone as we poured out of the Winter Gardens. A breath of sea air, a cup of tea, and then resumption of ringing—a truly wonderful day and worth every ounce of effort put into its preparation. Perhaps 21 years will not be allowed to pass before we return to the Isle of Thanet for our Easter rendezvous!

E. S. J. H.

NAILSEA'S BORDER VISIT

A first in the method by all the band, including the conductor, was recorded when on March 14th Nailsea ringers and their supporters toured towers on the Devon-Somerset border in a Microbus, expertly driven by Michael. Due to the poor weather, the journeys between the valleys were made up in the clouds.

The first tower, Luppitt (6, 10 cwt.), was located after a drive across the runway of a disused aerodrome, similar in surface to a certain bypass. The church is tucked away on the side of the hill and contains a first-class and well-struck ring of six bells. We were joined here by the remainder of our party from Warmley, and some good false touches were rung. A climb up the hill and down the steep slope took us to Upottery (6, 17 cwt.); ringing was delayed when it was discovered that the clappers had all been tied for the benefit of local learners. Once this was remedied good use was made of this rather heavy going six before adjourning for tea.

At Yarcombe (5, 17 cwt.) the low ceiling is not conducive to easy handling. The pleasing tone of the back four is offset by a notoriously sharp treble, rather jarring to the sensitive ear. In contrast, the five bells at Whitestaunton, rung in the vestry, proved very enjoyable and mellow. Ropesight is good, and a variety of Doubles methods were rung.

Darkness had fallen by the time the party reached Combe St. Nicholas (6, 14 cwt.), a surprisingly large church with a beautifully-carved screen, and without doubt the best six bells of the day. The standard of striking was good, and the elusive touch of London was brought round. The final call was Buckland St. Mary (6, 13 cwt.), where tower sway affects the ringing. A plain course of Double Stedman S.C. Minor—the 'poor man's Bristol,' as the cynics call it—came round (I think!), and a good fall ended a very successful afternoon's ringing.

We must thank Mary for her excellent planning, including tea, and incumbents and tower captains for making us welcome: last but not least Michael, whose 'first attempt' steered the Microbus on a perfect plain course (except for one dodge!).

J. B.

50 YEARS AGO

'BELL NEWS,' APRIL 10th, 1909

Peals recorded.—Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 3, Grandsire Caters 2, London prise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, London Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Major 3, Double Norwich 1, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 4, Grandsire Triples 7, Minor 3, Doubles 2. Total 31.

The death is presumed of Charles Rahill, the last survivor of the band that rang in Philadelphia the first complete peal achieved outside the British Isles. He was born in Deptford in 1826.

HALF PEAL

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Mar. 28th, 2,520 Stedman Doubles (15 callings): C. Crosswaite (cond.) 1, W. Wilkinson 2, Miss P. Bourn 3, V. C. J. Wood 4, E. J. Gower 5, J. Jolleys 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Audrey Jolleys, daughter of the tenor ringer.

ABSON, GLOS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): G. S. Sprules 1, Sandra Lewis 2, Rita M. Webb 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Bray 1, L. Scoot 2, R. Castledine (cond.) 3, J. Dear 4, A. Leggett 5, D. Sutcliffe (first in method) 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood 8. First in method by an all-local band. Also on Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Leggett 1, S. Bonnett 2, J. Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, P. Flack 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, J. Varney 8. First in method by 1 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dear at the birth of their son; also for the engagement of Pauline Mitchell and David Sutcliffe.

BILSBORROW, LANCS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. Bonehill 1, J. Gartside 2, T. Barker 3, J. Jackson 4, A. Rigby 5, F. Stead 6, W. Illesley (first in method) 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction service of the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Dunderdale).

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of the Saviour, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 covering): S. Watton 1, K. Hurst 2, Gillian Bridgford 3, J. Bogle 4, D. Young (cond.) 5, R. Eastham 6, A. Dawson (first quarter) 7, R. Crook 8.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stepman Triples: E. Booth 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, Margaret Parker 3, Mrs. Doreen Dykes 5, J. Blatchford 5, M. Bazeley (first in method as cond.) 6, C. Conway 7, J. Davis 8. For Evensong.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. J. Marshall 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, G. C. Jackson 4, J. E. Brown 5. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday for children's service.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Gravett 1, G. North 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. W. Woolven 4, F. Page 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, C. W. T. Riddleston 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Hussey (first quarter) 1, R. G. Hooper 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, A. V. Bennett 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung half-muffled for the Good Friday family service. Also on Mar. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Sutton 1, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 2, E. Sutton 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, H. T. Ferris 5, F. Hansford 6, R. G. Hooper 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Yates 1, W. Townsend 2, R. A. Vickers 3, F. Vickers (cond.) 4, G. W. Holland 5, C. Gough 6, W. A. Yates 7, F. Pateman 8. For Mothering Sunday service. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Vickers 1, F. Vickers (cond.) 2, W. A. Yates 3, J. Linnell 4, R. Keeley 5, F. Pateman 6, G. W. Holland 7, H. Jenkins 8.

CRESWILL, DERBYS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Miss M. Hill (first quarter) 1, P. Richardson (first 'inside') 2, L. Barlow 3, D. Smedley 4, G. Chambers 5, L. Bacon (cond.) 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): A. W. Ivings 1, C. C. Clarke 2, Yvonne M. Obbard (first 'inside') 3, W. H. Minnear

QUARTER PEALS

4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5, R. G. A. West 6, W. E. Honour 7, W. Ivings 8. Rung for the birth on February 13th of Adrian Michael Moreton.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Mar. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Smith 1, D. Drury 2, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 3, W. S. Smith 4, B. Smith 5, G. Robinson 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Tyson).

DYFFRYN, GLAM.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. 'Bloxham' J., D. J. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, D. J. Williams 4, J. T. Williams 5, B. Williams 6, G. I. Lewis 7. A last token of respect to Mr. E. Phillips, of Cadoxton, Neath.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 29th, at Christ the Saviour Church, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): W. G. Wilson 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, G. Harvey 3, F. Ranson 4, D. Theodm 5, M. Williamson 6. For Evensong.

EAST WOODHAY, HANTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): W. Kewell 1, R. W. Rex 2, Canon F. Saunders 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Webb 6. Rung following the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Walter).

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, Mrs. E. S. Palin 2, F. Pack 3, F. Farnsworth 4, B. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, N. Tumber 8. For Evensong.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, Miss M. Daish 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Callaway 6. For Easter, also in memoriam C. H. Denness, father of the conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of S. Nicolas, on Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica E. Collins 1, F. Oldroyd 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, Jill M. Lane 4, P. A. Bird 5, A. C. Hazelden 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, C. A. Slyfield 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service of the Rev. Canon P. R. Lobb, Rector, 1939-1959.

HANLEY, STAFFS.—1,320 Stedman Doubles: A. Kelsall 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, C. A. S. Webb 3, K. P. Jones 4, G. Davies 5. Conducting shared by 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung to commemorate All Fools' Day, 1959.

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HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. George 1, Miss G. May (first quarter) 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. Chinnery 4, J. King (cond.) 5, S. Davies (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Seymour 1, Miss C. T. Townley (first on 10) 2, J. Hill 3, F. C. Price 4, W. H. Coles 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, M. J. Palmer 7, N. D. Robinson 8, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 9, C. Ashpool 10.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, E. C. Crewe 2, T. Holmes 3, S. W. R. Crewe 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, B. Maund 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. Rung for the 27th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 3rd.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Royal (first quarter, 12 years) 1, Mary Woodward 2, Christine Morris 3, P. Merry 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Webb 6. For Evensong on Easter Sunday.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Bond 1, K. Kirk 2, J. Perrett (first as cond.) 3, D. Johnson 4, J. Rank 5, I. Goldthorpe 6. For Matins on Easter Sunday.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Hawkins (first away from cover bell) 1, S. Smith 2, K. Seymour 3, R. Hazell (first as cond.) 4, C. Hagger 5, L. Sears 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Willders (first of Stedman Caters) 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, H. Lowman 3, S. A. Chambers 4, R. F. Smith 5, W. Thomlinson 6, C. E. Brown 7, H. L. Pask 8, J. Walden 9, G. Paul 10.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, C. King 2, R. Fraser 3, M. Soper 4, C. Ward 5, W. J. Bradbrook (first 'inside') 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Quint 1, J. Yeates 2, Mrs. D. Strong (first of Plain Bob) 3, Mary Powell 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, J. R. Haycock 4, Margaret Stanley (first 'inside') 5, W. C. Budd 6. For Evensong.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth George (first quarter) 1, A. E. Pound 2, R. Day 3, W. Hitch 4, Miss J. Sanderson 5, H. Werrett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): Pamela M. Turner 1, Judith M. Gwilt 2, R. E. Tallis 3, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, D. A. Hawkes (first quarter) 6. First in two methods by 1, 2 and 5. Conducted jointly by 3, 4 and 5. For Matins.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Mar. 29th, at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Webb (first quarter) 1, Joan Salmons 2, T. R. Taylor 3, F. W. Rogers 4, S. J. Harding 5, L. D. Duguid 6, E. F. Salmons (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. For Evensong.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Klima (first quarter) 1, W. D. Watson (first of Triples) 2, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 3, E. J. Fowell 4, Mrs. T. W. Goodyer 5, J. J. Cummins 6, J. H. Fryer (first of Triples 'inside') 7, E. J. Sheehy 8. Rung for the centenary of the Municipality of Randwick. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey E. Peters 1, J. H. Fryer 2, W. D. Watson (first of Doubles 'inside') 3, R. J. Klima (first of Doubles and first 'inside') 4, J. J. Cummins (cond.) 5, J. J. Hammond (first quarter) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. C. Sadler 1, A. H. Worboys 2, W. J. Ellis 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, E. J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung half-muffled for morning service. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Ely 1, G. S. Sandwell 2, A. H. Worboys 4, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6, A. J. House 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Elizabeth A. Clay 1, Noreen Winter 2, A. J. Hicks 3, C. H. Knowles (first as cond.) 4, Judith Walker (first 'inside') 5, Vicki Davies (first quarter) 6, J. Small 7, J. Moore 8. For Matins. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Felicity M. A. Rooke (first of Triples) 2, Noreen Winter 3, M. Winter 4, C. H. Knowles 5, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 6, M. E. Downs 7, S. Skinner 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 3 and 4.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss C. Pullen (first of Bob Royal) 1, S. P. Darvill (first quarter) 2, K. J. Darvill (first on 10) 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, C. Hayter 6, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. E. Ewer 8, H. V. Frost 9, G. W. Debenham 10. For Evensong.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, E. T. Avery 2, H. Edwards 3, A. H. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Allcorn 8.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Scales 1, R. Kemp 2, R. Harrison 3, I. Pantan 4, M. Edwards 5, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: M. Keyworth (first quarter) 1, Shirley Guymer 2, Pamela Cox 3, M. L. Mann 4, H. Dove 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 and 8 covering, 2 omitted): Sheila Lewis 1, W. E. Coombes 3, E. Townsend 4, P. A. Meecham 5, Miss D. Clifford 6, B. Lewis 7, R. Clapton 8. For Mothering Sunday.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Pamela M. Jervis 1, Freda P. Greaves 2, Linda J. Kew 3, Valerie Hoby (first of Major 'inside') 4, A. D. Rivers 5, J. Schofield 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, N. V. Harding 8. For the Easter festival.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, A. Callow 2, Stella Allen 3, F. G. Sparks 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. Rung for the wedding of Ray Lee and Helen D. White, daughter of the conductor.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Plain 1, P. Wakefield 2, Anne Stephens 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, B. Stephens 5, M. Cook 6. Rung for Evensong by members of the choir wishing Miss Anne Curtis, a fellow-chorister, every happiness in her marriage on Easter Monday.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Smith 1, A. Norman (first 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick 3, E. Morris 4, R. K. Stretton (first as cond.) 5, P. Norman 6. For Parish Communion.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Hunt (first quarter) 1, W. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss J. Putnam 3, G. Wykes 4, J. Griffen 5. For morning service.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. W. Attaway 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, J. E. Cawser 3, A. A. Rackham 4, E. Elton 5, H. J. Dakin 6, G. H. Peers (cond.) 7, G. H. Peers (jun.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stella Lewis 1, A. R. Price 2, Eileen Price 3, G. Thomas 4, B. J. Johns 5, H. Jenkins 6, B. D. Price (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8. For Evensong.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rich 1, P. Jermy 2, G. Rich 3, J. Wilson (cond.) 4, E. Emerson 5, W. Rose 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Stoter (first quarter) 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, H. Gregory 5, C. Lester 6, A. R. Wood 7, D. Stoter (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the 70th birthday of C. Lester and the 25th wedding anniversary of H. V. Booker.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rumens 1, F. C. Maynard 3, P. D. Chapman 4, F. W. Sykes 5, E. E. Holman (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Barker 1, S. Walmsley 2, K. Bonehill 3, W. Mansley 4, P. Barrand 5, J. Jackson 6, A. Rigby 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. For St. David's Day.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, C. Truman 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, R. Keeley 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. W. Coleman 1, F. C. Case 2, R. Keeley 3, C. Clark 4, J. Linnell 5, J. Gregory 6, G. W. Holland 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the birth of Robin George, son of the conductor.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Moore (first of Stedman) 1, T. E. Marks 2, T. Look 3, L. Parris (first quarter) 4, G. Gaylard 5, J. Looker 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8. For Evensong.

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Swansea ringers are delighted with their new ring of eight, which was rung for the first time on Easter Day. Forty people crammed into the small, partly-finished belfry at one time. Among the visitors was Mr. E. T. P. Field, who started at 4.30 a.m. for the 170 miles to Swansea. The opinion of Mr. J. A. Hoare, the captain of the tower, is that the bells are a grand ring—one of the most perfect he has rung on. They have a mellow tone and the movements are perfect, he told the local press.

Some 18 months ago a band was formed at Dunholme, Lincs, with Mr. John M. Blaikie as instructor, and has made good progress. This week we record the first quarter peal. These bells are now rung regularly on Sundays after years of silence.

The Church Council and parishioners of Petham, near Canterbury, have presented a chiming clock to Mr. A. Jarvis to mark his completion of 50 years as a ringer at All Saints', Petham. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on March 14th in honour of the occasion. In it there were three first quarters, one being by Mrs. Philpott, from St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, who is Mr. Jarvis' sister.

Very strong resentment is expressed by Cambridge ringers at a letter which appeared in a local paper stating: 'To see real unadulterated dirt at its thickest one should climb into the belfry. Here one may often hear colourful language which puts the mere railway porter to shame. Campanology is a very trying business.' Mr. T. Reginald Dennis comments: 'Of course we know in our travels some belfries could do with a good spring clean, but I draw the line about "colourful language," which I think is a definite slander on the Exercise as we know it today.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Tenby lifeboat was called 'into the hunt' on one occasion over the Easter holidays when a sailing craft manned by two Sea Scouts capsized in the bay. It was called 'out of the hunt' a little later after fishing the two Scouts out of the water and taking their boat in tow. The following evening, on Easter Sunday, one of the Sea Scouts proved that he was none the worse for his early dip by calling a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Tenby Church.

The peal at Swynnerton on March 7th (see page 200) was rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Albert Hoggetts.

Kent County Association has 1,045 practising members. New members during 1958 totalled 166.

The new bell at Cromhall, Glos, to be dedicated soon, is named after the former Rector, A. D. H. Allan, and will be dedicated by him.

The name of the new Bishop of Bristol, for whose enthronement a peal was rung on Bristol Cathedral bells, is the Rt. Rev. Oliver Stratford Tomkins.

The T.V. film of some ringing at Baldock was not shown on B.B.C. T.V. on Lady Day. This was because the rest of the programme was too long. It was suggested to Canon F. G. Brenchley (Rector of Baldock) that the film be shown in the Wednesday Magazine of May 13th.

Leicester Diocesan Guild at their annual meeting last Saturday elected Mr. Peter J. Staniforth as president in succession to Mr. Paul L. Taylor. Mr. Arthur Rowley, who had been treasurer since 1946, retired, and Mr. Ernest Morris was appointed to the office. Mr. Frank Measures and Mr. P. L. Taylor are the vice-presidents. A motion to stop juniors voting was lost by 114 votes to 10.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

80th Annual Dinner

THE 80th anniversary dinner of the Cambridge University Guild was held on March 7th, and the writer must apologise for being so late in sending in this account of it—he can only plead that his 'chronic lethargy' has been worse than usual in the past few weeks. This delay has, however, its compensations, as will be seen later.

All the best ringers' dinners start on Friday and finish on Sunday, and the Cambridge University Guild's dinner has never, since it was first held in 1949, been an exception. Your correspondent followed some rather vague instructions on the Friday evening, and was rewarded by finding himself in a room in a building 'half way to Bedford' which was filled with members of the Guild and the sound of handbells. The members were in their turn being filled with coffee and biscuits, and it was clear that the other residents in the building thought we were mad.

Saturday morning 'dawned bright and fair,' although the weather soon deteriorated. It had been thought that it was a tradition of the Guild that it should snow on dinner day, but this year, for a change, persistent heavy rain was laid on.

TRADITION BROKEN!

Another thing that looked like becoming a tradition of the Guild was losing a peal at Saffron Walden, but this time, in spite of the efforts of some of the band, a peal of Cambridge Royal was scored. ('The rhythm of some of that peal reminded me of a young man named McNamara,' remarked one of the band afterwards.) The band will long remember the tenor ringer's acrobatics in opening a door when it was thought there were workmen on the church roof who wanted to come through. His performance even surpassed the famous 'rope-trick' performed at Chelmsford in 1957. While all this was going on, a more sedate band, who had risen later, rang a peal of Little Bob Major at Trumpington.

During the afternoon and evening there was ringing to be had at all four towers in Cambridge. This evidently mystified the citizens of Cambridge, judging by the following conversation overheard in a 'place of refreshment':—

Mild and Bitter: 'Them bells again! Bin ringing all afternoon they 'ave, all over the place!'

Stout: 'Yeah. 'n' 'smorning they was ringing in Trumpington too, and Saffron when I came by there with ole Charlie.'

Pint of Wallop: 'Spect it's weddings. Getting near April, 'y know—end of the ole financial year. Always get lots o' weddings 'bout this time.'

Stout: (Deleted by censor.)

The dinner itself was served in the Hall of Selwyn College as last year, and an excellent meal it was. It is difficult to imagine a more suitable place for a function of this sort. After the loyal toast, the president (Rev. A. C. Blyth) welcomed us all, and passed on apologies for absence from Major Freeborn, Dr. Poole and P. K. Williamson.

IN PARENTHESIS

(This is where the writer finds himself compensated for not having written this report earlier. In previous years, it was not until the following day that he was asked to write the report for 'The Ringing World.' This gave him an excuse to ignore completely whatever he remembered of the speeches, and instead to report what he thought should have been said. This year he was warned in advance, and took copious notes of the speeches. Now, however, after three weeks, he finds these notes quite meaningless, and is therefore once again able to give his pen free rein.)

BRAVE YOUNG EVESHAM RINGER



Sensible of the solemnity of the occasion, the London University Society felt it would be an insult merely to be represented by their Master, and so they were represented by their president (Mr. P. J. M. Gray), who proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' Before doing this he told us an anecdote about Mr. Khrushchev, spoke at length about the Central Council Survey of Sunday ringing, and eventually said that he thought the health of a University Guild should be measured by what the members do on 'going down' from their universities. It seems reasonable to assume that he expressed a certain amount of satisfaction at the activities of our non-resident members.

BEST HANDBELL BAND FOR YEARS

Replying to the toast, the Master (Mr. Hugh Neill) said: 'It is the privilege of Masters of University Societies to make the most boring speech of the evening, as all they have to do is to review the year's activities'—or words to that effect. No comment. Among other activities, he praised in particular the work of Robin Heppenstall in training the best handbell band the Guild has had for many years. This band has rung a peal in 14 Spliced Plain Major methods, and a peal of Bob Maximus—achievements which would do credit to any ringing Society. Other outstanding features of the year were the very successful Guild week at Bristol, the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Aston, and the Guild's 500th peal. The Master also reported that during term time the resident members had continued to ring for four services each Sunday, and that the standard of ringing had shown a good improvement.

Mr. W. J. Ridgman proposed the toast of 'The Guests,' and took away most of their characters. They included Canon Woodard, of Great St. Andrew's (in welcoming him, Mr. Ridgman said that only £170 was now needed for the bell restoration fund), Messrs. Dennis and Brown ('who had taught the Guild many things'), of the Cambridge Youths, Mr. J. (Hammers) Gipson and Mr. E. Bullman, of the Ely Diocesan Association, Mr. J. Paling (Master of the Oxford University Society), Mr. Gray (see above), Mr. J. Davis, from Reading University. (Continued in next column)

BRAVERY on the part of a 15-year-old Worcestershire ringer, Geoffrey Richard James Hemming, who dived into the River Avon to rescue a girl aged four, although he had a broken wrist which was still in plaster, has been recognised by the Royal Humane Society.

At a meeting of the magistrates on March 23rd, the Mayor of Evesham (Cler. Bert Godwin) presented Geoffrey with the R.H.S. life-saving certificate, and said the whole town was proud of him. Our picture shows Geoffrey receiving his certificate from the Mayor. With him are Brian Knight (left) and Charles Rogers who rendered assistance.

The rescue took place last August. Geoffrey, walking in a riverside playing field at Evesham, saw the child—Pat Newbury—floating downstream. He dived immediately, brought her to the bank and applied artificial respiration. She recovered completely.

Geoffrey, an experienced young ringer, is a son of Mr. Geoffrey Hemming, of Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, who is Master of the ringers of Evesham bell tower, a College Youth and one of Worcestershire's best-known campanologists. Mr. Hemming took a leading part in the restoration of Evesham bell tower and, as a committee member responsible especially for advising about the bells, successfully persuaded fund organisers that a ring of 12 was essential. Formerly the tower had ten. He got his way.

Geoffrey's grandfather, Ald. James Hemming, a former mayor of Evesham, was another prominent ringer. One of Evesham bell tower's present ring of 12 is named after him.

(Continued from previous column)

versity, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Threlfall, and 'others too numerous to mention'—the writer apologises to anyone whose name he has forgotten.

Mr. Paling replied on behalf of the guests. His speech was brief and, for a change, to the point.

Suitable refreshments were available after dinner. Appropriately enough, these were served in 'The Tower Room.'

A great deal of ringing took place on Sunday, but your correspondent has run out of ink, so cannot describe it in detail. W. T. C.

CONTEST RINGING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND

By NOEL F. MOXON

(Continued from page 219)

Between the wars Liversedge were a great power in the competition, winning 13 contests, with Batley close on their heels with 12 wins. Much of the success of Liversedge (who now have won the cup 21 times) during the past 25 years must be due to Mr. Fred Hodgson who was conductor during this period. When sitting in the tower whilst Liversedge were competing, one was always struck by the carefree attitude of the conductor and the other ringers, very different from the grim and strained appearance of some other bands; but when Liversedge began the test piece it was very apparent they were in deadly earnest!

ONE SLIP FATAL

On one occasion, having been winners the previous year Liversedge had to change their method for a contest, and full of confidence rang Cambridge Surprise, but again came out top. Friezland, of whom little was heard during the early part of this century, began to provide serious opposition to the crack teams, and the standard of 6-bell ringing rose to great heights; even if a team had rung well during the test piece, a slight slip, although instantly corrected, was sufficient to place them well down the list.

Three contests are held each year—spring, summer and autumn—small prizes being awarded only at the summer event. Worthy of mention is the Halifax contest at Elland on April 1st, 1950, when eight teams competed and the test piece was shortened from 600 changes to 504. Meltham rang first, but Edward Earnshaw forgot about the alteration and called 600; Friezland followed on, and although aware of Meltham's slip rang 600 and were also disqualified. Shelley 'B,' who had the least number of faults of the remaining teams, were therefore the winners, but before the cup could be presented it was revealed that they had committed a breach of rules and therefore received 30 penalties. This brought Cawthorne into the picture and they were awarded the cup—their first win—but a hollow victory, and it was not until 1957 that they did eventually win the cup properly.

THE MELTHAM TEAM

This Society has been well served by Mr. Edward Earnshaw, of Meltham, who has been chairman for 32 years. A fine tenor ringer, he has had the backing of the Meltham team, where a sound reputation of good striking has been maintained. Included in the team is Mrs. Mary Greenwood, her husband Mr. Joseph Greenwood, and her father Mr. Charles Byram. Sheffield also has an interest in contest ringing, and although the cup which they possess is over 60 years old there is no evidence that prizes were included in the competition.

According to Mr. Sidney Palmer, the cup was first given by a Mr. Nicholson, of Treeton, to the old East Derbyshire Society, now amalgamated with the Sheffield and District Society. The cup had a varied career since coming into the possession of the S. and D. Society, who had once to take legal action to recover it from the last tower company to win it and who wrongly refused to give it up. The cup lay dormant for several years through lack of interest until revived after the last war. Contests have been held regularly in post-war years and

the rules were revised in 1953, bringing them more or less into line with the West Yorkshire competitions; the test piece is 360 changes of Minor or Doubles, usually rung with open leads. During recent years Warsop have won the cup four years in succession, having attained a very high standard of striking, whilst Handsworth have three wins to their credit.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

In 1926 the Barnsley and District Society purchased a large oak shield with a silver centre depicting a ringer standing beneath a bell in the set position. The first contest was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, with an entry of 11 teams. The bells at that time were heavy going, and one man collapsed under the tenor bell. Shelley were awarded the shield with Cawthorne runners-up. At Crofton in 1929 the number of entries fell to four, and when the judge announced his decision, Wath, Sandal and Shelley were astounded to learn they had all tied with 121 faults! On October 12th the three teams rang again, but Shelley proved easy winners; under their conductor, Mr. Andra' Hoyle, they continued until 1940 with great success, taking the shield away seven times.

Liversedge, scoring well in the Halifax Cup, turned to Barnsley for fresh fields to conquer, and met with great success, winning the shield in 1935–36–37–38. Friezland came to hear of the Barnsley Shield in an interesting way. Mr. Stanhope, of Cannon Hall, Cawthorne, had a friend near Friezland who spoke to him about the bells and ringers of this village, and Mr. Stanhope promptly responded with the prowess of the Cawthorne ringers. As a result of the conversation, the Friezland ringers visited Cawthorne, rang the bells, and hearing of the Barnsley Shield decided to enter the competition. They were runners-up in 1937, and in spite of the hold Liversedge had on the shield Friezland would not be denied, and carried away the trophy in 1939.

FRIEZLAND'S 'TRIPLE CROWN'

When the competition was resumed after the war, Friezland maintained their high standard of ringing, and up to date have scored five wins and three seconds. In 1949 Friezland won the 'Triple Crown,' the Barnsley Shield, the Halifax Cup and the Shelley Cup. Each year since the inception, a shield contest has been held, excepting the years when the ban was in operation, and in all 29 competitions have been held. The shield when enclosed in its case is fairly heavy, requiring two people to carry it, and some years ago a suggestion was put forward that a token silver cup be purchased to replace the shield, but the matter was not pursued.

In 1950, to commemorate the centenary of Christ Church, Friezland, the local company organised a 6-bell contest, and ringers from ten towers assembled to compete for the four sets of prizes, total value £30. The Friezland team opened the ringing as a prelude to the contest but, alas, broke down—a tragic occurrence which did not pass unnoticed by the visitors! At the close of the day the judges declared Liversedge the winners, with New Mill, Lindley and Shelley 'A' as runners-up.

HOYLANDSWAINE CUP

Besides the contests organised by Societies, competitions are run by local ringers, one such being Hoylandswaine, a small village near Penistone: a silver cup was purchased in 1924 and put up each year until 1935. The first winners were Wath-on-Deerne, who had a good team of ringers at this period, and in 1925–26–28 Cawthorne secured the cup. Other winners in the pre-war period were Shelley, Holmfirth, Meltham and Liversedge.

The cup lay dormant until 1948, when the Barnsley and District Society borrowed it and organised a September competition confined to towers within a 12-mile radius of Barnsley. Cawthorne have up to date scored five wins, other successful entrants being Silkstone, Shelley, Royston and Barnsley. Last year, 1958, the venue was Hoylandswaine, and it is hoped to annually hold the competition at this tower where the cup belongs.

At Shelley, near Huddersfield, the parishioners subscribed towards a handsome silver cup purchased in 1931, and contests are held at which attractive prizes are offered. Of the 14 contests held in all, New Mill and Meltham have each secured the cup five times, the latter team having won the last four contests, a remarkable feat considering the fierce competition.

Of the methods rung today, Oxford is the most popular, and when a change has to be made the year following a win, Kent or Woodbine are substituted. Plain methods such as Bob Minor find little favour, and some towers are unable to ring this method.

[To be continued.]

A KENT WEDDING

On Easter Monday the wedding of Miss Janet French to Mr. Kevin Hohl took place at the Church of St. Giles, Shipbourne, Kent. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. W. Wilson) in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends, and immediately after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom were rung out of church by some ringing friends.

Miss French, who learnt to ring at Shipbourne, was for several years secretary of the local band, whilst Mr. Hohl was, until his service in the R.A.F., a member of the band at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells. Both the bride and the bridegroom are members of the Kent County Association and the East Grinstead Guild.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at Shipbourne in the evening by friends of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to Roger Fry's letter in your issue of April 3rd, with its quite excellent suggestions, it is worth noting that, at the request of the Central Council's Committee on Sunday Service Ringing, I have recently completed an inquiry covering all the English Theological Colleges. The following questions were asked:—

- (1) Have you a regular band of ringers amongst the students?
- (2) Have you a ringing instructor from a local church, in addition to the ringers in college?
- (3) Would you welcome the assistance of a local ringer as instructor?
- (4) Do you have an occasional lecture on ringing and ringers?
- (5) Would you welcome one if offered, if you have not one already?
- (6) Have you books on this subject in the library?
- (7) Do you hold regular ringing practices, and where?
- (8) Any other comments.

Analysis of the replies reveals the following:

(A) Some colleges find it impossible to include any kind of ringing instruction or practice in their curriculum, mainly because it is already overcrowded. These include Queens' (Birmingham), Westcott House (Cambridge), Chichester, Kelham, Lincoln, Mirfield and Wells. None seem hostile, and one or two note that keen students can ring if they want, to do so.

(B) Colleges where ringing flourishes. These include Cheshunt (whose Principal, Canon Trillo, is learning to ring), Cuddesdon, Lichfield and Salisbury.

(C) Colleges about which we ought to be doing something. These include: St. Aidan's, Birkenhead, wants a lecture. Ridley Hall, Cambridge, says men can ring with Cambridge University Guild, which it is hoped keeps in touch. Clifton has a lecture and books; no doubt Bristol University Society can keep in touch. Ely has six men who want to learn, and ask if they might do so at St. Mary's. Llandaff would welcome help from a local instructor, also a lecture. Oak Hill wants a lecture. Ripon Hall, Oxford, wants books for the library, and notes the existence of Oxford University Society, which it is hoped keeps in touch. Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, same applies. London College of Divinity wants a lecture in near future and thereafter regularly, and might start practising at a nearby tower.

Action is being taken with regard to class (C). Those clergy who attended colleges in the condition of class (A) are not necessarily lost for ever. Apart from the ever-present possibility of conversion in middle age, there are such activities nowadays as Diocesan Clergy Schools. I lectured at ours on 'Ringers in the Church' on April 6th.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

SHARESHILL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to reply to the statement in 'The Ringing World' regarding 'Shreshill Ringers Disbanded'? I am certainly not carrying on by myself; the Rev. E. R. Roe received my resignation on March 13th. I quote an extract from my resignation:

'These young ringers, their parents, and myself, all agree that the action you have taken in disbanding the present band of ringers is far too drastic and out of all proportion.'

I have also sent a similar statement to the 'Wolverhampton Express and Star,' which was published. I hope this will clear any wrong impression it may have given to readers of 'The Ringing World'.—Yours truly,

H. BUTLER.

(Ex-) Tower Captain.

Shreshill, Staffs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Lecture To Branch Meeting

The monthly practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Boyne Hill in March, ringing in a variety of methods from rounds to Spliced Triples and Surprise Major being enjoyed by a large number of members and visitors.

After an excellent tea, supplied at a very modest cost by the local ringers, Mr. A. D. Barker gave a short lecture on the theory of change-ringing. He began with the handling of a bell, saying that the position of the feet was very important—a fact often forgotten these days—the rope should be kept straight, and an open handstroke lead should be kept, but closer on 10 and 12 than on eight—another point often forgotten.

He then dealt with method ringing, giving his opinion on the advantages of Triples over Major for a beginner, and the pitfalls of learning the bells rather than places. If anything was to be learnt, then the lead-ends of Plain Bob should be memorised, for they are the same for all regular methods, whether Surprise or Plain.

How to conduct Thurstan's peal of Stedman Triples was the next subject, the positioning of the hobs being discussed, and the inadvisability of calling odd touches of Stedman Triples. Mr. Barker also mentioned the in and out of course of the changes, referring all those interested to Snowden's Treatise on Treble Bob, Part I. He stated that he personally proved all the peals he conducted beforehand, and thus had not yet rung a false one.

Mr. G. Gilbert suggested that any of the younger ringers who had not been able to understand Mr. Barker should purchase a copy of 'Ropesight,' in which they would find all they wanted to know.

Mr. Barker mentioned the Dillington House course and suggested that members should consider the possibility of organising one in the Branch or Guild.

It is believed that this was the first time that a lecture of this sort has been given at a Guild meeting. Many thanks are due to Mr. Barker, although much of his talk was too complicated for some of the company.

720 SPLICED TREBLE BOB, ALLIANCE AND LITTLE COURT, 21 METHODS

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Randwick, New South Wales, the oldest municipality in Australia, as part of its centenary celebrations had the bells rung. Two quarters from this tower are recorded in this issue. One is especially noteworthy: Mr. J. Hammond walked into the tower and rang the tenor, a temperamental bell, without previous practice.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S, EVERCREECH

By HARRY SANGER

AT the foot of the Mendip Hills, some 25 miles south of Bristol, lies the village of Evercreech, famous for centuries for the magnificent tower of the Church of St. Peter, described by many authorities as the finest in this county famous for its splendid towers. Built in the latter half of the 15th century, it rises to a height of a hundred feet in graceful proportion and commands the eye from every entry to the village. In it is hung a fine modern ring of ten bells, with a tenor of some 21 cwt., and generally considered to be very much in keeping with the tower which houses them.

These bells of St. Peter's have been heard by millions of listeners to the B.B.C. Light Programme over the past six years, opening the programme on Sunday mornings, and apart from Bow Bells have been heard by more people than any other bells in the country. Little wonder, then, that the present generation of Evercreech folk is as proud of its bells as its forefathers were of the tower.

It is now ten years since the new bells were installed in the tower, and their popularity with visitors and the general public has prompted the writing of the story of 'The Bells of St. Peter's.'

A 500-YEAR-OLD BELL

Their story commences in about 1530, when the first bell was hung in the tower. It was cast by Thomas Geffries, of Bristol, and weighed about 13 cwt. Till 1949 it had been in use in its original state, with the exception of the removal of the canons, for a period of 500 years. It is now hung 'dead' and used as a service bell, and is one of the few survivors of this mediaeval Bristol foundry. The inscription, 'Sancta. Trinitas. Unus. Deus.', with rosettes and fleurs-de-lys interspersed, is round the crown of the bell.

The next mention of the bells is in 1634, when it would appear four bells were added, three lighter and one heavier than the 1530 bell. All records of the inscriptions on these bells have been lost, with the exception of the third of these four. The inscription on this bell was: 'R.T.T.H.R.—P. [with a bell design between the R. and P.] Anno Domini 1634. As this bell was recast over 100 years ago, we can only rely on written records for this date; but strangely enough the first initials are those of the churchwardens of 1632, Ralph Turber and Thomas Hayes, the final ones being those of the founder, Roger Purdue, of Bristol.

The churchwardens' accounts reveal nothing further concerning the bells till 1717, when we find the following entry:—

Item. A catalogue of those who subscribed toward erecting a new ring loft.

and in the following year, 1718, the bells were very much to the fore in village affairs, as these items indicate.

<i>Item.</i>	£	s.	d.
Spent at making the contract for the two bells	1	0	
Paid James Pearse for making the contract	5	0	
Beer to help the second bell up	2	2	
To taking the bell to Frome	5	0	
To fetching the bells home	10	0	
Spent at the unloading of the Treble and hanging the bell up	3	6	
Paid William Goodfellow for the exchange of the first and second bell wheels	1	10	0
Paid for hanging the bell longer	2	6	



ST. PETER'S, EVERCREECH

Paid William Cockey, Bell-founder, for casting 716 lbs. of old metal at 18s. per cwt., and paid him for 587 lbs. of new metal added at 1s. per lb. A pair of new brasses for the second bell, 18 lbs. at 1s. lb., and a new clapper, 26 lbs., at 6d. a lb. 29 7 0

A RING OF SIX

The foregoing items give a clear account of the work carried out; as can be seen, a new treble was added making six bells in all, and the treble of the five was recast. The inscriptions on these bells were:—

1.—W. Cockey cast me. 1718.

2.—W. Cockey cast me. 1718.

Mr. Richard Hayes and Peter Hucker, Churchwardens.

An item in 1719 reads: Received by the parish's consent for the new metal added to the bells, £11 5s. 0d.; and in 1721: Paid Thomas House for splicing the clapper of the 6th bell, for lengthening the flight, and adding 7½ lbs. iron. for a key and a ferrule and 3 cleats as per bill, 10s. 0d. From this item it would appear that the sound of this bell, the tenor, was inadequate, and this work was done to make it a more satisfactory cover for the rest of the ring.

3d. RATE FOR RECASTING BELLS

In 1720 we find an entry: Paid for a door for the ringing loft, 5s. 0d. This door is still in use and in an excellent state of repair. The next item of interest appears under the year 1745/6, when there appears—

Item. Paid Mott for news of the bells, a pint, 2d. and the record of a rate made at 3d. in the pound, for repairing the church and recasting the bells. The work carried out on the bells was the recasting of the third and tenor, and this was done by T. Bilbie, of Chewstoke, at a cost of £44 4s.

These bells bore the inscriptions—
3rd.—T. Bilbie. 1746.

Tenor.—William Cozens, Gent., and Mr. John Perry, Churchwardens. T. Bilbie. Fecit. 1746.

An item in the accounts for 1759 reads as follows:—

Item. Paid for liquor at two meetings of the vestry held at landlord Clarks', 5s. 0d.

Whilst perhaps not associated with the bells, this item does indicate a custom of the times, and it might be interesting here to link this with the habits of ringers of those days. One often hears stories of the bad habits of the older generation of ringers, such as taking a drinking jug to the belfry and being heavy drinkers. Habits and customs of 200 years ago were completely different from those of today. It was quite a natural thing for the vicar and his associates to hold a meeting at one of the local inns, and to take liquor whilst there. The vestry in those days was responsible for much of the parish business and the clergy were very powerful. In this parish they were men of some substance.

RINGING STRENUOUS

Life in general was much more strenuous than it is today, and liquor, particularly beer or ale, was consumed in much greater quantities, and was in fact everyone's drink, especially among the poorer classes. Bell-ringing in those days was an extremely strenuous job; the modern metal frame and easy-running bearings were unheard of, and the manner in which the bells were attached to the headstocks often left much to be desired. It was quite a common thing to need two or three men to raise the tenor bell ready for ringing, and in some places, such as Queen Camel and Sherborne Abbey, it is recorded that it took five, six or even seven men to raise the tenor. From this it is easy to see that a comparatively short spell of ringing could create a very healthy thirst, and what more natural than that the everyday drink of the times should be on hand to remedy it. So, the more joyful the occasion, the more the bells were rung, the greater was the need for the jug and the merrier the ringers became. All very natural when viewed in the light of the times.

Again, in older times, ringing was of a much more secular nature than it is today. The bells were rung very much more for national and social occasions than they were for church services; in fact, in many places service ringing was a rarity. During the 18th and 19th centuries we find many entries in our churchwardens' accounts for moneys paid to the ringers for ringing for such things as the anniversary of the King's coronation and November 5th, etc.; for many years they received 7s. for ringing on November 5th and a much smaller sum for the King. A record of little more than 50 years ago shows that whilst the ringers of this village had two practice nights each week in the winter, they rang for Sunday service only once a month.

Times have changed since then, and chiefly through the influence of the diocesan ringing organisations, the bells of our village churches are rung at least once each Sunday, and in many cases for both morning and evening services, and with well-designed and cared-for frames and bearings, the need for belfry refreshment has ceased to exist.

So much for custom and usage. Let us return to the bells.

1761. £ s. d.
Item. Paid for making a new bell wheel and other jobs . . . 1 10 0

1782.
Item. Paid Henry Mathews for six bell ropes 1 3 7

These prices are in striking contrast to those of today when a single bell rope costs nearly £4.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET SHURCLIFF AN APPRECIATION

Mrs. Margaret Shurcliff died on February 28th at her home in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

In 1902, Dr. Nichols took his daughter Margaret to England for a summer of bell-ringing. Miss Nichols became a member of the Middlesex County Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. She rang her first peal at the Church of St. Matthew in Upper Clapton. This peal of Stedman, rung to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII, was conducted by Mr. Brighton. Other members of the band included Mr. Pratt, Mr. Eden and the Brothers Pye. Her second peal, of Grandsire Triples, was rung at St. Mary's, Acton, and the third peal at the Church of St. Magnus, London Bridge. Quarter peals were rung at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and in St. Peter's Church, St. Albans.

Miss Nichols also rang three peals 'in hand.' The first two, Grandsire Triples and Stedman, were rung in one afternoon at the home of Mr. Challis F. Winney. The ringers were George N. Price 1-2, Herbert P. Warman 3-4, Challis F. Winney 5-6, Miss Margaret Nichols 7-8. The peals were conducted by Mr. Winney and Mr. Price respectively. At the close of the afternoon, Mr. Hughes presented to Miss Nichols the set of handbells used for the afternoon's ringing. Four of the peals mentioned here were recorded in the 'Bell News' of August 23rd, 1902.

Some time after her return, Miss Nichols married Arthur Shurcliff (then spelled 'Shurtleff'), and together they pursued a life of wide and active interests. Their first public performance on the handbells was quite spontaneous. Awakened in the early hours of Armistice Day, 1918, they arose and took their bells into the streets to help proclaim the good tidings.

In the '20s Mrs. Shurcliff was one of a temporary band that came together each Christmas season to ring changes before and after the evening service at the Church of the Advent in Boston. In 1926 she went from her tower ringing to join her six children and their young friends who were ringing carols on handbells in the streets of Beacon Hill. Crowds gathered, and the interest in bell-ringing began to spread. This carolling has become a tradition, and the Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers, with changing membership, were led by Mrs. Shurcliff throughout her life.

So many other groups were started that in 1936 Mrs. Shurcliff organised the New England Guild of Handbell Ringers. In 1954 she formed the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers to meet the needs of ringing groups throughout the entire country, and initiated the Guild's annual ringing festival at Ipswich, Mass.

The bell towers in this country (with two exceptions) were gradually silenced by complaints of noise. Mrs. Shurcliff continued to ring changes 'in hand' whenever possible. (The rapid growth of ringing here has been in the direction of melodies, not changes.) This last summer we had the great pleasure of ringing some touches of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' with Mrs. Shurcliff and her daughter, Alice.

It was indeed a privilege to know and ring with Mrs. Shurcliff. Her art, enthusiasm and patience inspired many. The handbell ringing which she fostered in this country will be a permanent testimony to the life she lived so well.

Alice Dickinson (Mrs.),
Ely Diocesan Guild.

218, East Pleasant Street,
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MR. EDWARD PHILLIPS AN APPRECIATION

With great regret and deep sympathy I heard of the sudden death of Mr. Edward Phillips, who was one of the Cadoxton, Neath, ringers.

He was known to all as 'Ted,' and in the ringing fraternity as a very reliable and excellent ringer. It wasn't always that he was known for his knowledge of the art of ringing though, but to many it was his radiant smile, and I myself will always remember him in that way. He will be greatly missed in the district, and it will be very difficult to replace him. May he rest in peace.

ARTHUR HOARE,
'Swansea and Brecon.'

MR. WILLIAM RICHARDS

The death occurred on March 15th at Builth Wells of Mr. William Richards at the age of 76. For 30 years Mr. Richards was a ringer and sidesman at St. John's, Cardiff. He learnt to ring at Abergavenny. On coming to Cardiff in 1921 he joined the local band, and was a faithful member until he retired and went to live at Builth Wells in 1951. He retained his interest in bell-ringing by joining the local band, and also became a sidesman at the church.

A peal to his memory was rung on St. John's bells on March 30th.

MR. JAMES F. WHITE

The death took place on March 26th of Mr. James F. White, of the Pakefield, Suffolk, company, in his 85th year.

He had no pretensions, ringing only one peal on the old ring of five in 1938, but gave loyal service to his church as a ringer for 56 years, being punctual for Sunday service ringing—an example in this respect to us all.

When the church was restored in 1951, after being gutted by fire by enemy action during the war, the bells were augmented to eight and James White bore the cost of the new treble.

The many summer visitors to this tower will remember his courteous greetings. To us at Pakefield he will be remembered as Uncle Jim, one of nature's gentlemen and a loyal servant of his church.

The interment took place in the churchyard at Pakefield on April 1st, a course of Plain Bob Minor being rung over the grave by three of his fellow ringers. B. S. T.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

A little incident took place at the quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Bishop's Cleeve on March 21st. As the bells were not available after 7.30 p.m. it was decided to hold the business meeting last instead of immediately after tea.

A ringer arriving around 7.30 p.m. for the business meeting found his way into the church barred by a chair on which lay a postcard of the church. On the reverse side of the card was written: 'You are a gang of hooligans beneath contempt. Your work is no more to the glory of God than Bishop's Cleeve football team. I am instructing my solicitor.' It was signed by a comparative newcomer to the district, who lives near the church. We still wonder if the writer paid 4d. for the card!

We admit to one roughish touch of Bob Major, but apart from that the ringing was not too bad, and it had been a meeting of particular use to learners.

During the meeting five new members were elected: Mr. W. Drinkwater (Charlton Kings), Mr. H. Strang (Cheltenham, St. Mary's) and Godfrey Appesley, Nicholas Harris and Keith Birt (junior members from St. Mark's).

E. M. B.

MEDWAY VALLEY VISITED

Shortly after 9 a.m. on March 14th, a group of ringers converged on Northfleet, Kent. They had gathered from Hertfordshire, Kent and North London, together with two enthusiasts who had travelled down the previous night from Handsworth (Birmingham) and Lichfield Cathedral.

The anti-clockwise ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt. in F) was enjoyed before going to the Chapel of Unity at Gravesend, which is one of the best eights in Kent. At nearby Cobham the six bells are tuned to the key of F with a 14 cwt. tenor, but this church is more famous for its wonderful collection of brasses. At short notice we were privileged to ring on the pleasant six at Snodland, a ground floor ring. We received a great welcome from the new vicar at Wouldham, where until recently it was thought that the six bells (tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp) were unringable. We found them fairly easy to ring, and the Vicar is keen to have them rung regularly, having recently learned to handle a bell himself.

Unfortunately, at this point, Ian Oram had to leave us in order to attempt a peal at St. Clement Danes' that afternoon: but lunch being over, we reassembled for a short ring on the respectable eight at Frindsbury. Although the weight of the tenor bell at St. Mary's Church, Chatham, is 25 cwt. in E flat, the bells are scarcely audible inside the ringing room and are heard to advantage outside. Moving on to Hartlip, we enjoyed a brief ring on the six bells that sound over the area of this beautiful village. We paid a brief visit to nearby Newington, with its 12 cwt. six, and then followed an enjoyable five at Stockbury, where the local band were in the midst of their 'spring cleaning.'

Refreshments consumed, the 9 cwt. six at Bobbing were rung prior to moving on to Milton Regis. Here the 600-year-old church tower, which rises to a height of 94 feet, is massive, with walls over four feet thick. Despite all this stonework there are only six bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwt. At Sittingbourne touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. The day's programme finished with two sixes at Rodmersham and Lynsted.

Ringing during the day ranged from Grand-sire Doubles to Soliced and London Surprise Major. Sincere thanks are expressed to Ian Oram for arranging the trip.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A District meeting took place at Great Barton on March 21st, when some 30 ringers were present from 15 towers. (Very encouraging indeed for the District secretary.) This had been a neglected District as far as meetings were concerned, and in November last, at its first meeting for quite a long time, only eight members were present.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Village Institute, presided over by Mr. H. Mitson, supported by the District secretary (Mr. L. Wright). Miss J. Wright was elected a ringing member. Mr. Philip Meyhew a non-resident member, and the brothers David, Raymond and Alan Fordham, of Great Barton, probationers.

For the next meeting place it was agreed to try and visit Bardwell in the afternoon and Ixworth in the evening on June 6th. A keen ringing enthusiast from Watton, in Norfolk—Miss Dorothy Wilton-Jones—cycled 27 miles without John to ring in one more new tower.

LATE NOTICE

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, April 14th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4191

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined annual report for 1956-57 available to non-members at under half price, 3s. post free. Lists of towers, correspondents, ringing times, complete Guild records, compositions, etc.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 4128

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The Branch quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton (8) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lee, 3, New Road Buildings, Twerton, Bath. 4113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Timsbury (6). Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4115

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Henlow, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A warm welcome awaits everyone.—H. Smith, Dis. Sec., Turnpike Farm, Pottton Road, Biggleswade. 4148

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Poynton, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise before Tuesday, April 7th. Mr. I. Jenkins, 2, Bardell Crescent, Dickens Lane, Poynton.—C. K. Lewis. 4100

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Fulbourn, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 4104

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, April 11th, Danehill. Come and have a ring on the newest six in Sussex.—C. A. Bassett. 4114

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 4084

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross (8), Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 4130

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Little Munden, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4107

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—P. Barton, Hon. Sec. 4087

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hucknall, Notts, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 4086

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, St. Luke's, Heywood, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea (free of charge) 5 p.m.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 4102

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Rotherfield, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 4108

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Halling on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. at The Plough.—Pamela J. Osborne, Hon. Sec. 4169

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Church Lane, Kingsbury, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, for election of officers, etc., to follow. Buses 52 and 83 pass the church, or buses 16 and 46 to Blackbird Cross, or train to Wembley Park Station. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m.; also at Edgware (two minutes Edgware tube station) and Hendon (buses 83 and 143, alight bus garage, or five minutes Hendon Central Station).—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4097

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Symondsburry, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4095

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, April 11th. St. John-at-Hackney, Mare Street, 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30 p.m.—A. W. J. Butler, H. W. Rogers. 4136

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Epsom (Christ Church) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4068

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Wisborough Green, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. 4093

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. 4139

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Waltham, Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 4140

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Preston Candover on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. 4137

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Easingwold (8), Saturday, April 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 4138

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th. Butleigh. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea before Tuesday, April 14th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 4172

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Wrington (10), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and Business 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4122

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wembdon, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 4162

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Sinfield, Church Farm Cottage, Totternhoe, near Dunstable, Beds. 4151

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton, Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., with business meeting following. Names for tea, please, by April 15th to Mr. W. Beebe, 80, Wheat Street, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 4126

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Arksey, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.—George Watson, Sec. 4156

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting at West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's (10), 3 p.m., Saturday, April 18th. (Please note change of date.). Names for tea by April 16th to J. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Avenue, Middlesbrough. 4155

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4182

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4184

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Malmesbury (8), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to H. G. Blanchard, J. Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury.—H. Heath. 4179

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by April 15th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. Next meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Cromhall. Dedication of new fourth. 4181

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Ticehurst, Saturday, April 18th. Names to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 4178

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Stokesay, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. Randle. 4165

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Appledore, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore.—C. T. H. 4168

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 14th, to Miss B. J. Mayers, 2, The Parade, Blackbridge Road, Woking. 4188

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Deane, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows. Cups of tea provided. Please note change of tower.—Thornley, Sec. 4157

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Anne's Parish Church (junction St. Anne's Road East, Church Road and Headroomgate Road), Lytham St. Anne's, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 4163

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th. Bells: St. Philip's, Hulme (8), 3 to 5 p.m. (No. 1, 41, 42 bus to All Saints); Sacred Trinity, Salford (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. in Sacred Trinity Parish Room (rear of Rectory, Blackfriars Street).—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4186

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, April 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4185

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Markfield, Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. at the Rectory. Names by Wednesday, April 15th, please, to Mr. J. Wardle, 180, Main Street, Markfield, near Leicester. 4149

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, Oaks-in-Charnwood (6). Names for tea by 15th to Mr. J. Bowley, 95, Greenhill Road, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 4091

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Hallaton, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4175

LINCOLN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Grimsby (8), Saturday, April 18th. Service 7 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Names for tea by April 14th to Mr. Kennington, 211, Robert Street, Grimsby. 4105

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Billingham, Saturday, April 18th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Monday, April 13th, to Mr. L. P. Wilson, 40, Grosvenor Road, Billingham, Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4132

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Saturday, April 18th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business and further ringing. Practice, St. Mary-atte-Bow (8), Wednesday, April 29th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Special meeting, Saturday, May 16th. Details to follow. Please make a note of these dates. Everyone welcome. All tastes catered for.—Bullock, Sec. 4171

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Tutbury, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 4177

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, Wymondham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Vicarage Room 5 p.m.

Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.—C. Bird, Branch Hon. Sec. 4103

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Benson, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 14th to H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 4116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Doddington, Saturday, April 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 4174

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chilton Foliat, on Saturday, April 18th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4176

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 18th, Winterslow. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Odd Fellows' Hall, 5 p.m., for those who have notified by Tuesday, 14th. St. Thomas', Salisbury, available 7 to 8 p.m.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 4161

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4164

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham and Newark Districts.—Meeting at Lowdham, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (5) from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 4145

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced practice, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m., Turner's Hill (8). Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. Special method: Double Norwich. 4146

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Romsey, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 4.15. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 15th.—Mr. J. Page, 56, Alma Road, Romsey. 4166

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 20th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4152

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 21st, to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley.—A. Hill, Hon. Sec. 4158

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 25th. Lower Machen. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Numbers for tea by April 20th, please.—Mrs. J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow. 4170

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 25th. Cathedral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Tea in Chapter House 5.15 p.m. for those who inform by the Wednesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Bells of the Cathedral and city churches available afternoon and evening.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4144

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Winterton, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 22nd, certain, please, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Hon. Branch Sec. 4147

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Windsor (8), Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 20th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 4127

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Glington (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by previous Tuesday. Evening ringing at St. James', Deeping, 7 p.m. onwards.—G. Bush, Sec. 4173

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, April 25th. Amended arrangements. 11 a.m., visit to the Whitechapel Foundry, Whitechapel Road. 12 noon, ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney; 3 p.m., St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; also for one hour, between 12 noon and 2.45 p.m., at Southwark Cathedral. Tea 4.30 p.m. in the Fan Makers' Hall, followed by meeting. Further ringing, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Names for tea to Mrs. N. Davies, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12. All ringers welcome—no closed shop.—W. Frank Stenson. 4134

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild festival, Devizes, Saturday, April 25th. Annual general meeting, Town Hall, 2.15 p.m. Guild service in the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 4 p.m. Address: Ven. the Archdeacon of Wilts. Meat tea in the Town Hall, 5 p.m. (price 5s. per head); admission by ticket only. Tickets obtained before Wednesday, April 22nd, from Mr. F. Saltford, Hon. Asst. Sec., 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, Wilts. Bells available: Trowbridge (12), 6 to 7.30; Devizes—St. John's (8), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; St. Mary's (6), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; Southbrook (6), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; Melksham (8) 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; North Bradley (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Longbridge Deverill (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Warminster (8) 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Westbury (8), 6 to 8; Bradford-on-Avon, H.T. (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Urchfont (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Seend (6), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Bratton (6), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8 p.m. Other towers affiliated to the Branch available by arrangement.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 4154

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting, Putney, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall after. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. A. Clayton, 126, Kenilworth Court, S.W.15. Bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4150

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 21st, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 4183

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify by April 20th Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos., accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annual festival will be held on Saturday, July 4th, instead of Saturday, July 18th, as originally advertised.—M. R. Cross. 4141

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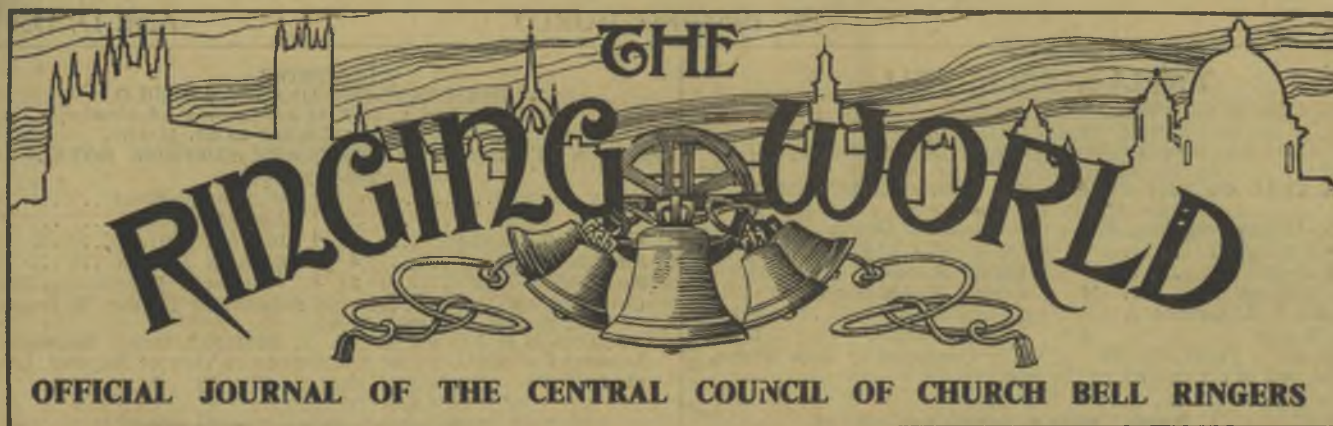
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A MATTER OF TEMPERAMENT

RECENTLY we have seen a few spots of bother appearing in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.' One ringer was called temperamental, perhaps with very good reason, but there have always been temperamental ringers. Let us quote a few examples. As far back as 1733 William Laughton wrote about 'Snarling Criticks' in his account of the Rambling Ringers' Club. Laughton was being taken to task for disloyalty to the College Youths. Mr. Ernest Morris, in his book, 'History and Art,' humorously says: 'We have these critics today (1931).' Another prominent ringer of the 1730's was Benjamin Annable. He is described by Mr. J. A. Trollope as domineering, ambitious of leadership, and possessed of a sharp tongue. Still, the things he did stamp him as a great ringer, and his name persists to this day in the Minor method Annable's London Surprise.

In 1899 we had the two greatest exponents of change-ringing the Exercise has ever known, viz.: Mr. W. Pye and Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Mr. Pye had called a 15,072 of Double Norwich on April 3rd at Erith in Kent, and in May the Oxford Guild announced their intention of beating this with Mr. Washbrook conducting. Mr. Pye journeyed to Kidlington to hear the ringing, and when the figures were published later he declared that some courses were never rung. This was tantamount to saying that the peal was a fake, and a long and bitter correspondence began in the 'Bell News.' Neither side would give way, but eventually the Oxford Guild said they would recognise the peal and the correspondence stopped. These two men met each other for the first time in Ireland several years later. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, recording this some years later, 'We were a bit uneasy as such bitter words had been used, but when the two men were introduced they smiled and shook hands.' Mr. Goldsmith added, 'which is as it should be.'

Our last example was the most temperamental of all—the Rev. H. Law James. A skilled ringer, conductor, com-

poser, and a master of theory, he was an eccentric but lovable character. There must be many ringers who will remember him. One of the big 'clangers' he dropped was when Cambridge Maximus was being taken up and practised. He declared that there was no reason why a Cambridge Minor ringer should not ring Cambridge Maximus. He was promptly told by one well-known ringer to take two Cambridge Minor bands into a 12-bell tower and try it. Needless to say, he never did.

Most ringers have heard of Arthur Knights as a composer, but in his younger days he was also interested in method construction. Arthur had got what he thought was a good new method, so he sent it to H. Law James for his opinion. The reply was: 'Your method is like a pig with one ear.' A. K. laughed as much as anyone over this unusual reply. Law James suffered a setback at the C.C. meeting in 1912 held in Manchester. One of his pet theories was that Stedman as rung was wrong and that the quick six was the bob. He held forth at length and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson supported him. The late Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, eventually got up and proposed that 'we ring Stedman as our fathers rang it.' This was seconded, and on being put to the meeting was carried by an overwhelming majority.

In conclusion, let us be fair in our criticism of others, and keep personalities out. One of the finest things about the Ringing Exercise is its good fellowship: let us keep it so.

M. R. P.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 4 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 10
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. 11
JOHN WORTH .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

ROLAND BIGGS .. Treble	*DENNIS KNOX .. 6
*SHEILA WALLACE .. 2	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 7
*ARTHUR FOXALL .. 3	*GEOFFREY HARRISON .. 8
†ROGER HAZELL .. 4	*DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 9
‡SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. 5	WALTER LEE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First peal on ten. ‡ 50th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

MRS. G. W. HUGHES .. Treble	HOWARD HOWELL .. 6
M. JILL FISHER .. 2	MICHAEL ELSON .. 7
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 8
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 9
DAVID W. FRIEND .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ELIZABETH B. SCOTT .. Treble	JACK SCOTT .. 6
†KENNETH LAWSON .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 7
†GEORGE S. DEAS .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 8
THOMAS M. COX .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 9
REV. C. GORDON GRAHAM .. 5	CHARLES N. LEA .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT .. Treble	HUGH NEILL .. 6
PETER J. EVES .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. 7
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 8
*ALAN R. SYDER .. 4	TERRY EARLE .. 9
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY POYNER .. Treble	*RICHARD F. PRIME .. 6
MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 3	JOHN A. SMITH .. 8
JOHN R. SMITH .. 4	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 9
BRIAN MARTIN .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

A farewell peal to the Rev. E. N. Devenport, former Succentor at Leicester Cathedral, and for his induction as Vicar of Shephed, Leics, on April 8th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY RICHARDSON .. Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 5
RONALD C. NOON .. 2	ARTHUR GIBBS .. 6
DAVID W. JAMES .. 3	ALAN J. FROST .. 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Scorrer to the benefice of Raunds.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 27 cwt.

ROBERT V. HUGHES .. Treble	†THOMAS YEOMANS .. 5
TREVOR LEWIS .. 2	†WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 6
*WILLIAM H. HARFORD .. 3	WILLIAM DARE .. 7
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 4	D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together.
Rung in memoriam Mr. William Richards, Builth Well, late of Cardiff.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH .. Treble	ALFRED LITTLE .. 5
HENRY PRATT .. 2	CHARLES BURTON .. 6
KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 3	*ALAN R. ELLIOTT .. 7
FRANK ROPER .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal of Major.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 5
MRS. B. HOLMES .. 2	KENNETH RUTLAND .. 6
*GEORGE HANCOCK .. 3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 7
†CAROLINE COLYER .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal at first attempt.

A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth Rutland.

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BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 3 Hours,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*HELEN M. THODAY .. Treble	†DAVID J. KIRBY 5
†DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. 2	PERCY J. SPICE 6
RALPH BIRD 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

*First peal. †First in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Major on the bells. Mr. R. Bird's 100th tower in Kent for a peal.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD GOODALL .. Treble	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
*SUSAN CHADDOCK 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
IAN M. HOLLAND 3	GIBSON JACKSON 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

*First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
NEIL BENNETT 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
TREVOR TAYLOR 4	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

*First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON .. 5
*CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	CYRIL VALENTINE .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
FRANCIS BIBBY 4	DENIS MADDOCK Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

*First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 105 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD 4	*JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

*100th peal together.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
IAN N. HOLLAND 2	JOHN SEAGER 6
SUSAN CHADDOCK 3	*DAVID G. FRENCH .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

*First peal of Surprise.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
IAN H. ORAM 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of a peal of 15,072 changes in this method by the same composer on these bells, conducted by William Pye

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	WILLIAM DIXON 5
FREDERICK SEAGER 2	PERCY WHITAKER 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	ALLAN WEAR 7
JEFFERY P. COOPER 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson for the 49th anniversary of their wedding, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield for their 19th wedding anniversary. Also a 60th birthday compliment to W. Dixon, and birthday compliments to Barbara, grand-daughter of the treble ringer, and Judith, daughter of the tenor ringer.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

*BENJAMIN H. THOMPSON .. Treble	*CHARLES P. YATES .. 5
WILLIAM WILLS 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WEBB 3	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7
FRANK WILLS 4	GEORGE SKINNER Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.

*First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Harry Mitchell and Ingrid Damschen, who were married at Krefeld, Germany, this day.

HOLBORN, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF 5056 HOLBORN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. PARSONS .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
LESLEY HAWES 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	JOHN HILL 7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*JOHN K. SMITH (14) .. Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 5
*RHODA HEMMINGS 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
†ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 3	*DAVID W. BRUNNING (15) 7
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

*Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First of T.B. Major.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sun., April 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT .. Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HOLBORN SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—14—56—36. 14—14. 58—34—58.

2nds place lead-end: 4ths place bob. Tipler's F8/1.

Composition used is a peal of Ealing, published in the 'R.W.' of December 20th, 1957 (page 822).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN GROOMER Treble	FRANK E. CROSIER 4
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	ALAN J. FROST 5
RONALD C. NOON 3	DAVID W. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, all called in singles. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED E. HINMAN Treble	J. HARRY COOK 4
GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT 2	ROLAND H. COOK 5
F. WILLIAM PINCHBECK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Musson on their 19th wedding anniversary.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE G. R. BUTLER Treble	*JOHN WILSON 4
*FREDA P. GREAVES 2	T. A. BEVIS 5
*JOHN V. TEMPLE 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 250th peal.

A birthday compliment to George G. R. Butler and John V. Temple.

COLLINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*JENNIFER S. SAUNDERS .. Treble	IVOR J. DICKIN 3
†JULIE M. SAUNDERS 2	JAMES PATRICK 4

GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal. First 'inside.'

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Anthony J. Baker and Josephine E. Crow.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two differently called extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three differently called extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

MERYL J. ALDEN Treble	LEONARD J. MINNS 4
CECIL A. THOMPSON 2	PAUL CATTERMOLE 5
ERNEST WHITING 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 BAMBOURGH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

H. GEORGE HART Treble	MICHAEL J. PALMER 4
ELSIE K. HART 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method in the diocese, for the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in B.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4
*MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
*RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*RAYMOND C. D. FLETCHER Treble	DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK .. 4
ANDREW M. MACVE 2	COLIN F. MCGILL 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by COLIN F. MCGILL.

* First peal. First as conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Double and Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Arranged for Mr. J. Martin Thorley, this being the 100th tower in which he has rung a peal.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Single Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN L. MELVILLE .. Treble	DAVID C. URQUHART .. 4
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

A PEAL OF 5040 COLDSTREAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

RAYMOND G. SMITH .. Treble	*†DENNIS LAUD 4
WILLIAM WENBAN 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	†JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 25th peal on these bells. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Remigius', Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Osmund's, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, one extent each of Spliced St. Remigius' and Hascombe Slow Course, Winchendon Place and Thornborough Slow Course, St. Nicholas' and Longford Slow Course, St. Osmund's and Merton Slow Course, St. Martin's and Slapton Slow Course, St. Simon's and Rugby Slow Course, eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and two extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*DAVID M. HIBBERT .. Treble	HERBERT A. BRADBURY .. 4
DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW 2	MICHAEL HATCHETT 5
SUSAN J. SLADE 3	JOHN R. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL HATCHETT.

* First peal. First of Doubles by all the band except the conductor. First peal ever rung by ringers from St. Mary's, Rickmansworth.

Rung within the octave of Easter, and for the christening of the second son of the ringer of the fourth.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court Bob, and 1,440 each of Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; all different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HUNT Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
DAVID URQUHART 2	*PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
RICHARD WEBSTER 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* 150th peal.

Rung after the wedding of the Rector's daughter, Hilary Linda Margaret Chappell, to Grahame Alexander Thomas.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR .. Treble	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 4
ELIZABETH ROGERS 2	RALPH BIRD 5
JOHN R. COOPER 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Minor and first 'inside.'

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MILBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, six each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's, and four each of New Bob, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE .. 4
GORDON BROWN 2	LEONARD MILLS 5
COLIN B. LONGMORE 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

A wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

ALBERT SCOTT Treble	L. BLANCHARD 4
*EILEEN WALPOLE 2	D. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
W. R. MARSH 3	J. H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by J. H. MUSSON.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. F. Thompson, lay reader and people's warden for 14 years.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEEP Treble	DAVID STAPLES 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 2	RALPH BIRD 5
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

WALSOKEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

TOM BUSH Treble	M. ROWLAND REED 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	T. A. BEVIS 5
R. W. SPENCER 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by T. A. BEVIS.

YELVERTOFT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents of St. Simon's and ten extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER L. WESTERMAN .. Treble	ROBIN WILSON 3
DAWN V. ELSON 2	W. JOHN KINCHIN 4
MICHAEL F. AMOS Tenor	

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Rhona Constance Pebody to Mr. Richard Samuel Holland, both members of the Guilsborough Branch of this Guild. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUNWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 1 Hour and 24 Minutes,

AT 1, MANDEVILLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

ANTHONY R. MANN 1—2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3—4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE .. 5—6	

Each of the band conducting two extents with one extent non-conducted.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

HOWARD SCOTT 1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5—6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3—4	*STANLEY BIRDSALL 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Major.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*ELIZABETH WILCOX 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 3—4
ALFRED JORDON 5—6	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal 'in hand.'

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QUARTER PEALS

ABSON, GLOS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Gloria M. Newton 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Sandra Lewis 3, G. S. Sprules 4, H. T. Ferris 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. Tebenham (first quarter) 1, W. Harrison 2, Miss M. Nursey (first 'inside') 3, H. G. Arthur (cond.) 4, P. Parfree 5, C. Bailey (first on cover bell) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. F. Synges, Rector for 11 years.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Martin 1, Patricia Wardle 2, Christine Wakefield 3, C. Powdrill 4, J. Poyner 5, Rev. P. Blackman 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, T. Roper 8. Rung fully muffled for Good Friday Evensong. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Martin 1, C. Powdrill 2, Christine Wakefield 3, Patricia Wardle 4, J. Poyner 5, T. Roper 6, Rev. P. Blackman 7, R. Morris 8. For Easter Sunday Evensong.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. H. Ivings (first 'inside') 2, J. E. Ivings 3, H. Ivings 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, Miss A. E. J. Lester 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Mar. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (720 Stedman and 540 Grandsire): A. Ashton 1, A. Smith 2, Janet Brook 3, E. H. Simpson 4, F. A. Munday (cond.) 5, T. Pedder 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,300 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): T. Proffit 1, F. Box 2, P. Gaisford (first 'inside') 3, A. Bartlett 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, Maureen Bennett (first quarter) 6, J. C. V. Edwards 7, L. Painter (first quarter) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Ann Thoday 1, Brenda Claridge 2, Frances Threlfall 3, Maria Kirby 4, D. Martin 5, D. Kirby 6, T. Newman (cond.) 7, P. Spice 8. For Evensong.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss S. Mountague 1, B. G. Key 2, W. J. Leach 3, Mrs. P. Wright 4, G. H. Harrison 5, B. H. Dawson 6, A. Wright 7, P. Foster 8, D. W. Brunning (first of Caters as cond.) 9, B. Deakin 10. For Evensong.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, A. Jackson 2, W. C. Chandler 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, M. J. Martin (cond.) 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. Rung after Evensong.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. Lock 1, W. J. Harvey 2, C. J. MacKie (first quarter) 3, R. Blackler 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. J. Garbett 6. Rung as a third wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

DOVER, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss A. Banks 2, J. Eagles 3, G. Gray 4, J. Walker 5, C. George (cond.) 6, D. Thomas 7, M. Godfrey 8. To celebrate the first service taken at St. Mary's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. T. E. Roberts, R.D.).

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. P. Selway 1, F. Welch 2, W. E. Turner 3, G. Gavard 4, G. E. Monckton 5, H. J. Gavard (cond.) 6, A. W. Dyer 7, W. H. G. Monckton 8. Rung as a compliment to T. J. Locke, captain of the tower, on the occasion of the birth of a grand-daughter.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Bird 1, Miss P. Bird 2, G. R. Marchant (cond.) 3, W. Stevens 4, W. Selley 5, C. Dymen 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Lee (a local ringer) and Mr. Roy Culliford, who were married at this church on March 28th.

EVERCRECH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary March (first quarter) 1, R. March 2, Margaret Dewe 3, Bridget Sanger 4, J. Badman 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, C. Davis (first quarter) 8. Also on Mar. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Dewe 1, A. J. Sanger 2, Bridget Sanger 3, Marian March 4, D. Hill 5, J. R. Badman 6, R. G. Field 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, P. March 10. To mark the 10th anniversary of the new ring of ten.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Hall 1, C. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, G. Atkins 4, R. Rogers (first 'inside' and as cond.) 5. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Allen, grandmother of the conductor.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pickett 1, Miss K. M. H. Branson 2, A. W. Lloyd 3, E. Boumpfhey 4, A. Best 5, R. W. Sear 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, A. Haynes 8. As a farewell to R. W. Sear and Miss P. Darnell, leaving Glasgow for Bleichley and London respectively; to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Boumpfhey, of Hazel Grove, Cheshire; and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Hutchinson, of St. Mary's.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. E. Cooper 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, Miss R. Tyler 3, C. Tyler 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For the weddings of John T. P. Thorpe (ringer) and Miss Pamela Johnson (chorister) at St. Swithun's Church.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Yardley (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth M. Yardley 2, D. J. Harrabin (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Michael F. Hall 4, I. D. Thompson 5, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 6. For the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: H. S. Peacock 1, D. F. Murfet 2, M. J. Dyer 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 22nd, 1,320 Beverley Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, D. F. Murfet 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 4, R. Fuller 5, P. Thompson 6. For Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, P. Rogers 2, A. Gentle 3, M. Major 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters 6. For family service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, R. Fuller 4, L. H. Bywaters 5, P. Thompson 6. For Evensong.

HEREFORD.—On Mar. 30th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. P. Moreton 1, H. Scott 2, G. Davis 3, A. T. Wingate 4, F. Read 5, W. E. Thompson 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, W. Citins 8. Rung for the baptism of Adrian Moreton, son of the conductor, the godfathers ringing 2 and 6.

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HONITON, DEVON.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Webb 1, C. Webb (cond.) 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Baker 4, D. Salter 5, J. Real 6. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6 and 8 behind): O. Griffen 1, C. Manley 2, W. Webb (cond.) 3, C. Webb 4, W. Baker 5, W. Harris 6, D. Salter 7, J. Real 8. Rung for the wedding of the daughter of Mr. A. Hodge, a local ringer.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, D. F. Gain 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. For morning service.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): R. W. Stapleford (first away from tenor) 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, D. J. Barnett 4, B. Davis 5, Susan Wetherley 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On April 2nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Rowe 1, Miss M. Cork (first 'inside') 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, H. Harper 5, R. A. Southwood 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Richardson (first quarter) 1, B. L. Marks 2, Mrs. G. W. Critchley 3, Miss P. M. Bourn 4, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 5, A. W. Childs 6.

LEAFIELD, OXON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wiggins 1, J. Wiggins 2, A. Lynes (cond.) 3, F. Hawke 4, Peggy Wiltshire 5, A. Wiltshire 6. For Holy Communion.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Naylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, M. R. Rose 3, C. Salmon 4, D. Hoare 5, H. G. Keeley 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. A wedding compliment to Daphne Keeley and Lindley W. Baker.

MANCHESTER.—On Mar. 26th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Bennett 1, Mrs. M. Tonge 2, F. Barraclough 3, Miss C. B. Clayton (first on 10) 4, J. Nelson 5, H. Reynolds 6, G. Pve 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8, R. Longden 9, H. Longden 10. For Confirmation service.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Sherwin 1, E. Ford 2, Esther Hamby 3, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 4, O. Gittens (first 'inside') 5, B. J. Soper (first quarter) 6. For Palm Sunday.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Russell 1, Mrs. R. H. Morris 2, Mrs. P. Cross 3, A. F. Cheasley 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5, B. A. Edgely 6. For Evensong.

MOORSIDE, LANCs.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hodson (first in method) 1, C. Ashworth 2, J. Fielden 3, P. Schofield 4, H. Hamer 5, P. Hudson 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, F. Reynolds 8. Rung half-umffled in memoriam Mr. H. Hoyle, late Vicar's warden and previously P.C.C. secretary.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE.—On Mar. 31st, 1,380 Doubles (600 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, J. R. Hough 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, A. Jackson (first in three methods as cond.) 4, M. J. Martin (5th of Doubles) 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Jacqueline Mills.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman (first as cond.) 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann 5. For Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—On April 5th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roope 1, F. Burress 2, R. Finch 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, C. F. Roope (cond.) 7, J. C. Rainbow 8. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Miss N. G. Williams and Mr. T. Johnson on their engagement.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 30th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: B. Priestley 1, D. Wright (cond.) 2, J. King 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin 5. First quarter in method by all.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Millington (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Warrior 2, A. Woodhall (first quarter) 3, T. M. Cox 4, W. Ellerington 5, P. Wishart 6, R. Jackson 7, C. Oldfield 8.

OTTERSASH, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pugh 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, P. André 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, J. Ribhans 6. For morning service. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pugh 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, Miss H. Pugh 3, J. Martin 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

PETHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Southon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Philpott 2, J. Stockbridge 3, C. Beeching (first quarter) 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. Phillimore 6. Rung to mark the retirement of the local captain, ringer for 50 years.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: J. Crawford (Radley College Society) 1, Miss M. R. Cross 2, A. S. D. Graham (first 'inside') 3, M. Turner 4, Miss D. J. Pollard (cond.) 5, Miss C. M. Smewin 6. First quarter by 1 and 4. The ringers of 3 and 4 are members of Cuddesdon Theological College. Rung for the wedding of the following: Mr. M. H. Chamberlain and Miss M. J. Steptoe, Mr. W. J. Butcher and Miss E. M. Steptoe and Mr. D. N. Lavton and Miss M. Andrews.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gibbs 1, H. Richardson 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, R. Whitworth (first quarter) 4, L. Priestley (first quarter) 5, A. Wilson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, F. Swan 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 5th, 1,280 Spliced Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major: A. House 1, H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, F. Gant (cond.) 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, L. Woods 8. For Matins.

RIPPINGALE, Lincs.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wand (81) 1, Eileen Walpole (first quarter) 2, Margaret Jepson (first quarter) 3, A. Scott 4, J. H. Musson 5, W. Marsh (first as cond.) 6. For evening service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. R. Hobbs 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. G. D. Northway (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, C. M. White 5, R. C. B. Smallman 6, H. J. Page 7, D. Greenlaw 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Woodward 1, Pat Walker 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Susan Chaddock 4, D. G. French 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, P. Walker 7, F. Fisher 8, C. S. Lee 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First of Royal by 1 and 2. For Evensong.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bailey 1, S. Bailey 2, G. Ridd 3, J. Ridd 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Brvant (cond.) 7, G. Muggridge (first quarter) 8. A 78th birthday compliment to the ringer of 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dean 1, R. Pond 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, H. Bunzay 4, R. Welch 5, K. Welch 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. S. Lock and Miss J. Pittard, a former ringer; and as a compliment to the Rev. A. T. Stephens on his completion of 50 years as a priest.

SNITTERFIELD, WARWICKS.—On April 1st, 1,320 April Day Bob Doubles: R. Spray (13, first quarter) 1, J. W. Perkins 2, R. E. Tallis 3, R. C. Warburton 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, T. Griffiths 6. First in method by all the band.

STANMORE, MIDDLEX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Theresa Rose (first quarter) 1, J. Wilcockson 2, T. Carless 3, R. Stoddard 4, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 5, R. Lambert 6.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, J. Maple 4, Miss J. Horton (cond.) 5, G. Mercer 6. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on April 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Miller 1, R. Channon (first of Major 'inside') 2, Pam Miller 3, S. G. Pack 4, Ann Aldridge 5, M. Stanyon 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. For Evensong, also an 82nd birthday compliment to W. J. Bowden.

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. J. Hall 1, B. Davis 2, D. J. Barnett 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. W. Stapleford 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Geeves 1, G. W. Edwards 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, H. Shire 4, Audrey M. Bailey (cond.) 5, D. S. Harris 6. A 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Hitchins 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, J. Lucas 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, F. S. Slatford 6, G. H. Harding (cond.) 7, F. A. Penn 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Patricia Burt 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, C. Barbrale (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Barnett 4, T. J. Milson 5, Barbara Clarke (first quarter) 6, R. W. Stapleford 7, T. V. Pitt 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Ladd 1, Mrs. D. Ladd 2, P. J. Rye 3, M. Hawkins 4, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, F. A. Rye 7, K. Reed (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 5th, 1,280 Little and Plain Bob Major: P. D. Chapman 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, F. Sykes 5, D. Hewitt 6, B. R. Downes (cond.) 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Cherritt (first of Triples) 1, E. F. M. Samson 2, C. T. Brown 3, F. Haysom 4, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Triples) 5, A. M. Cunningham 6, W. C. Shute (cond.) 7, B. G. Bishop (first of Triples) 8. First quarter on bells since re-hanging. For Evensong.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Monk 1, J. Powell 2, P. Delaney 3, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 4, J. Ferris 5, S. Clark 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. Albert Nicholls, who was interred this day and was for some years churchwarden.

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Eye, Suffolk, church bells are awaiting removal by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have been given the job of overhauling them and recasting the Miles Graye tenor which has a 'hair' crack in the crown. The bells fund, organised by Supt. Claude Rush, now stands at £1,354. Of this £722 has been realised from the sale of 132 tons of salvage, mostly paper. The salvage drive ends on May 5th—the end of its second year. Then, after a few weeks, Mr. Rush will retire from the Police Force and take up residence at 31, Foxgrove Lane, Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Bishop Latimer's bells, Birmingham, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Aston on Monday, April 20th, at 7.30 p.m.

Seventeen-year-old Gordon Brown, who rang the second to a peal at Offenham, Worcs, struck his first blow in six of the methods. The way he rang impressed the band and was proof of how good a ringer he will one day become.

A welcome visitor to the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Kingsbury on Saturday was Mr. A. J. Pitman, who came specially to hear a tape-recording of his peal of Scientific Triples.

The Bedfordshire Association have a new general secretary in Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. The Association at its annual meeting on Easter Monday decided to raise subscriptions to 1s. 6d. for members under 16 and 3s. for those over 16.

The band who rang the peal of Bob Major at Heavitree, Devon, would like to associate with it the name of Mr. Arthur Mitchell who, but for influenza, would have been a member of the band. He is the father of Harry Mitchell, for whose wedding the peal was rung. Both are members of the Heavitree band.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harry Shire, in honour of whose 75th birthday a quarter peal was rung at Ilminster, where his father was tower captain. He has been associated with towers in Somerset and South Wales, and served for four years as assistant tower captain at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth. He is now a regular member of the Tewin band.

Never go to a meeting unless advertised in 'The Ringing World.' If this advice had been followed there would not have been disappointed ringers at Womersley last Saturday. The meeting appeared in the Guild fixture card, but not in 'The Ringing World.'

With the ringing of a quarter peal on Easter Day at Godshill, Isle of Wight, the late C. H. Denness was remembered. He was one of the band who opened the bells when augmented to six in 1887. He assumed the captaincy of the tower from his father-in-law. His son is the present captain. A daughter and a grandson are also ringers in the tower.

The Chester Diocesan Guild are submitting a motion to the Central Council at Southport as follows: 'That in any record attempt the bells shall be clearly audible outside the tower or other building in which they are contained and that during such an attempt neither food nor drink shall be partaken of by any member of the band.'

The band who rang in the peal at Leicester Cathedral on April 6th, as a farewell to the Rev. E. N. Devenport (Succentor), wish to associate the names of Peter J. Staniforth and Dick Grant with the peal. Peter was taken ill on the day of the peal and Dick kindly stood down. A good peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung and all were pleased to see Dick Prime ringing again after his illness.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A YEAR OF PROGRESS REVIEWED

DESPITE inclement weather, a large company of ringers assembled at Bath on Easter Monday for the 69th annual general meeting of the Association. Preceded by a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the service was held at the Church of SS. Michael and Paul and was conducted by the Rev. E. J. Rowe, chairman of the Bath Branch. A most appropriate address was given by the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Association.

Following the service, members adjourned to the Red House Cafe, where, after luncheon had been taken, the business meeting followed. Opening with prayer, the Master asked for silence to be kept while those who had been called to greater service during the past year were remembered. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Bishop of Taunton, the Archdeacon of Bath, the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. O. Fry and D. G. Yeo.

The Master said that, due to an indisposition, he regretted that he had not visited all the Branches. The newest addition to the administration of the Association was the introduction of a Standing Committee, which had already proved invaluable in the compiling of the Sunday service survey.

The survey showed many bright spots and many towers where help is needed. He challenged members to give their full support to the work of the Association and so prove wrong the comment which was recently made by a misguided cleric to the effect that ringing was a dying art.

'RINGING A BELL'

He then paid tribute to the work which Mr. H. J. Sanger had done in producing the publication, 'Ringing a Bell.' Being of a somewhat different character from any other book in print, it was enjoying a heavy demand by not only members of the Association but by ringers generally. It was an excellent booklet which could be commended to the use of all. In closing, he said how deeply touched he was when, on the occasion of his wedding, three peals and six quarter peals were rung to mark the happy event. 'This is an honour which I did not deserve but which I value very greatly,' he said.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. D. Hoare) thanked members for their excellent support during his first year of office. The Diocese, he said, had been the scene of much activity during 1958. Sampford Arundel bells had been augmented from five to six, and the fine ring of six at Publow was once more in full ringing order. Another restoration was also contemplated in a parish where the bells had been silent for over 40 years. Broadcasts had taken place featuring certain rings of bells and the all-round standard that had been achieved was very pleasing.

The secretary reminded members of their duty and of the fact that they should keep their ringing in its right perspective, placing churchmanship first. 'By so doing,' he said, 'we shall acquire that team spirit which is so necessary in our service to the church.'

Mr. G. Salmon, the treasurer, reported that, compared with last year, the accounts showed a decrease in the balance of £34, but that this was entirely due to the purchase of badges. Although peal booking fees were considerably down, the Branch returns, which were increased greatly on 1957, helped to swell the income. Certain changes had been made affecting the investments and these included the conversion of the 2½ per cent. Defence Bonds into the 5 per cent. issue and the reinvestment of the National Savings Certificates. The Bell Fund had benefited by three collections but no grant had been made.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS' SUPPORT

Mr. Salmon said that the committee had forwarded a circular letter to all Parochial Church Councils suggesting an increase of affiliation fees to a more realistic level so that the Association could do something of a more definite nature so far as instruction and more substantial grants were concerned. The response had so far been excellent and as a result many towers had allied themselves to the Association although they had never previously been affiliated. This meant that the Association would at least be able to make a start in the large task with which it is faced.

The meeting then passed on the report of the peal secretary, Mr. H. J. Sanger, who said that the peal total was considerably lower this year, 58 in all having been rung. However, the standard had been well maintained and the highlights were two peals of Bristol by diocesan bands and the first peal of Spiced Surprise Major ever rung by a resident band. The Cheshire men had also rung the first peal of London Surprise Royal for the Association at Wells Cathedral. Remarking that 1958 had only produced two new conductors, Mr. Sanger said that the Association was very short of prospective leaders and he commended conducting to the younger members as a very interesting and useful occupation.

He was pleased that he now had in his possession details of all peals which had been rung between 1890 and 1904 and would in due course have the records up to date.

Mr. R. H. Gardiner, the tower advisory expert, then told members of the work which he had carried out during the past year. He had received one inquiry from outside the diocese concerning the installing of a synthetic bell-recording apparatus. He had referred the matter to the committee, who without any hesitation recommended that one or two bells would probably cost no more than the recording apparatus, would cost virtually nothing in maintenance, possibly have a clearer sound and, what was more important, would call people to worship in a sincere manner as was intended.

The adoption of these four reports was then proposed by Mr. E. Naylor and seconded by Mr. V. Roberts and carried with acclamation.

The general secretary then read a brief summary of the Sunday service survey. It was in two parts. The first, which consisted of factual information and comments relevant to the diocese, had already been forwarded to the Central Council. Part II, constituted the proposed future policy of the Association and laid out in detail plans for the introduction of organised courses of instruction. Coupled with this was the suggestion that the Association should have certain persons available, who, upon request, would be prepared to speak at youth clubs and similar functions.

SELECTION OF INSTRUCTORS

It seemed quite evident by the survey that, generally, capable bands of ringers exist in towers where a competent person is in charge.

Commenting on the proposed arrangements for introducing organised instruction on an Association level, the secretary said that rather than appeal for instructors, the committee would be advised to invite persons whom they considered suitable. So many times in the past men had set themselves up as instructors without the necessary qualifications and the result of this had been that ringing had deteriorated to a deplorable level in one or two areas.

After several points had been clarified, Mr. M. White proposed the adoption of the survey in both parts. This was seconded by Mr. E. Naylor and carried unanimously.

The Master then told the meeting that Mr. Fry wished to resign from his position as Central Council representative. He therefore asked for a nomination to fill the post for one year. The name of Mr. D. Hoare was proposed by Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. S. G. Coles, and carried unanimously.

The meeting elected the following officers: Messrs. R. A. Gardiner and W. A. Osborn, advisory experts; Mr. H. J. Sanger, peal secretary; Mr. G. Salmon, treasurer; Mr. D. Hoare, secretary; and the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master.

Under 'Any other business,' Mr. Woodburn proposed that the Association should in the future deviate from their past policy of holding the annual general meeting in only six Branches. He felt that all the Branches should be visited in alphabetical order. After discussion, Mr. H. J. Sanger seconded the proposition, which was then carried.

Mr. Woodburn then proposed that the annual grant of £20 be made to help cover the Central Council representatives' expenses. Mr. E. J. Chivers seconded and the motion was carried.

CLOSING BELLS

Mr. W. Osborn said the bells of Clossworth were in an unsafe state and very soon something would have to be done for their safety. He wondered if, in view of the fact that they had such a strong link with ringing (the tomb of Purdue being in the churchyard), the Association could take a lead in launching some appeal. After discussion, it was agreed that the Association could do nothing until formally approached by the Parochial Church Council.

Mr. H. J. Sanger then proposed, and Mr. D. Hoare seconded, that the Master should write to the incumbent of Clossworth offering to co-operate at the appropriate time. This was also carried.

Members requested the secretary to write to Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. L. Derrick, both of whom were indisposed, expressing regrets at their absence and sending the best wishes of all present.

Mr. H. J. Sanger then proposed, and Mr. D. Hoare seconded, that a slight amendment be made to the printed form of Admission Service for Ringers, as this was technically incorrect. This was carried.

To conclude the meeting, the Rev. N. E. Mitchell, chairman of the Frome Branch, proposed votes of thanks to the Rev. E. H. G. Sergeant (Rector of St. Michael's), the organist, the Rev. E. J. Rowe, the Master and to Mr. S. S. Woodburn (secretary of the Bath Branch) for the excellent way in which he made all the local arrangements. D. H.

ANOTHER RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Mr. Stephen Ivin, of Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire, gives notice that an attempt at 40,320 Plain Bob Major will be made at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on Saturday, May 2nd, starting at 6.30 a.m. The composition will be the same as used in the previous attempts at Loughborough, as follows:—

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR									
23456	W	V	M	H					
42635	—	3	—						
65234		3	S	—					
26534		3	—						
52634		3	—						
62435		3	—						
36425	—	3	—						
45362	—	3	S	—					
34562		3	—						
53462		3	—						
42365		3	S	—					

Eleven times repeated, calling bob for first single M in all other parts except the seventh, and calling single for bob at every third part-end. Arranged by Dennis Knox.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Over 100 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Hillsborough, Co. Down, on Easter Monday, when good reports of progress in the District were received and 20 new members elected. Next year's annual meeting will be at Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, with Canon G. Clements as chairman.

The outgoing District officers were elected as follows: District secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); assistant secretary, Miss J. Stewart (St. Donard's, Belfast); treasurer, the Rev. J. J. Fielding (Holywood); Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown (Holywood); trustees of Bell Repair Fund, Messrs. W. Pratt (Holywood), R. G. Nelson (Hillsborough) and R. P. Hatch (Hillsborough).

After the meeting Canon J. Barry (Hillsborough) conducted a short ringers' service in St. Malachi's Church. Following lunch, the Cunningham Cup Competition was rung off with Miss Yong (Carrickfergus), Mr. Pratt and the Rev. F. J. Fielding acting as judges. Nine teams took part, the result being: 1 St. Donard's, Belfast, 12 faults; 2 St. Comgall's, Bangor, and St. Mark's, Belfast, 18 faults. After tea the Rev. E. G. Parke presented the cup to Mr. Warkington, of St. Donard's. The bells were later put to good use by mixed bands. J. T. D.

Southern District

Almost 90 bellringers and friends and V.I.P.'s, viz. Messrs. Fred Dukes, John Dunwoody and Miss Jean Stewart, attended the annual meeting of the Southern District in Waterford on St. Patrick's Day. The same number sat down to lunch before the meeting; both functions were held in the Adelphi Hotel.

All towers in the District were well represented and all entered teams for the R.R. Cherry Challenge Cup. The 'V.I.P.'s' were judges and were greatly relieved when the meeting at tea (also in the Adelphi Hotel) 'brought the house down' after the Ringing Master (Mr. Robert Walsh) announced the result in the following words: 'After 11 years, Bandon is the first team to take the cup out of Limerick.' Bandon's striking could be said to be almost perfect and their six-bell team has been knocking at the door for a few years now and it has at last been opened. The holders, Mount St. Alphonsus', were only seven points behind and their striking, too, was very good. In fact, all teams struck well in general.

The chairman (Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith), in his address, paid tribute to the committees, towers and individuals whose work brought a successful conclusion to the Central Council's visit to Ireland last year.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. Cyril Galbraith (Limerick); Ringing Master, Mr. Robert Walsh (Doneraile); secretary, Mr. George Bingham (Limerick); assistant secretary, Mr. Paddy Hanley (Limerick); vice-president and Executive Council, Mr. Fred Hogan (Cork); representatives on Executive Council, Messrs. C. W. Galbraith, G. Bingham and H. Ellis.

The bells of the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity were rung before lunch, i.e., 10.30 to 11 p.m.; during competition, 3 to 5.30; and after tea from 7.30 to 9 p.m. The theme was good striking, and 'fancy' methods were sacrificed

accordingly. Nevertheless some touches of Bob Minor were rung.

On the previous night a team consisting of Cyril Foster, Cyril Galbraith, Jean Stewart, John Dunwoody (conductor), Tom Marsden, W. Cox, G. Bingham and N. Benson scored a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. At tea, in Waterford, demonstrations of change ringing on handbells were given by the 'V.I.P.'s.

Eastern District

The best meeting since the District was formed was held on a beautiful Easter Monday at Arklow. The bells, the surroundings, the weather and the famous Arklow tea all added up to the success of the day. All towers were represented.

The honours, however, must go to Bobby Bruce, of Holywood, Co. Down, who left Belfast that morning and found on arrival in Dublin that his train to Arklow had left. However, he got a bus to Bray and there found a bread vendor who was going south. The vendor delivered bread 'here, there and everywhere' and eventually delivered Bobby in Arklow at 3.30 p.m. To compensate for his trials he got a lift back to Dublin in comfort and was offered hospitality for the night.

The business meeting started in the Malborough Hall and finished in the residents' lounge of the Royal Hotel. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. James McManus (Dublin); Ringing Master, Mr. Paddy Mills (Dublin); secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes (Drogheda); assistant secretary, Mr. Roy Huber (Drogheda); treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham (Drogheda); vice-president and Executive Council, Harry Johnson (Bray); representatives on Executive Council, Miss Rita Dukes, Mr. James McManus and Mr. George McGregor.

Six teams competed for the Lindoff Cup—St. George's, Dublin, had two, one of which consisted of the 14th Dublin Company, Boys' Brigade, Bellringing Class. A very keen contest resulted in Drogheda winning the cup for the fifth year in succession, with Arklow close behind. Drogheda's team included 14-year-old Sandra Dukes.

The Ringing Master, Mr. William T. Shaw, acted in the tower and announced the result at tea in the Malborough Hall, where about 100 people sat down to the tea of cold ham and cakes provided by the Arklow Society. The judges were Messrs. Henry Ellis and George Bingham.

Plain Bob Triples and Grandsire were rung by the change ringers and 'Churchyard Bobs' by those outside that category.

50 YEARS AGO

'BELL NEWS,' APRIL 17th, 1909

Peals recorded: Treble Bob Maximus 1, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Grandsire Caters 1, London Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Double Norwich 2, Treble Bob Major 5, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 7, Minor 2, Doubles 1. Total 28.

Handbell Peals: Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 1. Total 3.

One letter on 'Peals of Doubles' suggests 'A little space in "The Bell News" occasionally devoted to five- and six-bell methods would certainly make the paper more popular to these ringers.'

THE SHARESHILL DISPUTE

Society Upholds Vicar's Action

In regard to the controversy arising between the Vicar of St. Mary's, Shreshill, and his ringers, we are informed that a meeting between the Vicar (Rev. E. R. Roe), three officials of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the entire bell-ringing team has resulted in the Society upholding the Vicar's decision to disband the ringers.

Mr. Fred Bennett (secretary of the Society), of Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, said that after hearing both sides of the story the Society decided that the Vicar had not been unreasonable in asking the ringers to attend church services, and had treated them fairly before making his decision.

'He did not ask much of the ringers. All he asked was that they should attend a proportion of services. He did not, by any means, intend that they should attend all the services every Sunday,' Mr. Bennett said.

Mr. Bennett added that the ringers should be expected to take some interest in the church's affairs, and Mr. Roe had given his team every chance. At the meeting, each ringer was asked if he would be prepared to attend some services at the church, but each declined. Mr. Roe had no alternative but to stand by his decision.

Although the church now has no ringing team, an apparatus at the foot of the tower enables the Vicar to ring the bells himself. He cannot ring a peal, but is able to chime them.

Mr. Bennett said his Society would be prepared to send an instructor to Shreshill to train another team, but it would take at least 12 months' training before a new team would be capable.

MANCHESTER RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE

The fifth annual outing of the Manchester Young Ringers took place on Easter Monday, when 35 members set off by coach to visit Yorkshire. Some of the founder members no longer fit the description 'young,' but the average age was still only 21 years 8 months.

The first stop was at St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield (8, 25 cwt.), where these humming bells were rung to standard methods and Bristol. At Sheffield Cathedral (12, 40 cwt.), Cambridge on the back eight and Stedman Cinques were most successful on the day's most awkward bells.

Lunch was arranged at Doncaster, and afterwards at St. George's, Doncaster (8, 30 cwt.), the really fine bells were not rung ideally, possibly due to the long, exhausting climb.

At All Saints', Pontefract, we rang at the strange tower between a ruined church and a modern chapel, where we found a very pleasing light eight (tenor 12½ cwt.). The evening meal came next, and was in itself so satisfying and exhausting that even the tower-grabbers had not the energy to visit an extra 6-bell tower only two miles off the route, and we finished the day's ringing on the excellent ten (tenor 18 cwt.) at St. Giles', Pontefract, where Grandsire Caters and Bristol gave the best striking.

Our thanks are due to all the clergy and ringers for letting us make use of their bells, and to Joan and Alan Ward for once more organising a very successful tour. D. O.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WORLD TOUR IMPRESSIONS

Dear Sir.—Some while ago (possibly two years) letters appeared in 'The Ringing World' about the bells of St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong.

During a recent cruise I was able to visit the Cathedral and view these bells, which were cast by Gillett and Johnston and given by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and installed as a carillon (or 'chime') of eight—the heaviest is 25 cwt.—to commemorate the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It was decided that the tower was not strong enough to carry a ring hung for ringing, a decision with which I think most would agree. They are operated electrically and set in motion by a press button on the ground floor. There is also a keyboard which is used for hymn tunes, set changes, etc., with cards provided.

About a year ago I wrote to the Dean of Hong Kong (Very Rev. F. S. Temple), and in reply I received a warm invitation to come and 'try the bells' and to call on him on arrival. The curate (Mr. Foster) met me at the tower and gave every assistance; he is interested in bells and acquainted with the Loughborough foundry and staff. It was a great pleasure to meet both the Dean and Mr. Foster. When the bells are being played it is difficult from the foot of the tower to decide what the changes are, and on ascending the noise becomes almost deafening, and this is also the case near the tower outside; but it could be a plain course of Triples. A practice at the keyboard is the nearest I managed to get to ringing on the Asian continent.

Earlier on, at San Francisco, I visited the Episcopal Cathedral of Grace, where permission was readily given by the bursar, Mr. Lampen, late of Romney, Kent, and the tower keeper, Mr. Mosley, late of Bolton, Lancs, to go up and view the carillon of 44 by Gillett and Johnston. Owing to space openings on all sides of the upper part of the tower, the carillon is (more or less) 'open to the wide,' so that several of the bells can be seen from outside at ground level. All I heard from them was the quarters and hours struck on the back bells.

The Cathedral stands on one of the highest points of San Francisco, and one can imagine the effect of the sound pouring down over the city from this carillon.

In the Philippines, a few miles from Manila, at the village of Las Pinas is the ancient church in which is installed the famous bamboo organ, 150 years old and still in use. It was built by a Catholic Father whose repeated requests for a pipe organ went unheeded by his superiors in Spain. Finally he decided to construct the pipe organ from bamboo himself—a task which took four years. The keyboard is in a box similar in shape to a harmonium and stands on a nearby gallery. Higher in the tower (open to all and sundry) are four bells—heaviest 2 to 4 cwt. approximately—hung in open spaces in the walls of the tower, with the lip of each flush with the outside of the wall, clocking system used for chiming. Inscriptions were beyond me, but probably Spanish.

I came across three other R.C. churches in the Philippines with bells similarly hung, one a cathedral with eight at least, as best seen from ground level outside.

Among the several calls in the Far East (including eight days ashore in Japan) was Shanghai, where it is necessary to observe the old slogan, 'Watch your step.' To wander around after midnight in Communist China is an easy way to qualify for a 'pair of bracelets.'

Travelling in four ships, including stops, it took a week short of four months to circumnavigate the globe—much less time than that occupied by Drake in 'windjammers.'—Yours,
Woodbridge, Suffolk. J. BENNETT.

RINGING AND CLERGY

Dear Sir.—I am sure ringers generally will be glad to know that a few of our theological colleges are taking an interest in bell-ringing.

Whilst many clergy are quite reasonable about granting permission to ring, many parsons feel shy at entering the ringing chamber and at a disadvantage because their ringers know so much more about the art than they do. How often does one hear the comment passed that the vicar very seldom visits his ringers? Whilst parochial clergy often give a good lead in the various church organisations, the tower is in many cases regarded as a watertight compartment.

One obvious solution to this apparent anomaly would be to include some knowledge of bells and ringing in the curriculum of the theological colleges. This possibility may be further extended at this year's Central Council meeting, and perhaps our regional Associations will take some responsibility. I think, however, the Central Council of Training for the Ministry would sympathetically consider suggestions from the Central Council to put bell-ringing on the syllabus.

One thing is certain, that a clergy better informed on bell-ringing matters would prove of immense help for the future prospects in the 'Ringing Isle.'—Yours sincerely,

Elland, Yorks.

PAUL BIRKETT.

Dear Sir.—I should like to take Mr. Fry up on one point which has received some consideration lately in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, namely, that the clergy often expect too much from their ringers in attendance at services. For the ringers to be marching out as the choir file in does give a bad impression; but we cannot expect them to make their Communion frequently as well as arriving at least half an hour before the other services on Sunday.

The only general rule one can make, I think, is that ringers should be treated in this respect like the rest of the laity, and until we have two or three hands in each parish, to ask them to come to every service for which they ring is to have them in church as long as the clergy.—Yours sincerely,

A. S. D. GRAHAM.

Cuddesdon College, Oxford.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—It has been pointed out to me that my 5,056 Glasgow Surprise Major, published in the 'R.W.' March 13th, 1959, is internally false. I must therefore withdraw the peal rung to this composition on November 22nd, 1958, at Warfield, Berks.

I give my sincere apologies to all the band.—Yours faithfully,
Reading. N. J. DISERENS.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—It is encouraging to read of the ringing activity at Salisbury Theological College, referred to by Mr. Roger O. Fry in his letter on page 223 of 'The Ringing World.'

Whilst I do not wish to anticipate the report of the Central Council Committee now in preparation, I may say that the report devotes some space to the need for action along the lines suggested by Mr. Fry. The report will also refer to action we have already taken in contacting Association officials in whose areas theological colleges are situated, and several of these officials have already replied to me promising to co-operate and let us know what progress they have been able to make.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener,
C.C. Committee on Sunday Service Ringing.

SPRING CLEANING AT CHESTERFIELD

Most ringing rooms could do with a good spring clean, and at Chesterfield this was recognised by Sam Scattergood and his willing helpers. After several years of activity by the builders who were working to save the famous crooked spire, and whose tramping through the ringing room had left their unmistakable mark, Sam thought it was time something should be done to clear up the mess; and so it was that one day recently he, together with Elsie Silcock, appeared at the church armed with buckets, etc., and started on a job which took them a whole day, with Sam and Malcolm Phipps fetching and carrying water up the stairs, and the lady on her knees scrubbing for dear life. A recent visit to this famous tower revealed a most gratifying state of affairs, and the ringing room was found to be spick and span and very comfortable—indeed, a model to be copied.

Chesterfield now possesses a very fine ring of ten bells, certainly the best in Derbyshire, and a ringing room equipped with a large set of beautiful handbells.

Whilst the work on the spire was going on Sam was quietly investigating what was underneath the ugly plaster on the ringing room walls, and began patiently chipping it off. He discovered some ancient arches, and was encouraged to remove all the plaster. The stonework was all cleaned and pointed, and is a great improvement on the old plaster. It is no wonder that after months of painstaking work many visits were paid to the Ringers' Retreat for refreshments.

It may not be generally known that Sam Scattergood is a direct descendant of the famous Samuel Scattergood, who was Master of the College Youths nearly 300 years ago.
JAFUS.

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BELLS HEARD BY MILLIONS

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S, EVERCREECH

By HARRY SANGER

(Continued from page 240)
RESTORATION OF 1853

Nothing more of interest appears till 1853, when a general restoration took place as indicated by the following:—

	£	s.	d.
Paid Cary for rehangng the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th bells in new brasses	8	8	0
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The bells recast were the treble and fourth, and this means that with Cary's work the whole ring was rehung. According to a document written in 1902, the treble, second, third and sixth bells were again rehung in 1895 by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol.

In 1906 the wooden frame in which the bells were hung had got into such a bad state of repair that it was condemned, and in addition to this the second had become cracked. It was therefore decided to rehang the whole ring in a new metal frame and recast the cracked bell. At this time, some friends of the village, the Misses Cox, of Bruton, offered to give two additional bells to increase the ring to eight. The offer was accepted and the work entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyn and James. It was completed in 1907 and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

PEALS ON THE EIGHT BELLS

Whilst there are no records of any peals being rung on the six bells, those on the eight are complete and numbered 21 in all. The first of these was 5,040 Stedman Triples on December 26th, 1907, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and from then on peals were rung in a variety of methods, probably the most noteworthy of which was a 5,056 London Surprise Major, rung by a band resident in the diocese and conducted by J. T. Dyke, one of the foremost ringers of our time. The last peal on the eight was of Grandsire Triples, on April 26th, 1948, conducted by the writer.

Although the new frame and 'go' of the bells now left nothing to be desired, it was but few years before it was realised that what had been a reasonable ring of six, although of mixed origin, had by the addition of the new trebles produced a poor octave. In 1928 there was a move to retune all the bells, but nothing came of it, and it was nearly 20 years later before any vigorous effort was made to improve matters. By then, 1947, the tenor needed re-hanging and other work was necessary, so the ringers decided that if something could be done in the way of recasting the bells they would make themselves responsible for one of them.

A RING OF TEN

A scheme was put before the Church Council and estimates obtained; it was then agreed to recast the whole ring. The Diocesan Advisory Committee objected to the recasting of the 1530 bell on antiquarian grounds, and a new bell had to be provided to replace it in the ring. The farmers of the parish undertook to do this. John Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work to include re-hanging on ball-bearings. The response to the appeal for funds was remarkable, added to which came the wonderful news that two generous donors had come forward and offered two additional bells to increase the ring to ten. With diocesan approval this offer was accepted and the bells were soon removed to the foundry.

It seemed strange for the next few months to hear no bells pealing for service, but the ringers occupied themselves visiting nearby towers and teaching new recruits on handbells and at the little tower at Maperton, by kind permission of the Rev. W. T. V. Langley, till in February, 1949, the bells were back in the tower with their new companions.

The service of dedication took place on March 12th and was performed by the Rt. Rev. W. H. Bradfield, Lord Bishop of the Diocese, before a large congregation which included ringers from many parts of the West Country. They had come to take part in the service and to hear what has since proved to be one of the finest examples of the bell-founders' art to be found in the West. In addition to dedicating the bells, two tablets were dedicated—one a mural recording the general restoration, and the other, cast in bell metal, recording the re-casting of the ringers' bell. The inscription on the latter reads:—

The seventh bell in this tower bears the inscription. Recast by ringers of this tower and the West Country. H. J. Sanger, Captain.

All the bells have their original inscriptions reproduced and in addition new ones denoting those responsible for recasting. The new trebles, the gifts of Douglas Bown Martin and Mrs. S. White, are family memorials.

The new inscriptions provide a lasting record of the wholehearted support given to this great work by every section of the community.

NEVER MISSED SERVICE RINGING

Following the dedication a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by a representative band selected from the visiting ringers. The first peal on the new ring was performed on October 1st, 1949. It was of Grandsire Caters and was conducted by J. T. Dyke. Since then a number of peals have been rung in various methods, and the local band to date has never once missed ringing for both morning and evening services every Sunday, with additional ringing on the great festivals.

Looking back over this story of our village bells can but make us realise what a tremendous privilege we have enjoyed. We of this generation of Evercreech folk have by our united efforts raised a ring of bells of which we can be justly proud, as without doubt were those good folk of Evercreech who built the magnificent tower, in which they are hung, 500 years ago.

BURGATE BELLS RING FOR EASTER

At the request of the Rector, the ancient ring of five at St. Mary's Church, Burgate, Suffolk, rang out on Easter Sunday for Evensong. This was the first time for 30 years that these lovely bells have sent out their Eastertide message echoing across the Waveney Valley.

The usual intrepid assortment of ringers set out in 'Sputnik III,' and arrived at Burgate at about 2 o'clock.

The bells were rung, amidst a slow shower of miscellaneous debris, to Plain Bob Doubles, and, just before service, almost perfect rounds were rung for five minutes at about 15 whole pulls per minute. After the service the congregation were rung out and the back four lowered in peal, the treble meriting a solo item.

The return journey was accomplished safely, the party splitting up at Dickleburgh, two of the band to take part in Evensong ringing on the fine new six there.

P. D. T. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society took place at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on March 21st. St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, had been scheduled for this meeting, but when this proved impracticable Mr. B. G. Key and his ringers stepped nobly into the breach with an invitation for the Society to pay another visit to Burton-on-Trent. It was a most enjoyable meeting and attracted an attendance of 106. Most of those present attended the fully-choral Evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. W. Willis Price). In an excellent address Mr. Price reminded his listeners that ringers have obligations to the Church beyond the regular ringing of the bells.

Mr. and Mrs. Key and their helpers had provided a bountiful tea and it speaks wonders for their arrangements when they were able to cater for an additional 25 beyond those who had sent in their names. Altogether 140 sat down to tea, this figure including members of the choir and the churchwardens. Following the meal the company stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Herbert Knight, formerly of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

Ringng took place during the afternoon and evening on the lovely ring of ten (tenor 28 cwt.) at St. Paul's with the Ringing Master (Mr. Clive Smith) in charge. Well done and thank you all at St. Paul's for this very fine meeting.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Hoar Cross on May 9th.

F. B.

A 60th ANNIVERSARY AT ERITH

On Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1899, a record length of 15,072 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, Kent, in 9 hours and 24 minutes, conducted by William Pye. The record did not stand for very long but was a great achievement, particularly in a belfry with no daylight or fresh air and lit by gas jets.

The ringers were Harry Flanders, George R. Pye, Charles Wilkins, Isaac G. Shade, Edgar Wightman, John H. Cheesman, Ernest Pye and William Pye. Incidentally, the same eight men rang at Erith the following Sunday a peal of London Surprise Major, being the first in the method for six of them, including the brothers Pye. This again was an historic peal, being the first in a method which William Pye was, in later years, to make all his own.

The 60th anniversary of the Double Norwich was commemorated with a peal in the method by Edgar Wightman, a member of the famous Suffolk ringing family, who migrated to Erith and was the composer of the long peal.

The 1959 peal is a happy link with the long peal, as the ringer of the treble, Edwin Barnett, when a lad of 14, heard most of the long peal. Indeed, he was appointed 'look-out' during the period when his father, the late Edwin Barnett sen., and John Garraw the Erith steeplekeeper, went off for the dinner. Of the 1959 band, five had rung peals with William Pye, including Herbert A. Audsley, who was in the 7,392 Cambridge Maximus at Bow.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1959, Grandsire Doubles: Selina Stephens (first quarter) 1, Monica Barrett 2, A. Fortin 3, W. D. 4, A. Hammond (first 'inside' and as com. 5, Sheila Howard (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CONTEST RINGING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND

By NOEL F. MOXON

(Continued from page 238)

Looking at the prize-ringing days in retrospect, one may be somewhat bewildered by the outlook of the organisers, the ringers and the general public. Dealing with the organisers who staged the contest and therefore had to collect money from generous residents in the town or village, it is difficult to imagine what they gained from the affair as there was apparently no entrance fee paid by the competitors and they received no gate money from the listeners, so monetary gain was not possible. Of the ringers taking part, many would lose two days' work, for contests were not always held at holiday times, and also incur travelling and subsistence expenses, so even a team collecting £5 to £8 would not result in 100 per cent. profit.

The people who lived around the church where the ringing was taking place must have been long-suffering to be able to bear the sound of bells from early morning until after midnight, often on successive days, but our newspapers carry no word of complaint. Probably the only non-ringers to derive any tangible benefit from the contest were the innkeepers who dispensed food and drink to the participants and their friends.

A PLAINTIVE PROTEST

However, one plaintive protest is handed down from 1848 when the Rev. Alfred Gatty, in his book 'The Bell,' writes of his experiences at a contest at Ecclesfield. 'Reader, has it ever been thy lot to be within close earshot of a ringing match, at which 8 or 10 sets of ringers contended for a silver cup or a purse of gold. We were awake at day break one fine summer's morning by a steady course of Plain Bobs . . . We rose early determined to combine an enjoyment of what we ascertained was a ringing match with our usual study avocations; but we found that we were not as steady as usual at our work and as time went on we became less so . . . we resolved to ride far away into the woods, and to be at peace . . . we returned in the early evening in the hope that the match would be over but before the Church was in light, the peal came. . . . Night came; but locks, bars and shutters did not exclude the sound; bed curtains could not shut it out. No hope arose from inquiry, for the Darfield and the Silkstone sets had still to ring. . . . Peace came at last but will it be credited that daylight had scarcely broken in the east, before the ringers were again at their task.'

Taking stock of the contesting teams, some well-known towers are still operating, with Silkstone and Liversedge reaching farthest back into the last century and others with 100 years of service to good striking still 'going strong.' A few have fallen by the wayside; one we regret, Holmfirth, with 150 years of good ringing—a grand record. This tower until ten years ago was manned by a team of elderly men who, it is said, ate sparingly at the Sunday tea table and would afterwards ring a perfect 600 or 504 of Oxford. Alas, in a short time, all but one were carried away, leaving no replacements. Recently a team of young ladies are learning to 'man' this fine ring of bells.

The all-conquering Dewsbury team have faded away; Darton, once a tower noted for peal ringing and prize ringing, is silent, as is Darfield, worried by coal mining subsidence. Barnsley ringers have for many years kept aloof from contest ringing but came back into the picture last year when they won the Hoylandswaine Cup. The finest record must go to the Wath-on-Dearne band, who combined multi-minor method ringing with prize ringing, and even in pre-war days were still a power in both spheres but now have withdrawn from the lists.

LADIES COMPETING

We have heard little in recent years of the Batley band who scored many wins in the pre-war era, but last year they made a sensational entry into the Halifax Cup with a team consisting of five girls and Mr. David Atkins, the tower captain. How the old prize ringers would have stared to see a bevy of young ladies approaching the tower to do battle for 'a purse of gold.'

Batley Carr, once the home of a fine ringing team, is now reduced to the unhappy state of 'chiming only.' Earlsheaton and Almondbury have lapsed into obscurity, temporary we hope. Kirkheaton and Kirkburton, although ringing regularly, have not competed for many years. A few towers are loath to enter competition ringing on the grounds that they would be outclassed by the skilled teams, and some years ago a system of handicapping was suggested but rejected on the grounds that it would not improve the striking of the weaker teams.

Year by year the contests continue to be held and we look forward to sunny days, when small groups of ringers congregate around the church listening with critical ear to the striking, some as unofficial judges noting faults in a small book, others with butterflies fluttering in young stomachs as their turn draws near, for the test of trying each bell 'three whole pulls' still causes the stoutest heart to quail.

If you are drawn last you ascend the tower with desperation, mindful of the fact that earlier in the afternoon the champions have rung an impeccable '720' and that the judge, locked away in an upper room at the Vicarage, will be reserving his most critical judgment for your performance.

In conclusion we must admit that one quality our forefathers possessed was keenness and in spite of the bitterness which occasionally crept into the prize ringing, we must not too hastily condemn them, and out of the subterfuge and chicanery of the last century there has emerged the contest ringing of to-day, during which we have made and maintained true friendship with many ringers.

I am very grateful to all my friends who have sent me details of contests, of which I have now nearly 60 up to the beginning of this century, and I shall be pleased to hear of any others which may be known to readers of this journal.

Many anecdotes have been handed down from the prize-ringing days, one from an old Cawthorne ringer, who gives his father's story of a contest at Penistone when the Cawthorne team rang so well that even the church organist marvelled at the music which poured from the belfry but, alas, a team from the Huddersfield district was awarded the first prize. Cawthorne ringers were angry at the apparent duplicity and even more infuriated when they later heard of the Penistone ringers each receiving a suit-length!

A tale is told of a contest at Bradfield, where it was arranged between the judge and a certain team that when it was their turn to ring a man was to go down to the Town Gate shouting 'Hot chestnuts ten a penny,' so that the judge would know who were ringing and mark accordingly!

(Concluded)

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Mar. 29th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Shuttlewood 1, G. Northwood 2, D. H. Baker 3, R. Bowles 4, P. R. Johnson 5, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 6. For Communion service.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On April 5th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Moorhouse 1, Sheila McDougall 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, R. Skerratt 4, A. D. Cook 5, R. Smith 6. Rung for family service by the Wychbold Sunday service band.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES WILLIAM BELL

The West Country has lost an outstanding personality by the death of Mr. Charles William Bell, of Bath, who died on March 29th, one month short of his 93rd birthday, at the home of his elder son, Mr. Joseph Bell, 2, Homelands, School Lane, Bathaston.

For about 30 years he was tower master of St. Saviour's Church, Larkhall, Bath, and on November 15th, 1924, with a practice band and one additional, conducted a peal of Bob Major, the first and only peal of Major rung on the bells to date. He also arranged for the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Colerne, Wilts, on July 25th, 1927, when Mr. Warren Sturgis, first assistant Master, Groton College, Mass. U.S.A., and his son, rang their first peal, being Parker's One-part of Grandsire Triples, and conducted by Mr. Arthur Prince. It was only through Mr. Bell's magnificent effort in keeping the seventh going that this peal was obtained.

In the early period of his career as a ringer, and with the encouragement of the late Mr. Henry Brown, of Bath, he at times took a day off, and would walk to Bristol to meet the Bristol ringers on festival days when all church bells were rung. Mr. Bell was a Bath Abbey ringer for many years.

On the evening of April 1st the body was received into Bathaston Church by the Rector (Rev. R. A. Evans), who took the funeral service the following day.

It is interesting to recall that Mr. Bell was the grandson of a famous Bath ringer, Mr. Joseph Bell, who rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James' Church, Bath, on Oct. 2nd, 1833. It was the grandson's privilege to conduct a peal in the same church, but it was not until after the peal that he discovered details of his grandfather's feat.]

MR. F. M. BLUNDEN

Friday, April 3rd, marked the passing of another stalwart of Sunday service ringing in West Sussex, when Mr. 'Freddie' Blunden died at the age of 63.

Until he retired two years ago, Mr. Blunden had faithfully served as tower master at St. Mary's Church, Storrington, for 36 years and, with Mr. 'Bill' Curtis, whom we laid to rest just over a year ago, was instrumental in maintaining a good regular service band of ringers over that whole period. Their splendid work is now being carried on by Miss J. Horton and Miss G. S. Smith.

Mr. Blunden was buried on April 8th, when the bells were rung half-muffled for the funeral service and later that evening to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles by the local band.

R. G. B.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4182

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Appledore, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore.—C. T. H. 4168

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss B. J. Mayers, 2, The Parade, Blackbridge Road, Woking. 4188

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Saturday, April 18th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business and further ringing. Practice, St. Mary-atte-Bow (8), Wednesday, April 29th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Special meeting, Saturday, May 16th. Details to follow. Please make a note of these dates. Everyone welcome. All tastes catered for.—Bullock, Sec. 4171

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Tutbury, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 4177

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 18th, Winterslow. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Odd Fellows' Hall, 5 p.m. St. Thomas', Salisbury, available 7 to 8 p.m.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 4161

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Blagdon, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—David H. White. 4196

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Templecombe, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 4217

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Bollington (8), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 21st to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Frequent buses from Macclesfield. 4197

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Heanor, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, 29, Short Row, Belper. 4219

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 25th, Barnard Castle, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 23rd (important) to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 4200

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint monthly meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names not later than Thursday previous to Mr. A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, A. B. Cooper, Hon. Secs. 4199

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Meeting at Coalpit Heath (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting follow. All members please attend.—F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 4215

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Longney (8), Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea names not later than April 21st to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 4204

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 20th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4152

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 25th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. E. Goodchild, 2, Sunnyside Cottages, Guildford Road, Ash, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Sec. 4224

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 21st, to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Globe Road, Bromley.—A. Hill, Hon. Sec. 4158

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea followed by meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous, please, to Mr. J. Taylor, 25, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leics. The District ringing contest will take place during the evening. Copies of rules and full details may be obtained upon application to the secretary.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4203

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 25th. Cathedral Evenson 4.30 p.m. Tea in Chapter House 5.15 p.m. for those who inform by the Wednesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Bells of the Cathedral and city churches available afternoon and evening.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4144

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 25th, Lower Machen. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Numbers for tea by April 20th, please.—Mrs. J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow. 4170

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Winterton, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 22nd, certain, please, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Hon. Branch Sec. 4147

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Windsor (8), Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 20th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 4127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please by Wednesday, April 22nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 4212

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Glinton (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by previous Tuesday. Evening ringing at St. James', Deeping, 7 p.m. onwards.—G. Bush, Sec. 4173

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Cogenhoe, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to R. Moore, 107, Station Road, Cogenhoe.—E. B. 4209

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Green's Norton, Saturday, April 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Towcester. 4198

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, April 25th. Amended arrangements. 11 a.m., visit to the Whitechapel Foundry, Whitechapel Road. 12 noon, ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney; 3 p.m., St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; also for one hour, between 12 noon and 2.45 p.m., at Southwark Cathedral. Tea 4.30 p.m. in the Fan Makers' Hall, followed by meeting. Further ringing, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Names for tea to Mrs. N. Davies, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12. All ringers welcome—no closed shop.—W. Frank Stenson. 4134

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild festival, Devizes, Saturday, April 25th. Annual general meeting. Town Hall, 2.15 p.m. Guild service in the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 4 p.m. Address: Ven. the Archdeacon of Wilts. Meat tea in the Town Hall, 5 p.m. (price 5s. per head); admission by ticket only. Tickets obtained before Wednesday, April 22nd, from Mr. F. Salford, Hon. Asst. Sec., 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, Wilts. Bells available: Trowbridge (12), 6 to 7.30; Devizes—St. John's (8), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; St. Mary's (6), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; Southbrook (6), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; Melksham (8) 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; North Bradley (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Longbridge Deverill (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Warminster (8) 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Westbury (8), 6 to 8; Bradford-on-Avon, H.T. (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Urchfont (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Seend (6), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Bratton (6), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8 p.m. Other towers affiliated to the Branch available by arrangement.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 4154

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Notts, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Good attendance, please.—P. C. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 4208

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at South Benfleet, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 4215

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting, Stonham Aspal, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 22nd, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 4214

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special business to discuss.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4194

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting, Putney, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall after. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. A. Clayton, 126, Kenilworth Court, S.W.15. Bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4150

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 25th, at Heathfield. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Look up Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Names by 22nd to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4216

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 21st, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 4183

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), Sunday, April 26th. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Breakfast in Church House.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4123

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify by April 20th Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fees of 15 Societies have not yet been received. Secretaries are reminded that, under Rule 7, such fees become payable on January 1st each year, and those concerned are requested to forward the amounts due without delay.

E. A. BARNETT,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Great Totham (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 4192

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Mewrow, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. It is hoped to have Clendon available after tea. Please send numbers for tea by previous Thursday to Miss V. Bundy, 1, The Firs, Mount Browne, Sandy Lane, Guildford. 4223

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 2nd. Hadlow. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Thursday, April 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4213

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Launton, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by Monday, April 27th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4210

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, May 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton. — F. W. Hancock. 4205

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (n.v.) at Rothwell on Saturday, May 9th. Committee meeting in the Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rt. Rev. W. H. Stewart, C.B.E., D.D. (Rector of Cottesmore). Tea 5 p.m. in the Labour Hall, Rushton Road. Tickets at 3s. each (C.W.O.) to be obtained not later than

May 2nd from Mr. M. Colman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell, Kettering, Northants. Towers open for ringing: Kettering, 2 to 3 p.m.; Rothwell, 2 to 4, 6.30; Desborough, 11 to 1, 7; Isham, 12 to 2; Cranford, 11 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3, 6.30; Corby, 1 to 3; Weldon, 1 to 3, 6.30; Warkton, 11 to 1, 6.30; Geddington, 11 to 1, 6.30; Barton Seagrave, 1 to 3, 6.30; Pytchley, 11 to 1, 6.30; Orthingbury, 12.30 to 3 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 4206

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annual festival will be held on Saturday, July 4th, instead of Saturday, July 18th, as originally advertised.—M. R. Cross. 4141

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—ST. THOMAS' CHURCH. Bicentenary of the bells. Ringing Festival, Saturday, July 11th. All ringers welcome. Bells at Dudley (10), Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Cradley, Lye, Oldswinford, Stourbridge (8's), Wollaston (6) available during the day. Programme (S.A.E. please) from D. H. Watson, 23, Gregory Road, Stourbridge. 4222

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

A record number of 120 members attended the 66th annual meeting at Llandaff on Easter Monday. An encouraging feature was the predominance of young people, who kept the bells going in various methods until 4 o'clock. The Dean (the Very Rev. Eryl Thomas) conducted the service. After the service the visitors were invited to the hall, where the Bishop of Llandaff (the Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon) was waiting to receive them.

After partaking of tea the Bishop gave a short address of welcome and encouragement. Mr. D. J. Lewis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided and served the tea.

The Dean presided at the business meeting which followed. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. S. J. Richards, Mr. N. James (the local leader) and Mr. L. Malings. The company stood in silence for two members—Mr. E. Phillips and Mr. F. Gordon—who had recently passed away.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. T. Roderick presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £6 19s. 4d., but pointed out that there would have been a debit if officers had claimed their full expenses. The balance sheet was accepted.

The secretary read the report he had sent to the Central Council Committee for the survey of Sunday service ringing. He then reported that 33 peals had been rung during 1958, which was above the average number.

Mr. G. I. Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath, was elected Master for the ensuing year. The hon. secretary and auditors were re-elected.

Mr. D. King reported on the restoration of Chepstow bells: it is hoped the bells will be ready for Whitsun. Mrs. D. J. King reported good progress at Caldicot and Usk, and Mr. Hoffman on the young band at Whitchurch. It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at All Saints', Newport.

Twelve new members were elected. The secretary read a circular letter from the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow regarding ringing lectures and instruction at the Theological College, Llandaff.

Mr. J. Lovett moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for all that he had done to make it such a pleasant meeting.

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STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, C. G. V. Burgess 4, A. Grant 5, M. G. Lane 6. For afternoon service.

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BELLS ON THE AIR

By PREBENDARY MARTIN WILLSON

THERE are few more deadly hindrances to good broadcasting than a tendency for speaker, singer or instrumentalist to be more concerned with what critical colleagues may think of the performance than with the real purpose of the broadcast (which is to enlighten or inform or entertain or inspire the listeners). I would guess that this tendency is at the root of many of the instances of poor striking or failure to set a bell or bells that occur in broadcast ringing, often when all has gone smoothly and well in rehearsal.

There is, of course, a proper place for the wish to uphold or increase the reputation of your tower when it goes 'on the air,' but it should always be subsidiary to the main purpose—to ring to the glory of God that He may use the beauty of well-struck bells to call listeners to join with the local congregation in an act of worship. For the hope is that listeners will find inspiration and help and a challenge to offer their lives in the service of their fellows. Ringers as members of a team with their own part to play need, just as much as clergy and choir and congregation, to look upward and outward, and not inward (in their case to what other *ringers* will be thinking of their performance). A cultivation of a right attitude to the task is essential to what I call the remote preparation for the broadcasting of bells at the beginning of a service.

In the immediate preparation the producer and the engineers will be concerned with three things:— (1) To find a microphone position which will give the listeners the perfect vantage-point for hearing the bells; (2) to ensure that they are 'stood' at exactly the right time; and (3) to put the ringers as much at ease about their task as possible.

The perfect vantage-point for the human ear to listen to bells is very often to be found at something like a quarter of a mile from their tower, but this would be no good to the microphone—the volume of sound needs to

reach a certain level for radio transmission which is not likely to be attained at anything like that distance. From every point of view, the practical thing to do is to find the ideal spot in the churchyard. It's likely to be opposite one corner of the tower rather than opposite one face of it, and the captain of the ringers is often able to help producer and engineers by warning them of any tendency for particular bells to 'cry' when heard from one or other side of the tower.

The rehearsal is not a long-winded affair. If a 'touch'—a plain course or a fixed number of changes has been chosen and practised for the broadcast (or in the case of a call-change band a definite sequence of changes with a fixed and regular number of whole pulls on each change), the producer asks the ringers to go through their 'touch' three or four times. This gives time for different 'mike' positions to be tried out and for the producer to satisfy himself that each time the 'touch' is rung the duration remains constant to within a few seconds. The ideal arrangement is for the 'touch' to be preceded and followed by the minimum number of whole pulls in rounds. If the producer finds that the 'touch' consists of, e.g., 15 seconds of 'rounds,' 3 minutes 30 seconds for the changes and 15 seconds of 'rounds' before the bells stand, and that the ringers keep within 5 seconds of 4 minutes each time, he will quite confidently give the signal to start ringing exactly 4 minutes before the time when he wants the bells to stand. What he hopes to broadcast is the last minute of the 'touch' (in many methods you get some of the best music as the bells are coming home), followed by a very few rounds.

If the ringers are confident that real care is being taken to find the ideal 'mike' position and that *they* don't have to fuss with timing during the ringing of the broadcast 'touch,' they should be able to concentrate on giving their very best to the listeners. There is no better start to a broadcast service than a ring of bells accurately and rhythmically struck. And let there be no doubt at all—that there is nothing whatever to be said for being ambitious in the choice of method. Rounds perfectly struck may seem to some to be letting the tower down, but they are really to be preferred for broadcasting to change ringing which would get even 75 marks out of 100. Choose something which is well within your compass and aim at the perfect performance of it.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

EXETER, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

BROOKE K. LUNN Treble	STEWART F. KIMBER 7
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	DENNIS RANDALL 8
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
ARTHUR H. REED 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 10
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	PETER BORDER 11
ALAN J. FROST 6	JOHN H. CRAMPION } Tenor
Composed by JOHN CARTER.	JAMES PHILLIPS }
	Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MICHAEL ALLMAN Treble	EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY 6
WILFRED KERR 2	GEORGE A. PACKER 7
RICHARD D. LANGEFORD 3	MALCOLM OWEN 8
DEREK HOLLAND 4	FREDK. S. SUTTON 9
JOHN E. BROUGH 5	W. FRANK STENSON Tenor
Composed by G. HAYWARD.	Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Ivor R. Nichols (a ringer at this tower) to Miss Rosalie Garratt, of Tenby, South Wales, which took place on Easter Monday.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	DEREK TAYLOR 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
NEIL BENNETT 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
TREVOR TAYLOR 4	DEREK OGDEN 9
JAMES S. WEBB 5	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bumphrey on the birth of a daughter, Jaclyn.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
VERONA NAYLOR 2	*BARNABAS G. KEY 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH 3	HOWARD HOWELL 8
*E. MARION KEY 4	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 9
BRIAN H. DAWSON 5	JOHN K. SMITH Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (No. 1).

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* 25th peal together. First of Caters as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, who are leaving Burton to live at Gnosall, Staffs. Also a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF 5059 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt.

*PATRICIA A. SIMPSON .. Treble	†WALTER TOMLINSON .. 6
*DENIS A. FRITH 2	‡CHARLES E. BROWN .. 7
*GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	*ROY STEPHENSON 8
*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 4	*W. RUSSELL READ 9
JOHN FREEMAN 5	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
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W. Tomlinson has now rung peals of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*JAMES B. MORLEY Treble	*LESLIE N. MELTON 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	FRANK A. WILLIS BETTS .. 7
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	CECIL W. PIPE 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 5	ERNEST G. PEARCE Tenor

Composed by G. J. HAWKINS.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

SYDNEY FOSKETT Treble	BRYAN PATTISON 6
*ANNE E. AMOR 2	*ROBERT L. PIRON 7
AVRIL THACKRAY 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 8
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW 9
RICHARD E. PRICE 5	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*EILEEN M. FEARN 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 6
CAROL FERNLEY 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., March 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
MRS. G. A. HALLS 3	RUSSELL J. MORRIS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

In memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Poole.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. DESMOND PAINTER .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
STUART F. KIMBER 2	DENNIS R. RANDALL 6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 3	ALICK CUTLER 7
*N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 4	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor

Composed by E. FRANCIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal of Major.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 5
MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 6
RONALD C. NOON 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
PETER KINDRED 4	A. WILLIAM BIRD Tenor

Arranged by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life and example of James Fuller White, who died on March 26th, aged 84 years, a faithful Sunday service ringer and donor of the third bell at this church. May he rest in peace.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 6
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	†GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 7
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4	*HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* 200th peal together. † First touch in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROGER MAHER .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
PATRICIA DOORN .. 3	J. BARRY PICKUP .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung for the wedding the previous day of Gordon Whewell (a ringer at this church) and Marion Brass.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5
*MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. 6
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*GRAHAM T. BALL .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Jean Eileen Cotton (younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton) and Ernest Albert Mottram, who were married at this church on Easter Monday.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of Immanuel.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. Treble	*JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 5
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. 6
*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

SHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH .. Treble	ROGER MAHER .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	KEITH ABBOTT .. 7
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

This composition, a regular seven-part, is now rung for the first time.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROY COLLINS .. Treble	DENNIS G. BLOWS .. 5
*†ELISABETH LOVELAND .. 2	JOHN KING .. 6
*SALLIE BUCHANAN .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. 7
*PETER H. LAWSON .. 4	GEORGE TALBOT .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside'.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Cross.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,664 Cambridge, 1,632 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 103 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

STEPHEN IVIN .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 5
*AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2	*ALAN J. FROST .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
JAMES H. PAILING .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN CAPSTICK .. Treble	ROLAND ECCLES .. 5
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS .. 6
JOHN BAGNALL .. 3	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 7
GEORGE BRAITHWAITE .. 4	ANNE BATTY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

Ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., April 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 5
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	RONALD G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

RUTH M. BORDER .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 6
PETER BORDER .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EILEEN FEARN .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVER .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

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DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	† GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 6
*K. PETER JONES .. 3	JOHN K. SMITH .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
 * First peal on eight bells. † First of Major in the method. First as conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. 5
*CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. 2	VERNON GREEN .. 6
ELSIE K. HART .. 3	ALICK CUTLER .. 7
PETER D. BEEDIE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
 * First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

HARRY SEAR .. Treble	JOSEPH MARKS .. 5
GEORGE E. GREEN .. 2	ROGER CADAMY .. 6
*ALBERT E. DANIELS .. 3	FREDERICK VICKERS .. 7
WILLIAM A. YATES .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
 * First peal. Roger Cadamy has now 'completed the circle' in the tower.

Rung to commemorate the 61st anniversary of Harry Sear's first peal, rung at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 11th, 1898, which was the first peal rung by the St. Mary Abbots Guild.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Single Court, and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

DENNIS SMEDLEY .. Treble	TERENCE RANDALL .. 4
*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	ALEC WILSON .. 5
*MARGARET ROSS .. 3	RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in five methods. First in five methods as conductor.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	DAVID H. BUXTON .. 4
ALAN CLARKE .. 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 5
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 8 cwt.
MISS B. J. STEVENS .. Treble	W. STEVENS .. 4
MISS P. M. STEVENS .. 2	C. TARR .. 5
C. J. STEVENS .. 3	R. WINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by C. TARR.

First peal on the bells since augmentation.

NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 six-scores Stedman, eight six-scores Plain Bob and 16 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

E. MARION KEY .. Treble	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 3
VERONA C. NAYLOR .. 2	GORDON HARRISON .. 4
BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung for the Festival of Easter by members of the St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, band, who are training the local band.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND 'ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
JAMES A. HILL .. 3	GRAHAM T. BALL .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM T. BALL.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Grimes, of Croft; also a compliment to Miss Jean Kirkman and Mr. Peter Minchin, who were married this afternoon at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SOUTHBROOM,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

ALEX. T. WEEKS .. Treble	WALTER BEAVAN .. 4
SIDNEY G. GRANT .. 2	EDWIN J. POTTER .. 5
HENRY GUMMER .. 3	JOSEPH S. WEEKS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WEEKS.

Rung for the golden jubilee of the dedication of the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
*MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2	† HAROLD A. MAY .. 5
*JOHN P. McDERMOTT .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in the method. † 225th peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of the Rev. R. Neville Moreton (Vicar of St. Chad's, Middlesbrough) and Miss Anthea Caroline Hole.

HEALEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ROGER LEIGH .. Treble	ROGER MAHER .. 4
DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 2	KEITH ABBOTT .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

ASCOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of Reverse Plain Bob, St. Bartholomew, New Doubles, Huntspill, New Antelope, New Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, Stedman Slow Course, Antelope, Union, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and 360 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

*DAVID H. WHITE .. Treble	*KEITH PRIME .. 4
MARJORIE LEGG .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
*HOWARD COLLINGS .. 3	*SYDNEY SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal in 18 methods.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.
*MARGARET A. ELSEY .. Treble *G. T. DUDLEY .. 4
R. T. E. HUBBARD .. 2 *P. IMMINS .. 5
H. KILBY .. 3 J. J. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method.

Wedding compliment to three couples married in this church during Easter.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (14 different callings). Tenor 8 cwt.
ARTHUR PALMER .. Treble FRED COOK .. 4
*JOHN FULLER .. 2 GEORGE NEWMAN .. 5
FRED READ .. 3 TOM TAPLIN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED READ.

* First peal. First on the bells.

Rung to mark the treble ringer's 21 years as secretary of the Marlborough Branch.

RIPPLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52). Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
CHARLES HAYLINGS .. Treble †DEREK PRICE .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE .. 2 GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
*BERNARD SPIERS .. 3 GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor, and completes the method from Minor to Maximus.

A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haylings, and also a compliment to David Beacham and Kitty Byron, who were married this day at Twynning, Glos.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Five callings, fifth observation.) Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).
*EDWARD J. CAVILL .. Treble *STANLEY E. PARISH .. 4
†ERIC J. FORD .. 2 JOHN J. FORD .. 5
*HENRY J. CAVILL .. 3 *EDDIE M. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. FORD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents and six 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.
E. JOHN WELLS .. Treble *JOHN L. QUEEN .. 3
EVE PEARSON .. 2 *SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4
ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. The ringer of the fourth has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.
MISS F. A. FROST .. Treble ROBERT BUTTON .. 4
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 2 SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 5
TONY OWEN .. 3 GEOFFREY DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(West Lindsey Branch.)

On Mon., April 6, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.
*MARY STAPLETON .. Treble DELIA SMITH .. 4
†PAULINE BULL .. 2 G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 5
CHARLES H. BAKER .. 3 A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods (four callings): Cambridge Surprise (2), Kent T.B. (2), Oxford T.B. (2), Plain Bob (1). Tenor 8½ cwt.
*MICHAEL KNIGHTS .. Treble CLIVE WALKLATE .. 4
†VIVIANNE CARLISLE .. 2 DENNIS CARLISLE .. 5
PETER B. KNIGHT .. 3 MICHAEL R. BLORE .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.
PAMELA J. DOLMAN .. Treble GEORGE L. ROOBBOTTOM .. 4
JOHN K. SMITH .. 2 BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
JOHN R. JOINER .. 3 *DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* 25th peal.

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On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

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Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt. (approx.).
*LEONARD MILLS .. Treble HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 4
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A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 105 methods, viz.: Laleham Little Bob, Barkham, Bisham and Dorney Alliance; Stanwell, Kempton Little Bob, Shepperton and Taplow Alliance; Stanwell, Hanworth Little Bob, Shepperton and Taplow Alliance; Clewer, Spital Little Bob, Chalvey and Thorpe Alliance; Clewer, Dedworth Little Bob, Chalvey and Moreton Alliance; Hampton, Ickenham Little Bob, Horton and Hinksey Alliance; Hampton, Northolt Little Bob, Horton and Bledlow Alliance; Ashford, Twyford Little Bob, Astleham and Lockinge Alliance; Ashford, Greenford Little Bob, Astleham and Marsworth Alliance; Reverse St. Simon's, Union, Uffington and Reverse St. Nicholas'; Reverse St. Simon's, Reverse New Bob and St. Alphege; Reverse St. Osmund, St. Julian, Datchet and Reverse St. Remigius; St. Gregory, Reverse St. Vedast and Reverse St. Osmund; Reverse St. Martin, St. Faith, Stowe and Reverse Winchendon; St. Andrew's Place, Reverse Huntspill and Reverse St. Martin; Coxwell, Stedman Slow Course, Reverse Bob and St. Botolph; Canterbury, Reverse Bob, Reverse Shipway, Reverse All Saints, St. Bartholomew and St. Sebastian; New Bob and Itchingfield; Fornett and New Bob; Chipstead, St. Vedast and Bedingham; St. Vedast and Bethnal Bob; Oakley, Huntspill and Ellingham; Huntspill, Reverse St. Edmund and Reverse Heathrow; Shipway and Tandridge; Colnbrook and Shipway; Chesham, Westminster II and Knapton; Westminster II and Cranford; St. Hilary and Ockham; Intwood and St. Hilary; Blackburn and Broughton; Lyng and Blackburn; Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; Raveningham and Reverse Canterbury; Longford, St. Nicholas and Fundenhall; St. Nicholas and Heathrow; St. Remigius, Hascombe and Harpley; Winchendon, Thornborough and Haddiscoe; Plain Bob, Candlesby and Boxford; St. Simon's, Rugby and Braywood; St. Simon's and St. Edmund's; St. Osmund's, Merion and Longworth; St. Martin's, Slapton and Welford; with 338 changes of method and no bobs used.

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On Wed., March 25, 1959, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2	ERNEST MORRIS 3—4
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B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 18 in G.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2	*FRANK C. PRICE 5—6
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*JOAN BERESFORD 3—4	*JOHN R. MAYNE 7—8
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†JOHN HILL 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' † First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

Tenor size 15 in C.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ALFRED BALLARD 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
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PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4	JOHN R. SMITH 7—8
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Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

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Mr. William Welling, of
Old Windsor, was privileged
to receive the Royal Maundy
when the Queen for the first time since the
Middle Ages distributed the Sovereign's gift of
specially minted silver coins at St. George's
Chapel, Windsor Castle. Is this the first time
that a ringer has been so honoured?

The Surrey Association have a new general
secretary. Mr. W. F. Oatway has retired from
office and his successor is Mr. R. I. F. Par-
sons, of 4, Brookside, Carshalton.

The publication of the belated peal at
Raunds last week has induced a member of the
band to remind the sender that the conductor
was Mr. Ronald C. Noon.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus,
rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, on Satur-
day, March 21st, was a memorial tribute to
James Carter, for many years leader at this
tower.

The conductor of the peal at Benfieldside,
Co. Durham, on January 20th, apologises to
Miss Frances Thornton, who rang the second.
The report in 'The Ringing World' (see page
105) unfortunately gave her a masculine appella-
tion.

The band who rang a wedding peal at
Overseale on March 31st wish to thank Mr.
and Mrs. J. W. Cotton and family for their
hospitality after the peal, and also to extend
to Mr. and Mrs. Mottram (the 'happy
couple') the best wishes of the band for their
future life.

The in memoriam peal to Mrs. Phyllis Poole
on March 23rd was rung by several of the band
who took part in her last peal before her tragic
accident a year ago. The composition, 5,056
Double Norwich, by William Willson, and the
tower, the Loughborough Bell Foundry Cam-
panile, were identical on both occasions.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Unfortunately, owing to re-
pairs to the tower, the bells
of Chelmsford Cathedral will
not be available for the annual meeting of the
Essex Association on Whit Monday. It is
hoped to make available further towers on a
geographical basis so that people visiting
Chelmsford may get a ring on their way to and
from Chelmsford.

Owing to repairs to the roof of St. Mary-the-
Virgin Church, Kelvedon, Essex, there will be
no practices before July and August. The only
ringing permitted is for Evensong on Sundays,
when visitors will be welcome.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths,
at their meeting at Shoreditch on April 11th,
decided to hold their annual dinner on Febru-
ary 6th, 1960. It will probably be at Deacon's
where the new surroundings were thought to
be quite satisfactory. Two new members elected
were Mr. F. P. Bryant (Hastings) and Mr. P.
Herring (Brookfield, Highgate).

The quarter peal at Blewbury, Berks, on
April 10th, enabled Miss Elizabeth Jackson, of
the British University Society, to score her first
quarter on eight. Also taking part was Mr.
Charles Williams, of Welshpool, who had taken
part in an attempt on a previous visit some
two years ago. Mr. Williams, who is a very
young 75-year-old, made the long journey back
to Montgomeryshire the following day by
auto-cycle.

In extending birthday wishes to Mr. J.
Elliott, of Kelvedon, his friends hope that it
will not be long before he is back ringing
again, and that he will have a speedy recovery.
He did succeed in ringing a course of Cam-
bridge on Easter Sunday after an absence,
through illness, of seven months. He was
then ringing as good as ever. With warmer
weather approaching, the band look forward
to seeing and ringing with him regularly.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The third session of the 23rd Council (62nd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1959, in the Palace Hotel, Southport, at 10 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Applications to affiliate to the Council.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Honorary Members.

Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman retire and are eligible for re-election.

2. Loss of members through death.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

4. Report of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

5. Report of the Hon. Librarian.

6. Balance sheet and accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1958.

7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

8. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following Committees—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

(a) Standing Committee.

Report on question of co-option to committees.

(b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.

(c) Broadcasting and Television Committee.

(d) Literature and Press Committee.

(e) Biographies Committee.

(f) Beginners' Handbook Committee.

(g) Sunday Service Ringing Committee.

(h) Methods Committee.

(i) Peals Analysis Committee.

(j) Peal Boards Committee.

(k) Peal Collection Committee.

(l) Records Committee.

(m) Towers and Belfries Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES

9. To amend Rule 11 (i) by deleting all after the words 'Hon. Secretary' in line 9 and substituting the words 'not later than the 31st March before the meeting.'

MOTIONS

10. (a) Proposed on behalf of the Chester Diocesan Guild by Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. A. J. Martin:—

'That in any record attempt the bells shall be clearly audible outside the tower or other building in which they are contained and that during such an attempt neither food nor drink shall be partaken of by any member of the band.'

- (b) Proposed by Mr. A. J. Pitman and seconded by Mr. G. I. Lewis:—

'That although true six-scores of Double Grandsire Doubles cannot be obtained without calls when the treble is behind as well as when it is on the front, in view of the fact that twelve-scores on the same principle as Pitman's twelve-scores of Grandsire Doubles have been obtained, Double Grandsire Doubles consisting of such twelve-scores shall be recognised by the Council.'

- (c) Proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton and seconded by Mr. H. Miles:—

'That this Council considers the organisation of courses which would cater, possibly by means of simultaneous lectures, for the needs both of more experienced and less experienced ringers, and, if in favour of such courses, begins to hold them as soon as possible.'

11. To fix the place of the next meeting.

12. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held in St. Paul's Church, Bedford, on Easter Monday.

The chairman, Miss C. Steel, opened the proceedings with apologies for absence received from Messrs. P. Mewling and S. J. Ivin. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and signed.

The statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1958, were, on the proposition of Mr. G. Amor, seconded by Mr. R. Piron, accepted.

A number of changes were made in the officers of the Association, the new general secretary being Mr. J. M. Stephens. Mr. A. C. Sinfeld was elected a vice-president as Mr. W. Stapleton wished to retire.

After much discussion for many years, it was decided to move the place of the annual meeting, 1960, to Biggleswade.

The invitation of the Hertford County Association to a joint summer festival in Hertford on June 13th next was warmly received.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. J. M. Stephens and the Dinner Committee for arranging so successful an evening.

As it had become obvious from the Association's accounts that rising costs were not being met by subscriptions, it was decided that Rule 6 be altered as follows: 'The subscription of performing members under 16 years shall be 1s. 6d.; 16 years and over, 3s. per annum, etc.'

Mr. S. Foskett, the Association's C.C. representative, stated that he would be attending the Council's next meeting at Southport.

After the meeting, tea had been organised by Miss Anne Amor in St. Peter's Hall, followed by further ringing during the evening at St. Peter's and St. Paul's.

J. W. S.

Vicar Halts A Wedding Peal Attempt

A fantastic report about a peal which came to an untimely end appeared on April 10th in the 'Slough Observer,' typical of the nonsense resulting from Press attempts to describe the activities of ringers. Great prominence is given to a wedding peal of Minor which the Vicar of Langley interrupted towards the end of the sixth 720, because he had received seven complaints from nearby residents. As the ringing was extremely good, it was a great disappointment to the performers, four Slough and two Windsor ringers.

Miss Jennifer Hussey, whose wedding it was, learned to handle a bell at Langley, a call-change tower, but, being at a local girls' high school with a Slough ringer, she sought to learn the art of change ringing with her friend, and soon learned to ring Plain Bob Major. Being also a regular chorister at Langley made it difficult to maintain an interest in both arts, so she had not done much ringing during the last two years, but now she is taking up residence in Slough it is hoped she can once again continue her change ringing progress.

As she was marrying Mr. John Bartlett, a well-known local sportsman, there was a large congregation of friends and church folk, and the reception was held in the Church Hall next door. The Vicar gave his consent for a peal attempt to be made, but as advance news of this reached the Press, two or three complaints had been lodged before the peal commenced, but the Vicar kindly allowed it to be attempted. The ringing was excellent, and several highly complimentary comments were made on it. However, the persistence of those who were

trying to stop the peal made the Vicar enter the belfry and ask, 'How much longer is this going on for?' When told 'About another half an hour,' he said, 'Can't you cut it short?' After further explanation and an expressed desire to finish it 'now we've got so far,' the Vicar left, only to return five minutes later saying his name was mud, and he was afraid something must be done. The conductor had no alternative, therefore, but to let the bells run round at the end of the sixth extent to everyone's great disappointment.

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No amount of instructing would be parsons at the theological colleges of the implications of a 'peal' can stifle determined local opposition tactics. Some good may however come from this 'storm in a teacup,' as the Vicar is now inquiring into the possibility and cost of having the louvers blocked up, which might open up the possibility of future peals at Langley which as the moment seems out of the question.

The band, whose efforts to give them a good send-off to their married life were frustrated, nevertheless wish Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett every future happiness, and thank Mr. and Mrs. Hussey for their kind hospitality. W. B.

MR. & MRS. EDWIN H. LEWIS

The whole Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Lewis, who will celebrate their golden wedding on April 29th. For longer than this Mr. Lewis has taken a leading part in many different aspects of bells and ringing—indeed, his 100th peal had been accomplished a week previously, while during the 27 years he so ably filled the office of President of the Central Council, and since, Mr. Lewis has regularly attended the Council's meetings and become equally well known up and down the country. They were married at Southwell Cathedral, where Mrs. Lewis's father was Archdeacon, her brother, the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, having been a contemporary at Cambridge of Mr. Lewis and himself a prominent member of the Council for a good many years.

Many ringers have enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Lewis's hospitality in the different places they have lived: at Frodsham in the early days; at Brasted when they returned from 'exile' in Scotland, and where 'open days' were often held, or at their present home in a very different part of Scotland. Let us hope they will continue to enjoy life in that delightful spot for many years to come.

E. A. B.

THE DILLINGTON HOUSE COURSE

The thirty-three students who assembled at Dillington House on Friday, April 3rd, were told by the Warden, Mr. Harvey Sheppard, M.A., that ringing history was being made. It was his opinion that no residential course for ringers had been held previously, and as no details of a week-end with lectures held in Essex some few years ago are to hand, it is difficult to make a comparison. Certainly there was the feeling throughout the course in Somerset that something new was being attempted, and some people felt that a long-felt need in the Exercise was being satisfied. There have been numerous 'getting-togethers' of ringers in the past: at Central Council meetings, on ringing weeks, on day outings, at dinners and at meetings. Rarely, very rarely, have ringers met together to listen, ask and learn rather than to ring.

After dinner on the first evening the course was welcomed in the lecture room by the Warden, by Mrs. E. F. Grabham and by Mr. A. York-Bramble. The Warden told us about the purpose of Dillington House. It is a College for Adult Education belonging to Somerset Education Committee, and about forty courses on such different subjects as painting and bee-keeping are held during the year. We were given some practical advice about making beds and washing up as well. Mrs. Grabham is a local ringer and she told us a little of the history behind the course. She said that at one time she had been doubtful of the outcome of the venture for which she had been so largely responsible, but the fact that the lecture room was comfortably full gave great satisfaction. She hoped everyone would think the course worth while.

Mr. York-Bramble, the Principal of the College of Campanology, first of all thanked the Warden and Mrs. Grabham for the invitation to co-operate in the undertaking. He said that the College, though not alone in being invited to participate, alone responded (he understood) with concrete, practical proposals, and these were in the programme. He hoped the course would be rather a 'con-course,' a coming-together to share the results of others' experience and, if possible, to discuss them. In regard to the programme content, it had been decided to extend the scope of the subject matter as widely as possible, so as to:—

- Provide, at this first course of its kind, something of interest for all tastes in ringing matters.
- Give some idea of the wider field of study from which, in possible successive courses, subjects might be selected in turn for study in greater detail.
- Indicate, where the subject matter itself may be quite familiar to the student, new ways of presenting the matter as from the angle of the instructor.

Mr. York-Bramble said he was sorry that Mr. Ernest Morris had been prevented by the change of date of the course from coming to give a talk on the origin and development of change ringing. He mentioned a letter of good wishes sent by Mr. Morris and other letters from well-wishers who could not attend.

A VERY FULL DAY

The time table for Saturday included five lectures and a practical session in the belfry. This was clearly a very full day, and in the end time won. The last lecture had to be cut to about half the allotted time.

The first and third lectures were given by Mr. A. York-Bramble on the subject of 'Planned Training in Elementary Ringing.' We were taken step by step through a comprehensive course which was intended to teach a learner bell-control and the rudiments of change ringing. With the practical assistance of Mrs. Grabham and a bell rope tied from a convenient height, he showed methods for teaching such things as pulling the rope straight down and what to do in an emergency. Some of the demonstrations belonging to these lectures were given in the parish church of Ilminster during the afternoon—dodging and place-making on tied bells were two examples—and the opportunity was given to everyone to have a ring on the deep-toned bells.

The second lecture, in the morning, was given by the President of the Central Council, Mr. F. Sharpe, on 'Belfry Care and Maintenance.' Our appetites had been whetted by the display of photographs, foundry marks and handbells he had made in the library, and his lecture proved to be extremely interesting. In the first part of his lecture, which was illustrated throughout, Mr. Sharpe traced the development in the shape of the bell, side-tracking occasionally to tell an interesting story about some particular bell, like Great Tom of Oxford. In the second part of the talk we were instructed on the care of our bells and their frames. Mr. Sharpe was prevented from finishing his lecture by the lack of time, which disappointed his audience, but he was able to answer some questions before dinner.

Before the afternoon session began, the course assembled on the lovely lawn for numerous photographs to be taken, Mrs. Grabham was keen to take one of handbell ringing, so Mr. Sharpe obliged by producing twenty-six, and these were rung to rounds and the first change of 'twenty-six in.' There was no 'time' for the second change!

Mr. R. F. B. Speed, B.A., gave us an informed lecture on conducting. He told us, to start with, when in the ringing to call the bobs and singles, and secondly, and in some detail, how to check the correctness of a touch or peal by coursing order. There were too many questions to be answered immediately after this talk, so during the evening session almost an hour was given up to a question and answer session, a change in the programme which proved valuable. It was not until about 9 p.m. that Mr. York-Bramble began the first of his two lectures on 'The Technology and Theory of Method Structure.' The speaker had of necessity to prune his lecture drastically. He soon realised the general level of knowledge of his audience and gave us a detailed exposition on the structure of the most simple methods, beginning with the six changes on three bells. This sort of explanation is rarely made, but it would seem essential knowledge for everyone interested in method ringing. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m., but the interest aroused by the lecturer was illustrated by the number of people who questioned him at that hour of the night.

Many people took part in the Eucharist at 8 a.m., at Ilminster, and some joined the local ringers in the tower and rang for a Eucharist at 9 a.m. At 9.50 a.m. a short service was held in the lecture room. The Rev. M. C. C. Melville, who is chaplain to the College of Campanology, conducted it and gave a brief but instructive address, which many appreciated.

After the service, Mr. York-Bramble was able to continue his discourse on Method Structure, and it fitted well with Mr. Speed's talk on 'Composition,' where the in-and-out-of-course of changes was described and used. Mr. Speed dealt chiefly with composing and proving touches and peals of Plain Bob Major.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Before lunch the Warden presided over a concluding meeting, when he thanked the lecturers and Mrs. Grabham for their advice and assistance. He gave everyone the opportunity to comment on the course, and two constructive criticisms were made. The first was that there should be more practical work; the second that some lectures might be given simultaneously, one lecture for more advanced, the other for less advanced students. The Warden pointed out the financial difficulty involved in this latter suggestion, but welcomed it for consideration. He hoped further courses would be held, some possibly at Dillington House, but perhaps of a different nature than this first experiment. Mr. York-Bramble's words of thanks to the Warden were acclaimed.

It was generally thought to be a valuable week-end. Not only were we made very comfortable externally and internally by Mrs. Sheppard, the Domestic Bursar, but we were stimulated mentally, and this, some would say, is the chief task of the teacher. While some people might, and did, quibble about a certain method of instruction or about generalisations on 'Q sets,' no one would disagree about major issues. The opportunity was given for opinion to be expressed and for opinion to be enlightened. Most, if not all, of the thirty-three students returned to their eighteen different counties satisfied, happy and hopeful of future courses.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday and about 50 ringers attended. The service, which was held in the Parish church, was conducted by the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild.

At the business meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. Officers elected for 1959 were: Mr. G. C. Woodley, chairman; Mr. F. H. Parr, vice-chairman; Mr. W. Webb, secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. D. J. Webb, assistant secretary; Mr. C. C. Turner, Ringing Master; Mr. F. H. Parr, Mr. P. Davis and Mr. C. J. Turner, representatives on the general committee.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Honiton on Easter Monday, 1960. Nineteen new members were elected and certificates were presented by Preb. E. V. Cox to Miss J. Real, Miss Kristina Shepard and Arthur W. Sage.

In his report the secretary said there was an increase in membership during 1958, there now being 117 performing members and two honorary members; he also said that the Branch was still in a very sound financial position.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SEARCH FOR GOOD MUSIC

Dear Sir,—The mention in a recent article of the inhibitions of composers regarding the use of Singles leads me to wonder whether another such inhibition could be responsible for a phenomenon that to me, and possibly to other comparative newcomers to our art, seems quite inexplicable.

It is this: one's first acquaintance with 8-bell ringing is probably through the medium of call changes. One becomes accustomed to the sound of well-known changes such as Whittington's and Queen's, with their characteristic -468s, and comes to expect the 7th to be moved down to make way for the musical descending thirds so typical of this mode of ringing. When one progresses to Grandsire Triples the same familiar changes are met again, as the part-ends of touches. But on learning to ring Major, one soon realises that these changes are no longer to be heard. The 7th is kept exclusively behind the tenor, with the 6th home as frequently as possible.

Why, I asked myself, should this be? Fearing some technical difficulty, I began to experiment on paper with touches of Plain Bob Major containing course-ends, with -2468, -3468 or -7568 behind, and found that the tenors could quite easily be parted and brought together without any outstandingly unmusical leads, and (I hope) without falseness. The quarter peal below is the sort of touch to which I am referring:—

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Why are such course-ends so seldom used in peal ringing? Apart from a few peals of Double Norwich by Nolan Golden, almost all compositions of Major keep the tenors together throughout, at least at the course-ends, and of 55 quarter-peal compositions in the Ringer's Notebook and Diary only two have the tenors parted, these for some reason being tucked away among 'Miscellaneous Callings'.

It may be that I am rushing in where the angels of the Exercise have good reason for fearing to tread. If so, I would be grateful to anyone who could explain where my ideas are in error. But at the moment it seems to me that much good music in Major ringing is as yet unexploited.—Yours truly,

Beccles, Suffolk. **TERENCE G. PAGE.**

KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Knebworth Surprise Major is marked in Corrigan's Collection (second edition) as having a clean proof scale. This is not correct. False courses are 24365, 53624 and 65432 (groups b and K).

Bushey Heath.

C. W. WOOLLEY.

WILL CRITICS PLEASE NOTE!

Dear Sir,—At its annual meeting on April 8th the Guild of Clerical Ringers unanimously agreed to the following resolution, which I was asked to communicate to you:—

'That this Guild views with concern the practice of publishing expressions of personal grievance in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World,' and requests the Editor to exercise more care to preserve a Christian spirit between personalities in the Exercise.'

Yours faithfully,

J. H. B. ANDREWS.

Chittlehampton Vicarage,
Devon.

THE ANCIENT BELL OF EVERCREECH

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Sanger's account of the above bell, which is stated to be 500 years old, but seeing it was cast circa 1530 this can hardly be correct. Its founder (Thomas Gefferies) was certainly founding in Bristol during that period, and as his business was from 1508 to 1546, the estimated date of 1530 would be as near history can take us. Can Mr. Sanger help in giving us some information regarding the gap of some 70 years?

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the many visitors who attended the annual meeting of the above Guild on Easter Monday at Huntingdon, I should like to thank Messrs. W. J. Ridgman, H. S. Peacock and all officials concerned, for the excellent arrangements they made to ensure that everyone spent a happy day. The directions of how to get to the eleven towers open, neatly set out in type, and handed out by Harold Peacock, were much appreciated.

At the end of tea, and before the business meeting started, visitors were told that they could leave the hall if they wished and ring at the three local towers. A very sensible suggestion, of which many visitors availed themselves.

Thank you, Ely D.G., for a grand day.—
Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking.

Twyford (Berks) Outing

Twyford ringers and friends from neighbouring towers had a very successful outing on Easter Monday. Towers visited were Lewknor, Thame, Long Crendon, Twyford (Bucks), Launton (a handy six much appreciated by the younger members) and Bicester (a fine eight, where remarkably well-struck Grandsire and Siedman Triples were the highlights of the day's ringing).

A visit to Ambrosden concluded a very pleasant day. We were met at every tower (many thanks to the local towerkeepers) and managed to keep on time, and occasionally a little before time, all day.

H. S.

MEMORIAL CROSS AT MEASHAM

A processional cross, a gift of the three sons of a former Vicar of Measham, Leicestershire, was recently dedicated at Measham Parish Church by one of the sons.

The cross, of inlaid silver on an ebony staff, was in memory of the late Rev. John R. King, Vicar of Measham 1924-1943, and of his wife, the late Mrs. E. J. King. The Rev. J. R. King, who died just over a year ago, was a keen ringer and closely associated himself with the belfry during the nineteen years of his incumbency.

The service of dedication was taken by Rev. Canon A. King, Rector of Bradfield, Sheffield. His two brothers, who were present at the service and read the lessons, are Dr. John King, of Blackpool, and Mr. Alfred King, of Bury.

Preceding the service, the bells of St. Laurence's were rung to a 720 Bob Minor at the wish of Canon A. King and by ringers closely associated with the late Rev. J. R. King: G. W. Ridgway 1, Canon A. King 2, F. G. Bailey 3, P. W. Grice 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, W. H. Curson 6. Mr. J. W. Cotton was a member of the bands that rang in the three peals of the Rev. J. R. King.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the Kettering Branch was held at the pleasant six-bell tower of Isham on April 11th. Some well-struck touches of Minor were rung in at least eight methods, but, due no doubt to the absence of the Branch Ringing Master, Original was *not* on the schedule!

The Rector, the Rev. G. Carnell, conducted the Guild office—the last time the old form will be used—and gave an address on the text 'One Fold and one Shepherd.' Mr. Peter Fox was the organist.

Tea was served in the parish hall to about 20 members, and was an excellent spread. A short business meeting followed tea, presided over by Canon Turner. Four new members from Cranford were elected to membership.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Dingley on July 25th, and practice meetings at Burton Latimer, Rushton and Warkton, subject to suitable permission and arrangements.

S. R. C.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major were rung at the Society's meeting at Harthill on April 4th.

Everyone enjoyed the tea provided by the local ladies in the Church Hall, and during the business meeting Mr. Thomas Lee was presented with a new pipe and pouch packed with tobacco, a gift from the Society as a token of appreciation for his 50 years of service in recording the peals rung for the Society. Mr. Lee said that he had found the task very interesting as it had enabled him to follow the careers of many well-known local ringers.

After the business meeting the ringers transferred to the eight-bell tower of South Anston, where ringing was resumed.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at Dronfield on May 2nd.

S. C.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. A. J. Pitman Hears His Scientific Triples

HONOURED guests at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on April 11th, were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pitman, who had made the journey from Cheltenham to hear a tape recording of the peal of Scientific Triples, the great ringing achievement during the year.

Mr. Pitman expressed his pleasure at hearing the recording and congratulated the ringers, 'I never thought they would ring it so well,' he said. 'I have heard about seven courses, and to my mind it is the most tricky and difficult thing ever done in Triples. I have had a bit of experience in that class of composition, and I might explain that there are 168 divisions with 30 changes in each.'

Mr. Pitman said he rang his first peal of Cambridge for the Association just over 20 years ago.

Later in the evening four members of the band stood up to receive the personal congratulations of the company.

The meeting, which was held in the Church Hall following the service and tea, was presided over by the President, the Rev. G. C. Taylor. Supporting him were the secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock, and other officers.

The company stood in remembrance of the following members who had died since the last A.G.M.: E. J. Butler (Colchester), G. F. Carter (Welwyn Garden City), T. J. Fowler (Crookham), E. R. Gladman (Heston), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), H. Knight (Wolverhampton), J. G. MacDougal (Hornchurch), J. L. Morris (Orpington), W. J. Paice (Wokingham), Mrs. M. Shurcliff (Boston, U.S.A.), B. H. Swinson (Jersey) and J. Thomas (Hinton-on-the-Green).

71 NEW MEMBERS

Mr. J. T. Lock, presenting the annual report, stated 71 new members had been elected, eight comprising the new band of St. John-the-Baptist, Hackney. This band had been instructed by D. Neal, Upper Clapton, who by his excellent training produced ringers up to sufficient standard for them to take charge of their new ring of bells.

During the year 209 quarter peals were rung in 35 towers, also three half-peals. This total included two quarter peals of Grand sire Triples rung for the Harvest Festival services by two separate bands at Heston, all being local members attached to the tower.

Fifty-six peals were rung on tower bells and one peal 'in hand', the outstanding performance being the extent of Scientific Triples, rung for the first time by a young band at the first attempt. Surprise Major methods rung to peals for the first time were Chelsea, Chiswick, Clacton, Hampshire, Highgate, Hornsey, Ickenham, Kilburn, Monmouth, Northwood and Wiltshire. Also peals of Berkeley Delight Minor and Wealdstone Little Surprise Major were first ever performances.

The first peal on the augmented eight at Stamford Hill was rung by the local band, whilst Hillingdon and Southgate also rang peals by their own Sunday service ringers. A peal in five Doubles methods at Stanwell was rung by a band with an average age of 15 years. The first 'Donald' peal was rung for the Association. J. R. Mayne had now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

NEW RINGS OF BELLS

One augmentation, at Feltham, had been completed and dedicated, and T. Price was to be congratulated upon his achievement in raising the money and doing so much of the work by himself by designing, constructing and erecting the frame for the two new treble bells. New rings of bells had been provided at St. John-the-Baptist, Hackney, and St. Clement Danes. R. I. Shepherd deserves thanks for his

successful work at Staines, where the bells of St. Mary's were rung more regularly. Towers where ringing was indefinitely suspended include Harrow-on-the-Hill, Hornsey and Pinner.

Mr. J. R. Mayne, seconding the adoption, pointed out that Mr. T. J. Lock had also during the year completed 100 Surprise Major peals.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow presented the accounts. The Bell Restoration Fund had £32 10s. 5d. in hand, grants of £5 5s. each having been made to Feltham and St. Mary's, Upper Clapton. The Central Fund had a balance of £192 2s. 7d. It was decided that any two of the three trustees' signatures be required on cheques.

The Dinner Sub-Committee elected were Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. H. Kilby, C. H. Neil, E. J. Lock and Mrs. Hart.

Officers elected were: President, Rev. G. C. Taylor; Master, Mr. T. Price; secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Mr. J. R. Mayne; treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; librarian, Mr. G. A. Parsons; trustees, Messrs. A. Cutter, F. W. Goodfellow and T. J. Lock; auditor, Mr. E. Hodgson.

A recommendation from the Central Committee that Messrs. A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles be elected vice-presidents was rejected, but Messrs. W. H. Coles and W. N. Genna were elected hon. life members. This honour was conferred on Mr. A. W. Coles 20 years ago.

Elected new members were Mr. Keith Randall (Ealing), Miss P. Martin, Miss J. Saunders and Mr. M. Pavitt (Kingsbury) and Mr. A. R. Mann (Newmarket) non-resident life member.

ALL SAINTS', EDMONTON

After discussion, the meeting decided to make a grant of 15 guineas to All Saints', Edmonton, where £3,000 is required for tower restoration, the recasting of two bells and general overhaul, and the provision of a new frame. Towards this, £1,630 had been raised. They hoped to get the bells back from the White-chapel Foundry by the summer.

The next annual meeting is to be held in the Master's Tower, Feltham, with Staines as an alternative.

Mr. W. H. Coles called the members' attention to the passing of Mr. Jim Lewis, of Feltham, and it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to his widow.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Springford), assisted by the Rev. W. A. Bevis (curate), was beautifully sung by a special choir, and included an anthem by Byrd, sung unaccompanied. The President preached. They were thanked, as was Mr. D. D. T. Smith for local arrangements, Mrs. Smith and her helpers for the excellent tea, and Mr. Michael Moreton for providing the tape recording of the peal of Scientific Triples.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Barnsley and District Society held their monthly meeting at Wragby, near Wakefield, on April 11th, twelve towers being represented. It was decided to hold the contest for the shield at St. Leonard's, Wortley, near Sheffield, on June 13th, which would be open to anyone, and the Hoylandswaine Cup on September 12th, 1959, at Hoylandswaine, for those within twelve miles' radius of Barnsley. Another proposition was to try to hold the Potter dinner again on October 24th. The next meeting would be at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, on May 9th.

A vote of thanks was given by Mr. John W. Moxon for the use of the bells, and to Mr. John Brewon and local company for making all arrangements, and to the ladies for providing cups of tea free of charge. The Vicar responded.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden on April 4th and was attended by over 50 ringers, representing 17 towers, including visiting ringers from Barrow-on-Humber and Derby. The Vicar gave the address and acted as organist at the service.

After tea in the Church Hall, Mr. A. E. Sellers, the vice-president, presided at the business meeting, at which six new members were elected—Misses Angela Guy, Jane Wilkinson and Valerie Wilson, of Selby Abbey, and Messrs. Howard Sandham and Robin Rawson, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, and Ian N. Goldthorpe, of Kirk Ella.

Beverley Minster was proposed as the next place of meeting. A lengthy discussion took place about the suggested alterations to rules of the Association, and the overwhelming opinion was that the name of the Association should remain as at present and that nothing should be done to lower the standard of ringing.

After the usual votes of thanks the Vicar welcomed the Association to Howden where, he remarked, they would always receive a warm welcome. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. F. Mason, of Cottingham, who had recently passed away.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Sutton Coldfield on April 4th. The members were met by the Rector (Canon J. H. Boggan), who welcomed the ringers to Sutton Coldfield, and afterwards attended the tea and meeting.

It was a pleasure to meet Mr. William Anker, looking so well and apparently completely recovered from a recent serious operation. Until recently, when he was succeeded by his son, Mr. Anker served as head ringer at Sutton for many years, and though the eight bells sometimes go heavily, it is no reflection on the care bestowed upon them, but can be accounted for by the condition of the old wooden frame in which they hang.

Three young ringers of Aston Parish Church were elected members—Donald Finnemore, David Ingram and Maurice Ingram—the two last named being proposed by their father, Mr. Richard C. Ingram. Mr. Andrew N. Stubbs, of Handsworth, Mr. Alan J. Collins and Mr. Alex Simpson were also elected, and the tower election, as a life member, of Mr. John H. Allen, of Wolverhampton, was duly ratified.

The next meeting will be held at Packwood on July 4th.

BECKENHAM, KENT

For business reasons, Mr. Dennis Brown has been obliged to give up the post of Ringing Master at St. George's, Beckenham, Kent. The Rector has asked Mr. Percy Cave, late Ringing Master of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, to take over, and he has agreed to do so.

Since leaving Liverpool just under three years ago, Mr. Cave's ringing activities have been severely curtailed owing to the many other calls on his time, but lately he has been a regular attender at St. George's and has been helping Mr. Brown with the young band there.

It is an uphill task, but local ringers from other towers are providing willing assistance. Any ringer in the vicinity of Beckenham on Thursday evenings (7.45 to 9), or on Sundays (10.30 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m.) will receive a warm welcome if they care to come up and lend a helping hand.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 29th. 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Hall 1, W. Holland 2. A. F. Knights 3, B. Hill 4, J. Lilleker 5, L. E. Boam 6, R. Hall 7, D. Holland (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

DEDICATION OF NEW SUFFOLK SIX

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK

THE Church of St. Andrew, Marlesford, had four bells before about 1900, when a fifth was added and hung above the other four. During practice in January, 1957, the latest bell fell from its mountings and crashed on to the fourth below. This occurrence precipitated a general overhaul and the adding of a new treble to make a ring of six.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This, with incidental tower work (a new floor under the bells, etc.) by a local builder, Mr. Scott Youngman, who had a local ringer, Mr. Henry J. Vince, as his labourer, has cost about £1,350 and, of this, about £600 has been raised so far.

The bells are now in a metal frame several feet lower in the tower than they were, but they have now been heard at a certain crossroad where they had not been heard before.

There were four bells here in 1553, but no mention of any in a certificate dated November 4th, 1547. Dove gives the tenor weight as 10 cwt. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank now give it as over 9 cwt.

The present overhaul afforded the opportunity of having the 1900 bell recast, as it was out of tune.

The Rt. Rev. Harold Morris, Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, performed the dedication ceremony at a service on April 2nd. It was in the evening—dark and foggy—and, had it not been for the ringing of the tenor as the tolling-in bell, the writer might well have been late because the village and its approaches have a number of small road junctions which can confuse one who is not familiar with them.

The church was just about full, and the Vicar (Rev. Walter Gorin) conducted the service. The lessons were read by Mr. J. S. Schreiber (Vicar's warden) and Mr. G. R. Finch (chorister and bell-ringer). Mr. William Hughes, of the bell-founders' firm, was present when Mr. Finch handed a bell rope to Mr. L. A. Woolnough (people's warden). The two wardens then held their ropes, in turn, to the Bishop for the dedication of the new bell and the rededication of the other five.

KEENNESS IN DIOCESE

The Bishop in his address said bell restorations were much appreciated by the diocesan authorities. An advisory body exists to see that only things which are worthy shall be put in the churches of the diocese. This body was very keen on tower and bell restorations, and Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston, a member of this body, has inspected a large number of the churches—a wonderful piece of work—and he hopes to inspect all of them in time.

The Bishop said his memory went back to his returning to England from the mission field when a schoolboy, and hearing England's church bells, so different from the gong—an iron on a tripod struck with another piece of iron or a stick—used to summon people to worship in many foreign lands. And recently he had lived this all over again when a small niece had come to England from Southern Rhodesia: she was thrilled with the English church towers and thrilled again when the bells rang on the first Sunday she was here.

Speaking of amplifying recorded bells from towers and saying how the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, could so sound forth from a tower away in the north of England, he said: 'A little bit phoney, isn't it? Not quite like your own church bells. I should hate to see them normally in our lovely old parish churches. Also, there is a danger with recorded bells apparatus. In one case some choir boys, usually so good, put on a rock 'n' roll record which sounded from the tower!'

Some people take ringers and bells for granted. Fortunately, we have a Guild of ringers who help out in various parishes—a real service to God, just as much as the churchwardens, the lay reader, the choir and, he might say, sometimes the clergyman himself. He found that, in general, ringers were devoted Christian people. He ended by saying: 'Thank-you for what you have done to add to the beauty of your old parish church, and to all who have done the work, including your own local craftsman.'

The collection was for the bells and came to £5 10s. Ringers were there from the District up to 20 miles away, and one, Mr. Urban Wildney, was there from Essex—a much longer journey.

Before the congregation dispersed they met in the Village Hut near the church for refreshments arranged by the Parochial Church Council. A little ringing took place that night, but the following Saturday was to be the ringers day for a real try-out.

CLAUDE RUSH.

WALKINGTON, YORKS

The Church of All Hallows, Walkington, now boasts a ring of six bells. During the last 12 months, the villagers have given £1,500 to enable the church's three old bells to be recast and three new ones to be added.

The dedication service was held on March 12th, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of the East Riding, the Rev. F. E. Ford, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Haw, Vicar of St. John's, Newland, Hull.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN

A very successful meeting of the Northern Section was held at Llanelly, Breconshire, in beautiful spring sunshine, at which some 20 members took part in ringing under the instructions of the Ringing Master, Mr. John Williams, of Swansea.

The Guild service was taken by the Rector, Canon D. Parry Jones, who welcomed the ringers after a lapse of a number of years. Many thanks were expressed to the Mothers' Union for providing such an excellent tea. At the business three new life members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Llangatock. The collection for the restoration fund amounted to £1 6s. 6d.

G. P. D.

OUTING

SWINDON AND DISTRICT

For the Easter Monday tour Swindon ringers chose the Salisbury area. At about 8 o'clock on Easter Monday three cars holding 16 ringers set out for Enford, where the lovely ring of six was put to good use. Next came Netheravon where, after a rather shaky climb for certain members of the band, some good touches were rung on the mellow ring of six. Then came Fittleton, where after having to 'break in' some good ringing was produced on these light bells. Unfortunately Durnford had to be cancelled, so the party made their way to Wilton (another light six) where, although several good touches came round, several pennies had to be paid into the 'punishment box.'

After reviving ourselves we proceeded to Chilmark, where we were joined by two more ringers and wives. After a rather shaky start by the ladies some good ringing was produced by the men on those beautiful but hard-going bells. Ringing followed at Zeals and Heytesbury. Tea and a so-called game of cricket followed before going to Wylve (the first five of the day), where Spliced Doubles were rung. The last tower of the day was Chitterne (All Saints'), where a dedication course of Reverse All Saints finished our tour. Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Kent, Cambridge, and Spliced Kent and Oxford, Cambridge and Beverley, London and Wells, Reverse All Saints, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

Our thanks to all tower captains and incumbents, and to Mr. A. Peake (the organiser) for his work. L. L.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Templecombe, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 4217

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Bollington (8), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4197

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Heanor, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 4219

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Childswyckham (6), April 25th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4228

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. 4152

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 25th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Sec. 4224

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
OF CHANGE RINGERS

Reminder!
Annual General Meeting at
TODMORDEN
April 25th, 1959

All towers have been circulated.
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Windsor (8), Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. 4127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 4212

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Notts, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Good attendance, please.—P. C. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 4208

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at South Benfleet, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 4215

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting, Stonham Aspal, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4214

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special business to discuss.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4194

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD (Northern District). — Practice meeting, St. Mary-at-Bow East, Wednesday, April 29th, 6.30-8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 4250

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice, Burton Latimer (8), 7.30-9 p.m., Friday, May 1st. 4264

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos., accommodation being limited. — John Chilcott. 4045

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Shelley (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Please bring own sandwiches. Bells again after business meeting until late evening. 4247

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Biddenham (6), Saturday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Steel, King's Close, Biddenham, Bedford. — R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec. 4275

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hedon, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by April 30th, to Mr. C. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon. 4226

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Studley on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. J. Perkins, 46, Toms-Town Lane, Studley, Warks. 4257

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Great Totham (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 4192

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Awre, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea and local transport, apply: Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham 235. 4249

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, May 2nd, St. Matthew's (8), Kingsdown, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m.—A. Bennett. 4246

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Merrow, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. It is hoped to have Clandon available after tea. Please send numbers for tea by previous Thursday to Miss V. Bundy, 1, The Firs, Mount Browne, Sandy Lane, Guildford. 4223

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kingston District.—Meeting, Old Radnor, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea, early, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 4238

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4243

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Gravelley, May 2nd, 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Special method. London Scholars' Pleasure.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4227

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 2nd, Hadlow. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Thursday, April 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4213

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe on May 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (free). Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than April 29th. Miss Parkinson, 20, St. Mary Street, Clitheroe. No names, no tea.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Upholland, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by May 30th, Mr. P. Ashcroft, 6, Edge Hall Road, Orrell, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 4269

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Scorton, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea 4.30 (approx.). Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—R. F. Eccles. Branch Sec. 4270

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Leeds Parish Church (10) on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Friday, 1st, to Mr. I. Slack, 47, Sunroyd Hill, Horbury.—D. Thorp. Hon. Sec. 4233

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Groby, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, April 28th, to Mr. J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 4229

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Launton, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by Monday, April 27th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 4262

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4239

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent.—J. Seager, Sec. 4256

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Hickling (5), Saturday, May 2nd. 2.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vicarage. Evening, Cropwell Bishop, 5.45 p.m. Names for tea must be sent not later than Thursday, April 30th to Mr. S. Adams. 54, Widford Road, Ruddington. 4237

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Saxmundham (ringing after tea), Saturday, May 2nd. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by Thursday, April 30th, to A. R. Bridges. 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston, Dis. Sec. (Phone 284.) 4254

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Ringwood, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the Avon Hotel. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. W. Cheater. 43, Addison Square, Ringwood. 4272

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Annual Ringing Service, Sunday, May 3rd, 6.15 p.m. Ringing at 4.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—C. D. Launder. Hon. Sec. 4232

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dawlish, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Teignmouth 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by May 6th, to Branch secretary, West Teignmouth bells available in evening. 4248

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea at the Red Cow Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4260

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Bentley, May 9th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bus from Brentwood (20 min. service). Brentwood bells (8) will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss L. Doone, 28, Harewood Road, Bishops Hall Estate, Brentwood. 4258

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential, by previous Tuesday, to Miss Loveland, Cleeve, Maybury Hill, Woking, Surrey. 4252

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 5th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead.—J. Good, Dis., Sec. 4190

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Trent Branch).—Combined meeting, Ospringe, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please) to Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham, Kent, not later than Wednesday, May 6th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4236

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 9th, at Waltham-on-the-Wolds. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Schoolrooms. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. C. Matthews, 18, Council Houses, Waltham-on-the-Wolds. 4259

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey, Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Owston bells at night.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4261

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fees of 15 Societies have not yet been received. Secretaries are reminded that, under Rule 7, such fees become payable on January 1st each year, and those concerned are requested to forward the amounts due without delay.

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

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Butterwick, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea, Church Hall 4.45. Names for tea by Monday, May 4th, certain, to Mr. A. Mills, 8, Upsall Road, Butterwick, near Boston. 4255

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Brooke on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 5th, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—F. C. W. Philippo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4234

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) at Rothwell on Saturday, May 9th. Committee meeting in the Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rt. Rev. W. H. Stewart, C.B.E., D.D. (Rector of Cottesmore). Tea 5 p.m. in the Labour Hall, Rushton Road. Tickets at 3s. each (C.W.O.) to be obtained not later than May 2nd from Mr. M. Colman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell, Kettering, Northants. Towers open for ringing: Kettering, 2 to 3 p.m.; Rothwell, 2 to 4, 6.30; Desborough, 11 to 1, 7; Isham, 12 to 2; Cranford, 11 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3, 6.30; Corby, 1 to 3; Weldon, 1 to 3, 6.30; Warkton, 11 to 1, 6.30; Geddington, 11 to 1, 6.30; Barton Seagrave, 1 to 3, 6.30; Pytchley, 11 to 1, 6.30; Orlingbury, 12.30 to 3 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 4206

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Hoar Cross, May 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Accommodation for tea strictly limited and will be reserved only for the first 50 names.—Fred Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath, Pattingham, near Wolverhampton. Telephone: Claverley 309. 4263

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Assington (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45.—R. J. Seabrook. 4253

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Burstow (6) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Outwood (4) will be available from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Oak Tree Cafe, Keepers Corner, price 3s. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. L. W. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield. No names, no tea.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 4240

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton, Saturday, May 9th. Ringing: St. Nicholas' after meeting. Good Shepherd 2.30 to 4 p.m., St. Peter's 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Union Hall, 3s. per head. Individual names to Gen. Sec. by Wednesday, May 6th.—R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 4241

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Selby Abbey on May 9th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 4.10 p.m. and again after the meeting. Service in the Chancel at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea (2s. 9d. per head) in Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Names for tea by the 7th to Miss Barbara Hall, 57, Brook Street, Selby. Subscriptions are now due, and reports for 1958 will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4231

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting at Southport on Saturday, May 16th. Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Tea, price 3s., by ticket only. Please send cash and stamped addressed envelope to Miss M. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, by May 11th. No ticket, no tea! Bells available as for Central Council members. 4271

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 18th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost; address by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. Annual general meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea, coffee, etc., available from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. Tea at a running buffet from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. The following towers will be available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5), and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6). Lunch and tea tickets (stamped addressed envelope, please), from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Tea and lunch tickets 6d. extra if not purchased prior to the meeting. 4266

OBITUARY

MR. W. D. SMITH

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. William David Smith, who was belfry captain of St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, until 1939. He also served the church in other capacities, including churchwarden. His son is now captain of the tower.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Jackson 1, R. G. Morris 2, G. Bowen 3, D. Morris 4, J. Slater 5, A. D. Cook 6, G. Evenden (cond.) 7, J. Stanier 8. Rung on the back eight as a wedding compliment to David Beacham and Kitty Bryan, both members of the Cathedral band, who were married at Twynning the previous day.

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OCKHAM, SURREY.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): B. Priestley 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss H. Pugh 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): Judith M. Gwilt 1, Pamela M. Turner (first in three methods) 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 3, R. E. Tallis (cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes (first in three methods away from tenor) 5, Vivienne A. Neal 6. For Matins.

SELLY OAK, WARWICKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss B. Powell 1, Miss B. Monk 2, J. Boylin 3, J. Pinfold 4, H. J. Turner 5, C. Parker 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, A. Westwood 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8. Rung by Sunday service band.

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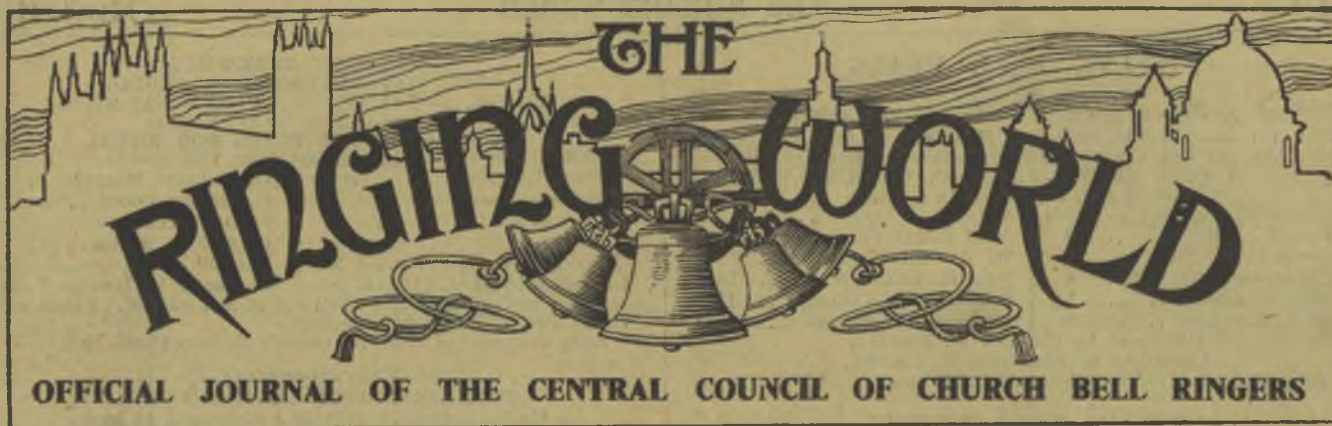
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PROFESSOR DODGE

An exclusive interview by our Special Correspondent.

A wide range of subjects was covered, and although we shall be unable to include them all, we feel sure that those mentioned here will be of particular interest to many of our readers.

H.C.: I heard your investigations on the Interest Factor described by one ringer as 'Tripe!'. Have you any comment to make on this?

D.: Only that it is impossible to please everybody. Pre-conceived notions, like bad habits, once formed are difficult to eradicate, and any person who attempts to do this is deemed either a fool or a liar. I am, I hope, neither.

H.C.: Are you in agreement with the suggestion that a charge should be made for peals published in 'The Ringing World'?

D.: No! It would result in less peals being rung. You yourself, for instance, could not afford to ring more than one peal every three years if the charge was more than 3d. a rope. Moreover, some peals would remain unpublished; all of which would cut down the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

H.C.: Have you, then, any alternative suggestion for improving the circulation?

D.: Yes, several.

H.C.: Would you be kind enough to give one?

D.: Certainly. Each Society, or at least each one that is affiliated to the C.C., could have one meeting a year set aside for the distribution of extra copies of the 'R.W.' These could be ordered in advance from the Editor (say ten or 20 copies) by some responsible person who would undertake to sell them to non-subscribers. No one could cavil at 6d. per annum, and many young ringers would receive, perhaps where the Society could afford it, their first copy free, and therefore be encouraged to become regular subscribers.

H.C.: It sounds feasible.

D.: All my ideas are! It may even be possible to persuade the Editor, on occasions, to publish certain items of news or interest connected with a particular Society when he knew it was its distribution day.

H.C.: Wouldn't that entail extra work for the Editor?

D.: Not necessarily. It would mean holding back the report of a meeting, or some item of news or an article or letter, one or two weeks. I wouldn't like to think that any idea of mine caused the Editor any extra work.

H.C.: What do you think of the new publication of the C.C., 'An Elementary Handbook for Beginners'?

D.: The photographs of Mr. W. F. Moreton are very good! The book is worth 1s. in order to possess these reproductions of this very fine ringer and teacher. The girl looks intelligent; I am afraid, therefore, that she is doomed to become a good ringer and so waste the best years of her life. Some lady ringers, however, are sensible enough to secure a handsome ringing husband—and most male ringers are handsome—and so combine most happily the joys of ringing and wringing.

H.C.: How do you rate the marriage mart in ringing circles as compared with other forms of time-wasting activity?

D.: The hazards are neither greater nor smaller. Some frustration must be taking place, otherwise a certain advertisement would not appear week by week in the 'R.W.'

H.C.: What is your opinion of the remainder of the book?

D.: It is a useful companion to Snowdon's 'Ropesight,' and embraces many things in small compass. I like particularly Part I, Section 2, on 'Learning to handle a bell,' and Part IV (brief and succinct), on 'The Duties of a Ringer.' Armed with these two books most learners would succeed in spite of well-intentioned instructors.

H.C.: Have you any comment to make on anything that has attracted your attention of late?

D.: Yes! I have noticed that there have been several peals of Minor during the last 12 months or so, rung in order to be able to claim the first peal in a given method. Now peals of Minor in single methods are all right for those incapable of ringing anything else; indeed, some ringers lack opportunity, or desire, to learn more than one, and 'first pealers' frequently ring one method; but acknowledged experts should make a point of ringing at least seven different methods.

H.C.: I don't see anything wrong in these peals.

D.: Oh, there's nothing wrong, but many old Minor ringers would have disdained ringing a peal of Minor in one method in order to claim a 'first in the method.' I think it was George Bolland who attempted to introduce a rule into the Yorkshire Association that any peal of Minor in less than seven methods should not be recognised or printed in the report! Now, of course, this measure is going to extremes, but I can well imagine that the comments of ringers of George Bolland's class, on the peals I have mentioned, would be unprintable. **H. CHANT.**

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

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G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 10
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Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

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ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 4	EDMUND MALIN .. 10
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J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 6	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY T. HEMMING.

* 125th peal. First touch of Cinques as conductor.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C sharp.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 3	*J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 10
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. 11
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 6	†WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † 700th peal.

Rung on the 32nd anniversary of the 17,824 Oxford T.B. Major at Heptonstall, Yorks, conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins.

TEN BELL PEALS

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

ANN BARR .. Treble	*GRAHAM T. BALL .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 2	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 8
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 4	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 9
ALFRED BALLARD .. 5	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY (No. 24).

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal on ten bells. First of Surprise in the tower.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.
*JOAN BERESFORD .. Treble	*N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 6
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	*JOHN HILL .. 7
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 8
†MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 4	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 9
*BRIAN BLADON .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. † First of Royal. ‡ 200th peal. First of London Surprise Royal in the county, and for the Association.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the Church of St. Francis, daughter church of this parish.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicolas.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*HENRY LAWRENSON .. Treble	†D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 6
MIKE HATCHETT .. 2	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 7
†SUSAN J. REED .. 3	†FRED E. TURNER .. 8
CHARLIE COLES .. 4	GEORGE S. WIGGINS .. 9
REGINALD W. REX .. 5	HAROLD P. REED .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal at first attempt. ‡ First on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday (April 21st).

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 ILKESTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING .. 7
PAUL J. RIGBY .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 8
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 4	PETER BORDER .. 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SUTTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints, BENHILTON.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Remigius.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. 5
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 6
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

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

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GARDNER .. Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 5
PERCY STONE .. 2	HARRY V. SEAR .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 7
*ROGER HARRIS .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by L. MICHAEL CALLOW.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method as conductor.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 6
WILLIAM A. YATES .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
FRANK A. BARRETT .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

ILKESTON SURPRISE ROYAL

-50-16-1270-38-14-58-16-70-18-10

2nds place lead-end, 4ths place hob, c.p.s.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

SUSAN CHADDOCK Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
*H. DAVID HOLLAND 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method. 50th peal together for the brothers Holland.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
DENNIS C. BOWEN 2	RONALD F. DISERENS 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
FRANK W. LEWIS 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LEWINGTON.

First peal as conductor.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 5
M. HELEN WRIGHT 2	JOHN NELSON 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 3	KEITH ABBOTT 7
DONALD T. C. MALLOCH 4	ALAN WARD Tenor

Composed by F. CLAYTON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss M. H. Wright, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mike Marshall, of Farmborough; also the birth of a daughter (Rebecca Ann) to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cattell, of Leicester.

HASSELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*PATRICIA F. CURTIS .. Treble	*EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 5
ERNEST G. ORLAND 2	ROBIN WILSON 6
DEREK E. GRIFFIN 3	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 7
ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 4	MICHAEL F. AMOS Tenor

Composed by J. CARRER. Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
GEORGE A. SPENCER 3	HUGH NEILL 7
DEREK P. JONES 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	DESMOND PAINTER 5
GEOFFREY DODDS 2	ALFRED E. RUSHION .. 6
JOYCE DODDS 3	STANLEY HUCKLE 7
WALTER AYRE 4	GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the fourth. First peal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK 5
JACK S. DEAR 2	*ROBERT E. DAY 6
*GEORGE E. THODAY .. 3	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
LEONARD B. SCOTT 4	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Margaret Vivien Shaw to Mr. Mark Aiden Kenyon, son of the Vicar.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

ROY WILMORE Treble	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
MARY C. PAYNE 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
HARRY POYNER 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GILBERT COWLIN .. Treble	FRANK BAKER 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 6
HERBERT GOAKES 3	FRANK NEWMAN 7
TRILVOR BEVIS 4	ALBERT J. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by THOS. DAY.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung for the 37th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goakes, who were married at this church.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK ROSS .. Treble	*KENNETH CHEESEMAN .. 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
ENID SOFFLEY 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 4	CHARLES N. LEA Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

* First peal in the method on a working bell.

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KEA, TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-part.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
ANTHONY LOCKE	Treble	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	5
ALAN CARVETH	2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY	6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	4	CLEMENT W. JOSE	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. M. J. May, Mr. A. Gunn and Mr. Vincent, who were all regular worshippers at Kea Church.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	Treble	IAN H. ORAM	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The composition is rung for the first time.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
FRANK W. LEWIS	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

YATTENDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*LEONARD T. W. PHILLIPS	Treble	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	4
STELLA DAVIS	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
S. FRANK TUFFEY	3	REGINALD F. CROOK	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD F. CROOK.

* First peal of Minor.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.	
EILEEN E. WOOLDRIDGE	Treble	ROGER KEELEY	4
JOHN V. TEMPLE	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	MARTYN HAWKES	Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.
Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who was going to Canada on April 22nd.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.	
SHEILA A. SHACKELL	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL	4
DAVID J. BARBER	2	CECIL R. LONGHURST	5
RICHARD F. VERRALL	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. C. W. H. Story, who was inducted on March 18th.

ALDERNEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.

THE INTERNATIONAL RINGING ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.	
A. PATRICK CANNON	Treble	JOHN D. ROCK	4
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	PHILIP MEHEW	Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

This is the first peal ever rung in the Channel Islands, and is also the first occasion on which these bells have been rung in changes.
The inaugural peal for the Association.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two 240's each of Morris's and Lindoff's, and ten six-scores of Grandsire.

*OLIVE JONES Treble		JOHN NEWMAN 4
JOHN HOPE 2		FREDERICK HARRIS 5
ROBERT HATCHER 3		*RONALD LANGFORD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK HARRIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. F. Willford, on his institution to the living.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one spliced extent of St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, one extent each of St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob and four of Plain Bob.

E. JANE LANGTON Treble		ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 4
GEOFFREY R. CRISP 2		BERNARD E. MATTHEWS 5
RAYMOND A. BROWN 3		PETER H. LANGTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.

THE INTERNATIONAL RINGING ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHEL DU VALLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B.			
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	Treble	PHILIP MEHEW	4
JOHN D. ROCK	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal on the bells, and in the island of Guernsey. First in more than one method for the Association.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.			
CHERRY WITHEL	Treble	PHILIP WALKER	4
HARRY BADGER	2	ROBIN TREBILCOCK	5
TOM SMITH	3	DAVID WOODWARD	Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN TREBILCOCK.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of William David Smith, belfry captain for several years until 1939, also vicar's warden for many years; buried April 7th.

ASHBRITTE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
*IVOR H. HUGHES	Treble	STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4
DAVID T. NORTH	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
*MARGARET S. N. ALDERMAN	3	GORDON WALFORD	Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HANDBELL PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., April 6, 1959, in 2 Hours,
In St. Nicholas' Church Belfry.*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in E flat.

*GEOFF. R. CRISP (1950-58) 1—2 | P. H. LANGTON (1952-57) 3—4
W. L. WELLER (1947-51) 5—6

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

*First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal by an 'Old Collyerians' hand.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*JOHN POTTS 1—2 | ALAN SHEPPARD 3—4

†KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5—6

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

*First peal away from 5-6. †First peal conducted of Minor.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF
ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 18 in G.

*TERENCE G. PAGE 1—2 | *TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3—4

†E. CHARLES BAILEY .. 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

*First peal on handbells. †First of Doubles.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes.

At St. Michael's Vicarage.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*HEATHER HOOD 1—2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS 3—4

MICHAEL D. S. HOOD .. 5—6

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS

*First peal on handbells.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At 39, Stonecross Road,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 14 in D.

GERALD PENNEY 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS 5—6

STANLEY HUCKLE 3—4 | JOYCE DODDS 7—8

*CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER 9—10

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

*First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

At 17, Queen Street.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS 5—6

J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3—4 | JOYCE DODDS 7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

First peal in the method for all the band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At 17, Queen Street.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*GERALD PENNEY 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS 5—6

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | *JOYCE DODDS 7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

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HALF PEAL

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On April 4th, at Quex Park, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: E. Milsted 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, J. G. Baldwin 3, H. Luck 4, J. A. Russell 5, D. C. Chatfield 6, A. Hinkley 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Kerley 1, Desmond Kerley 2, F. Rowsell (cond.) 3, D. Evans 4, David Kerley 5, B. Harford 6, G. Kerley 7, M. Edwards 8. To commemorate the centenary of the bells, also the departure of David Kerley.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 12th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: P. Flack 1, A. Leggett 2, R. Castledine (cond.) 3, L. Scott 4, C. Harwood 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8. First in method for 4 and 6 and by an all-local band.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. E. G. Smith (first of Royal) 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, S. A. Read 5, J. W. Owen 6, J. Hallett 7, W. H. Hurford 8, P. W. Weeks 9, R. O. Fry (cond.) 10.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, A. Freeston 3, J. P. Morris 4, P. Reynolds 5, F. Leggett 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Dewey on the occasion of their golden wedding.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. M. Lumley 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, J. Rhodes (cond.) 4, R. J. Lumley 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson 7, W. Lee 8. For Confirmation service, at which the conductor and treble ringer were candidates.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. C. Morris (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Farrington (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Newnham 3, R. Durrant 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, D. S. Billimore 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of St. Albans.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On April 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. de N. Lucas 1, J. D. Barlow Poule 2, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 3, M. J. Turner 4, A. S. D. Graham 5, O. P. Harvey 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6. All but the conductor are members of Cuddesdon Theological College.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Chaplin 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Carrott 4, A. Grainger 5, A. Gargrave 6, T. East 7, L. Woods 8. For Matins.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 29th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: E. Walklate 1, Clive Walklate 2, P. Rigby 3, P. J. Skinner 4, J. B. Stennitt 5, S. Walklate 6, V. Horton 7, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 8, H. Taylor 9, Charles Walklate 10. For morning service.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dean 1, G. Case 2, G. Parting 3, D. Clays 4, J. Tilston 5, J. Hughes (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for Mr. Jos. Wainwright, for 50 years a member of St. Mary's Church choir.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. G. Stiffall 1, D. Cobb (cond.) 2, Monica Horseman 3, C. M. Bennett (first quarter) 4, M. Horseman 5, E. Light 6. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. D. Batt (first on a working bell) 1, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 2, E. C. Leigh 3, B. E. Jeffery 4, S. Jenner 5, E. C. F. Rogers 6, J. E. Warner 7, L. Fox 8. For Matins.

EVERCRECH, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Mary March 1, Marion March 2, Margaret Dewe 3, Bridget Sanger 4, D. Hill 5, A. J. Sanger 6, J. K. Badman 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger 9, P. March 10. For Matins, and in honour of the diamond wedding anniversary of Fred Reakes, an esteemed member of the local band.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor cover): Miss J. Underwood (first quarter) 1, P. E. Wells (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Davey 3, J. A. Witney 4, C. L. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, G. W. Henson tenor. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,316 Grand-sire Triples: P. G. W. Newstead 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, J. Soanes (first quarter) 3, A. Fulcher 4, A. J. Moy 5, A. W. Bird 6, S. J. Merry 7, W. B. Duncan 8. For Evensong.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On April 8th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Helen Nevill 1, K. Wakefield 2, P. J. Shipton 3, C. Payne 4, R. L. Piron 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled to the memory of the Rev. J. A. MacWilliam, late Vicar of Harrold, who was buried on April 6th. Requiessat in pace.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. E. Turner 1, R. P. Selway 2, S. W. White 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. First of Surprise on the bells and for 1-4.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On April 19th, 1,349 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: R. E. Price 1, J. Hill (cond.) 2, F. C. Price 3, T. G. Bannister 4, N. D. Robinson 5, M. G. Palmer 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, A. Gogle 9, C. Ashpool 10. First of Caters in the method by all. For Evensong.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, J. Shorto 2, Mrs. D. M. Wright 3, F. Hilliar 4, A. E. Woods (cond.) 5, E. C. Chant 6. Rung half-muffled.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, D. Bacon 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and also the christenings of Sarah Louise Hunter-Jones and David Joseph Elliott. Also on April 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, A. Beckwith 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Elliott (tower captain).

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On April 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ann F. Gartell (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Harding (first of Minor) 2, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Minor) 3, A. G. Clark (first quarter) 4, A. Streeter 5, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Freda M. Hankey and Alan Streeter on their engagement.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire and Plain Bob): Helen M. Thacker 1, M. C. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, A. A. Upton 4, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 5, A. Tringle 6. For Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Little Bob Royal: J. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Sinfield 2, Miss A. Grainger 3, E. Conquest 4, B. Whitney 5, B. Grainger 6, J. Sinfield 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8, K. Spavins 9, R. Woodruff 10. A 47th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conquest.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, A. Mogg (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. Vacher 3, B. Mogg 4, W. J. Foote 5, P. W. Mogg (cond.) 6.

MANCHESTER, LANCs.—On April 21st, at the Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. J. Maddocks 1, G. Rumney 2, E. M. Quinn 3, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 4, B. Rumney 5, J. Robinson (first in method) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin (14, first 'inside') 2, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, O. Gittens 5, A. J. Hamby 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. B. Scatliff, organist, and a 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss I. Piner 1, Miss B. Fisher 2, L. Rodmell 3, Miss J. I. Porter 4, H. Rodmell 5, I. Glenton 6, J. A. Broughton 7, R. Ducker (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 2.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Revs. J. H. B. Andrews 1, P. T. Robbins 2, S. E. Evans 3, E. B. Wood 4, C. J. B. Marshall 5, E. G. Benson 6, J. B. T. Homfrey 7, R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung during the tour of the Guild of Clerical Ringers.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,564 Bristol Surprise Major: I. Tilling 1, Miss S. Chadcock 2, M. Fowler 3, A. Smith 4, H. Scott 5, J. N. D. Chadcock 6, N. Smith 7, N. Chadcock (first of Bristol as cond.) 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on April 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss O. Grey 1, E. Hunt 2, Miss C. Eustace 3, P. Hawcock 4, R. Gibbons 5, C. Underwood 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, J. Underwood 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss P. Murden to Mr. J. Shorthose.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 600 Violet Treble Bob): F. R. Brook 1, J. W. Buxton 2, H. Holbrook 3, S. Ramsden 4, A. Goldthorpe (cond.) 5, T. Tarbatt 6. In honour of the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society; also a 60th birthday compliment to the ringer of 4 and the silver wedding anniversary of the 3rd ringer.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Ivings (first of Major) 1, L. Forster 2, Miss A. Lester 3, R. E. Lester 4, H. D. Lister (cond.) 5, C. Snowdon 6, F. Sterry 1, E. A. Cracknell 8. For morning service and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Snowdon.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, B. T. Phillips 2, F. Newton 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, D. E. Cobb 5, D. J. Hunt 6, F. G. Wilton 7, E. J. Hitchins 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Cann 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, E. H. Langley 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey 8.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Heather Stewart 2, F. Harvey 3, P. W. Mills 4, W. Downs 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mrs. Daphne Stuteley, member of the local band, on the birth of a daughter.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Davis (first quarter) 1, H. Davis 2, Freda Phillips 3, F. Phillips 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, N. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Also on April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, J. M. Steele 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, V. Williams 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. Also on April 19th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. D. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. Hales 3, J. M. Steele (first in method) 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray (first in method) 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Spliced Court and Oxford and 540 Oxford): C. Scott 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, T. Randall 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Bonas 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 5, M. Ginn 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on April 12th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. Thoday 3, D. Murfet 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss E. A. Trindall 1, Miss S. Trindall 2, Miss J. M. Addicott 3, I. C. Maycock 4, J. H. Pailing (cond.) 5, P. A. Oram 6. For morning service.

WING, BUCKS.—On April 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. Sinfield 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, J. Hulme 3, R. Dove 4, A. E. Rushon 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Surprise on the bells.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 19th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: J. Tomsett 1, Susan Rawlings (first of Siedman) 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, G. Goodman 4, A. Bagworth 5, Susan Jacobs (cond.) 6, A. Bishop 7, M. Sinden 8. For Evensong.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Caters: J. Thornley 1, W. Tompkins 2, J. Ashcroft 3, A. Tomlinson 4, L. Clement 5, H. Worrall 6, H. Parker 7, D. Oeden (cond.) 8, D. Vincent 9, C. Raddon 10.

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BELFRY

On July 14th, 1956, Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton brought his peal total to 600 by turning in Wakefield Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Surprise Maximus. By a coincidence, an identical performance there on April 18th produced his 700th peal. Only three repeats needed for the 1,000, Wilfrid!

Hoxne, Suffolk, has opened a bell restoration fund estimated to cost £1,100. The fund has been started with a legacy of £100.

Playford Hall, Suffolk, an historic moated Elizabethan manor, which is in the auction market, has a house bell cast in 1595 by Richard Bowden.

Miss Susan J. Reed (14½), of Newbury, has made a good start in peal ringing with a peal of Plain Bob Royal in her own tower. Many more peals, Susan!

Another all-ladies peal has been scored, at Balderton, Notts. It was rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and is the first by a ladies' band for the Guild.

Before the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Newbury the band observed a moment's silence to the memory of Ralph W. Atkins (79), of Marlow, and Edward Markham (81), of High Wycombe.

Worthy of note was the quarter peal at Wentworth, Sheffield, on April 15th, in which five of the band were ringing their first quarter peal. It was also Mr. T. Senior's first as conductor.

Saturday, April 18th, was a great day for Stockbury, Kent, when the new village hall was opened by the Bishop of Dover. Chairman of the Parish Council is the well-known Rochester District ringer Mr. Albert Dunk, and at his invitation a peal of Doubles was rung at the Parish Church. Wonderful hospitality followed the ringing.

GOSSIP

The Masonic Ringing Festival will be held at Manchester on June 6th. Local arrangements are in the hands of Bro. Richard Benson, 43, Highbank Drive, East Didsbury, Manchester, 20. Ringing will be at Worsley (10), Manchester Town Hall (12) and Manchester Cathedral (10). There will be a dinner and social evening at the Nag's Head Hotel, Jackson's Row, Albert Square, Manchester, 2.

The Hertford County Association are holding their 75th anniversary dinner on October 24th at St. Albans.

Wymondham Abbey Ringing Day has been postponed until July 11th. Owners of Ringers' Notebook and Diary please note!

Having been rung at Sutton on April 1st, we looked with suspicion on the footnote to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise: 'In memoriam Marmalade Cannon.'

The footnote for the peal of Coldstream Surprise Minor rung at Langleybury on April 1st, 1959 (see page 248) is partly incorrect. A peal of Coldstream was rung at Offley, Herts, on February 18th, 1958, and credited to the Hertford County Association.

Down Evercreech way there was a happy event on April 19th when a quarter of Caters was rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. Fred Reakes. At 84 he is regular in his Sunday morning ringing and has been a staunch service ringer here for more than half a century.

Rev. A. H. Davies was waiting at Hernhill Church to greet the visiting peal band on April 18th. After the peal he and Mrs. Davies had a cup of tea waiting for the band, and this kindness and the friendly welcome were much appreciated by the visitors. Incidentally, Mr. Davies has a parishioner whose hens are allegedly put off laying by the bells!

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GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS' RINGING WEEK

IT appears to the writer that this event has three main objects. First and foremost to ring—some of our members minister at churches with only one bell! Secondly to enjoy a good 'natter'—ringers talk about towers and bells, clerics talk about their parishes; clerical ringers do both. Thirdly, to make or renew acquaintance with churches and scenery in this England which is so rich in both.

The 1959 week in Kent fulfilled all three of these objects admirably. Among the 27 towers visited there were many that possessed fine bells and many that were interesting for their setting or associations. The writer will risk disavowal by selecting in the former class St. Mary's, Chatham (8), Sittingbourne (8), All Saints', Maidstone (10), Canterbury Cathedral (12), Rainham (8), Bobbing (6) and Rochester Cathedral (10). There were so many interesting and historic churches that it is hard to make any selection, particularly as the discipline of a tour makes one go 'in quick' and 'out quick.' Amid a welter of memories one remembers the dignity of the setting of All Saints', Maidstone, hard by the Elizabethan bishop's palace and standing above the river, the interest of Faversham which boasts an unusual spire and a memorial to King Stephen, the charm of Chilham in church and village, and the dominating sense of age and tradition associated with Canterbury and Rochester Cathedrals.

Life was not without its lighter moments. Our Guild has lady associates, members of what are now called 'clergy wives' (a horrid term). Two of these are enthusiastic ringers, and their presence in the belfry gave our reverend president cause for apprehension. One male member who shall be nameless seemed to be in grave danger of causing embarrassment because his nether garments lacked visible means of support. However, in view of THE EVENT (of which more later), a pair of braces was bought and all was well.

Our communal journeys were by coach, and despite an order for a 20-seater we were sent a colossus of a coach with 40 seats. This gave comfort and isolation to those who wished to relax after the labour of climbing stairs, raising bells and ringing them. At Chilham our driver took his enormous vehicle into the narrow street and turned too near to a house, omitting to observe a large stone set in the road to prevent precisely this. There was an alarming bump, the sleepers awoke and the course of Bob Major 'in hand' at the back of the coach came to an abrupt halt. Three of the ringers claimed to have suffered slight injuries, one of them even having an abrasion of his handsome chin. With the calm that is characteristic of their kind, one of the clergy wives (see above), who was a trained nurse, was at once busy with first aid and all was well.

THE THREE CLASSES

The reader may well wonder when anything will be said about the ringing. Our members fall into three classes: (1) experts who are in practice, (2) experts who are out of practice, and (3) the others. Some of our class (1) members were unavoidably absent this year, but despite this there was some good ringing. Cinques and Royal were felt to be beyond our powers, but Grandsire Caters was rung at Maidstone (where we failed to do justice to a fine ring), Canterbury, Leeds and Rochester. Some pleasant Stedman Caters was rung at Leeds, where the enormous size of the belfry was a revelation to those of us who ring in more restricted quarters. We were fascinated in this tower by a hand-drawn inscription on the plaster wall commemorating the end of the 'Great Boer War.' Another huge ringing chamber at Milton Regis was the scene of a successful course of College Bob IV. Delight inspired by a current copy of the Maidstone and District's admirable quarterly magazine. It gave

rise to the observation that some seemed to ring the methods they did not know better than those they did. Apart from this our methods on six and eight bells were what might well be termed orthodox and respectable—as might be expected from a Guild of parsons. Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge were all successful; not so London and Superlative. The peal attempt at Rainham was for Cambridge but this broke down. A good quarter peal was then rung in the method. The standard of this and the presence of several younger ringers in the band was a good augury for the future.

We were given a wonderful welcome wherever we went. In some of the towers local ringers had raised the bells for us. In all we were met by the incumbents or their representatives. It was delightful to see vases of flowers in a number of towers—evidence of care for them by their ringers. At Milton Regis and Rochester Cathedral we were to be the last visitors for some time. In the former workmen were to begin the next day on tower repairs, while at the latter the bell-hangers were beginning work the next week. We achieved a record by breaking ropes at two successive towers, Linton and Waterbury. At the former C. C. Cox called 'Catch' at the end of a good fall. S. E. Evans, our newest recruit, 'caught' with such firmness that he broke the rope and subsided suddenly on the seat behind him.

Material hospitality was given in the form of tea arranged at Tunstall by Mrs. P. T. Robbins (better known to the Exercise as Betty Spice) and her mother. We were delighted to meet representatives of one of the great ringing families of this area and to enjoy a splendid tea. Our technicians had to eat theirs in haste as they were due to replace a rope broken during the previous Sunday's ringing. This proved difficult as the ceiling holes were rather small. After much fishing with a long pole, passing ropes up and down through the hole while instructions were shouted by all and sundry, it was done, and a pleasant ring followed. Morning coffee was most kindly given at Minster-in-Sheppey by the mother of S. E. Evans and by the Vicar of Newington-on-the-Street (in absentia). At this tower a local electrician was in evidence with a tape-recorder. The play-back of our efforts convinced us that we had set no new high standard of ringing. Our faults were in glaring evidence, and it seems that such an instrument might well help any band to improve their striking.

WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY

What made this year's tour noteworthy was publicity in a big way, not in any way of our own choosing. We were photographed by the Press four times in all and local papers carried news of our coming to Kent, one paper even giving a list of those present. THE EVENT was, however, that the B.B.C. took notice of us. We were televised in the belfry at Canterbury, with recordings made of our ringing and of interviews with our president and E. G. Benson. The result of all this was a radio report in the B.B.C.'s South Eastern News and a short note in 'Town and Around' on T.V. By kindness of the proprietor of the Bull Hotel, Rochester (of Pickwickian fame), we had the exciting experience of seeing ourselves ringing the bells of the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion. E. G. Benson and E. V. Cox were teased on their T.V. stardom, both being the subjects of close-ups. Although the reporters would refer to the 'handles' of the bells and although their chief interest seemed to be why we were prepared to travel so far at our own expense to ring them, we hope that this publicity will be of service to the Church and to ringing in general.

Our usual annual meeting was held on the Wednesday evening, presided over by C. C.

Cox, who has been associated with the Guild since its formation. Before it was formed he was one of a party of clerical ringers who visited Canterbury in 1911! It is good to report that he will be president for yet another year. The other officers were re-elected, including J. H. B. Andrews (Chittlehampton Vicarage, Umlerleigh, N. Devon), our secretary and treasurer, who will be delighted to hear of prospective new members.

So ended our 1959 week. The only thing lacking in a thoroughly enjoyable tour was that we were a week or so too early for beauty of cherry blossom. We are grateful to the deans and incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells, to all who made us so very welcome, and to J. H. B. Andrews who, with the help of P. T. Robbins, arranged the tour. F. A. S.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

ON a very wet afternoon, nearly 80 members were present at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association held at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 11th. Following a service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. E. Robins), and tea, organised by Mr. F. Oakshott, the business meeting was held.

The committee's report showed an improvement in membership to 379 and indicated that only a small percentage were in arrears with subscriptions. The treasurer was able to report an increase in the general fund balance but a slight decrease in the Belfry Repair Fund account.

All the retiring officers, except the secretary, were re-elected. Mr. W. F. Oatway decided to resign, partly because of other commitments and partly from a belief that offices should not be monopolised by one person indefinitely when that of Master is limited. Mr. R. I. F. Parsons (4, Brookside, Carshalton) was elected general secretary. The retiring secretary was warmly thanked for his services, and in reply Mr. Oatway said it was not his intention to lose interest in the Association and its welfare because he was no longer an officer.

Due to difficulties in fixing the meeting (which was originally arranged for March 21st) a proposal was submitted to alter rule 3 to read '... meeting shall be held on second Saturday after Easter Day.' Many speakers voiced opinions, but on a vote being taken the proposed amendment was passed. The annual meeting in 1960 will therefore be on April 30th at Croydon, St. John-the-Baptist's.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Oakshott and his helpers, and Mr. C. J. Champion for acting as organist were passed with acclamation.

Unfortunately, due to tea having to be served in two sittings and the meeting being fairly long, it was not possible to return to the tower in the evening, but good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and during the tea periods, ringing ranging from rounds to Surprise.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FOR their 75th annual meeting, held on April 4th, the Hertford County Association returned to St. Albans, where the Association was formed on October 29th, 1884. There was a large gathering of ringers from all parts of the county, the Northern District providing a coach party which rang also at Kimpton, Wheathampstead and Harpenden. Hatfield's fine ten were also available in the morning.

Before the service at St. Peter's there was ringing on the new six at St. Stephen's and also at St. Michael's and St. Peter's. The Vicar (Rev. A. M. Ferguson) conducted the service, and the address was given by the Rev. C. G. Woodhead. A local band rang a course of Grandsire Triples during the singing of Psalms 149 and 150, and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 17s. 4d.

The wives of local ringers served tea in St. Peter's Institute, and from the proceeds Mrs. R. Darvill handed over £5 towards the cost of the Association's 75th anniversary. In his welcome the Vicar hoped it would not be another 60-odd years before the Association visited St. Peter's for its A.G.M.

The president (Mr. John Welch, of Benington) opened the business meeting with a reference to the loss by death of Messrs. Bernard H. Swinson (St. Albans), F. W. Leach (Berkhamsted) and Geo. N. Price (conductor of the famous Oxhey band).

A recommendation regarding the winding up of the Benevolent Fund from the sub-committee for a postal ballot was lost. Mr. C. W. Woolley then proposed that the fund be wound up at the next annual meeting after proper advertisement, and this was carried.

The sub-committee's report on the Voluntary Bell Fund, recommending its division equally between the five Districts was carried. New members elected were: Ringing members, Mrs. Norton (Cathedral), Miss C. Bond and P. Atkinson (St. Peter's); non-resident members, M. J. Palmer (Hillingdon), Miss Freda Clayton (Harrow Weald) and A. G. Spreadbury (Wood Green).

THE SURVEY

The committee's report stated that the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing showed that in the county the Association had a long way to go. While the Association might have fulfilled its objects in belfry reform and social intercourse between members, the promotion of change-ringing was sadly neglected in many towers. In some parts of the county there were towers with a full complement of ringers but only one or two members of the Association. Many bands reported lack of recruits and difficulty in keeping them. Several would welcome instructors but could not get them. 'It would seem that District meetings alone cannot solve these difficulties and that unless we really get down to the problems they will remain with us. . . . We are pleased to find that several of the clergy take part in ringing, and if this leads to better understanding and co-operation on both sides then it will be better for our work, our Association and our church.'

Mr. B. C. Johnson presented the peal secretary's report which showed that 86 peals were rung last year against 71. Leading peal ringers were: J. R. Castledine 33, J. S. Dear and K. R. Dunstan 26, D. P. Jones 23, G. W. Critchley, Mrs. G. W. Critchley and P. Mehew 20. Leading conductors: D. P. Jones 20, J. R. Mayne 12 and G. W. Critchley 10.

TREASURER RETIRES

The accounts, which were presented by Mr. G. W. Debenham (hon. treasurer), showed the following balances on accounts: Benevolent Fund—£32 7s. 10d. current, £74 16s. 10d. deposit; Voluntary Bell Fund, £71 14s. 7d. (no applications for grants received); General Fund balance of £9 0s. 9d. on the year. Total assets of Association, £358 7s. 7d. Mr. Debenham was thanked for his work as treasurer during the past nine years.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. G. W. Debenham; hon. general secretary, Mr. H. V. Frost; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. J. Plummer; assistant secretary, Mr. T. J. Southam; peal secretary, Mr. B. C. Johnson; librarian, Mr. C. F. Sayer; auditors, Messrs. Mercer and Hole.

The meeting rejected a resolution from the Northern District that the amount of money to be spent on printing the annual report should not be more than two-thirds of the previous year's total annual subscriptions.

The hon. secretary reported that the Bedfordshire Association had accepted the invitation to hold a joint summer festival at Hertford on June 13th, and that tickets were now available for the Association's 75th anniversary dinner to be held at St. Albans on October 24th. A vote of thanks from the chairman to all concerned in helping towards the success of the meeting concluded the business. The Cathedral bells were available after the meeting.

were paid to the young members in the Buxton District led by Brian Woodruffe, whose performances, particularly in peals of Doubles, were really fantastic. Two members of the Association, Mr. D. P. Jones and Mr. B. Woodruffe, were the leading peal ringers in the country during 1958, and Miss P. A. M. Forster was the leading lady ringer. Mr. Gordon Halls mentioned the valuable assistance given by non-resident life members in many of the peals rung during 1958.

FINANCES SATISFACTORY

For the first time for many years the hon. treasurer was in a position to report the financial position as reasonably satisfactory. The increased subscriptions in 1958 had resulted in a marked improvement, and unless there were unforeseen items of heavy expenditure the future income was likely to be sufficient to meet requirements.

Mr. Gordon Halls reported on the very successful annual dinner held in Derby on February 7th, and a profit would be handed to the treasurer for Association funds. A large number of people were unable to obtain tickets for the dinner, and members were urged to make early applications in future.

There was some discussion about the Association handbells, and it was decided that they should remain in the custody of the Derby District secretary. It was also agreed that the handbells should be appropriately insured.

Three young lady ringers from Etwell—Rosamund Bull, Noreen Whickham and Deborah Wilson—were elected members.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Scattergood to all who had contributed in any way to the success of the meeting and tea. Mr. W. Robinson was thanked for making the long journey to Ireland to represent the Association at the Central Council meeting, and for insisting on accepting only the normal amount of expenses.

Derbyshire Association's Record Year For Peals

NEW SECRETARY

THE weather was favourable for the annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association held in Derby on April 4th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral and St. Peter's, and an informal service at St. Peter's was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Shaw), who is an honorary member of the Association. Tea was provided in St. Peter's Parochial Hall by Miss Wickman, parish worker, and wives of the ringers at St. Peter's.

The president (Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby) was present at tea and took the chair at the business meeting. Approximately 45 members were present, and it was encouraging to note the percentage of younger ringers, particularly from the Derby District.

In his opening remarks the president appealed to members to give consideration to methods by which the activities of ringers could be brought more forcibly to the notice of the general public. He suggested that more use should be made of handbells in public places, as in modern times people are more likely to be influenced by things that can be seen as well as heard. In dealing with comments about difficulties in obtaining permission to ring at certain towers, the Provost assured members that he would not easily be persuaded to withhold permission to ring at churches under his control.

After a period of eight years as general secretary, Mr. A. B. Cooper had indicated that in his opinion the time was opportune for a change, and reported that notice had been received from the Derby District nominating Mr. B. P. Morris, of Ashbourne. The president and other Association officers paid tribute to the excellent work performed by Mr. Cooper during his period of office as general secretary, and Mr. Morris was unanimously elected to the position. Mr. Cooper acknowledged the comments and promised to assist the new secretary in every possible way.

Mr. Francis Lowe (trustee) and the three vice-presidents, Mr. F. Adams (Chesterfield), Mr. E. Fletcher (Ilkeston) and Mr. J. Bailey (Derby), were re-elected for a further period of two years. It was also unanimously agreed that Mr. A. B. Cooper should be elected as an additional vice-president.

The Association printed reports were available for distribution, and the hon. secretary was complimented on the completion of the copy for the printers. The annual reports of the general secretary, peal secretary and hon. treasurer were formally presented and approved. The number of peals rung in 1958—90—was a record for the Association. Reference was made to the large variety of methods rung for the first time for the Association, and tributes

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RECORDS AND REASON

Dear Sir,—It was a good thing the Chester Diocesan Guild publicised their motion regarding record peal attempts in order that those who will have to vote upon it may have time to reflect upon its proposals.

It is the most stupid and unrealistic motion put before the Exercise for a long time, and seems to have a 'dog-in-the-manger' attitude about it. This attitude seems to emanate—at least I have found it so—from the old hands whose 'long-length' days are over. Because they didn't have to take any form of nourishment when record lengths were shorter they wish to ban refreshment for all time. As records become progressively longer and more exacting, complete abstinence becomes absurd. The band attempting to ring 40,320 changes are trying to make a change-ringing record, not participating in a 24-hour hunger strike!

Why should not they take nourishment, when it is clearly sensible to do so? I have seen ringers take food in a standard peal. Who hasn't heard of certain well-known ringers eating raisins! No one in his senses would question the propriety of a Channel swimmer receiving nourishment, or one of those fanatics who attempt to play the piano for over 100 hours to surpass someone else's record, or a marathon runner.

If the 40,000 is rung there is little doubt that ultimately some band will try to ring, say, 45,000 Caters or Royal. Now that one has to persevere for over 12 hours to capture any worthwhile record, surely it is time that such unrealistic and narrow-minded notions as complete abstinence from food were revised, and commonsense and humanity allowed to prevail.

Long lengths are not bell-ringing as we know it, but stunts, as so many other so-called records are these days, and should not be regarded as normal feats. Nobody would suggest that a long peal attempt should sink to the level of a protracted tea party but, as with most other marathon performances, rationality should permit the taking of a reasonable amount of nourishment—as to how much, the performers would very soon find out!

Away with these selfish, outdated, inhuman ideas. Human beings are only trying to ring bells in a certain manner longer than anyone else has done. There is no suggestion in a record length that it is a hunger strike.

As to the second part of the motion, commonsense decrees that people near the tower should not have to suffer such inflictions. We have enough trouble over the standard 3-hour peal, without trying to make things eight times worse! And why should not records be created within soundproof walls? If this resolution were carried, no one could attempt a record handbell peal—except in the middle of a field or street! In this matter what is acceptable in handbell peals should not be forbidden to tower bell peals. They produce the same result. —Yours sincerely,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

P.S.—It's had enough having imbecile zanies disturbing sleeping villagers in the middle of the night without asking a national Church body to decree that folk must be obliged to endure torment day and night continuously. A better resolution would be one insisting that the bells be *not* heard outside.—W. B.

DILLINGTON COURSE

Deir Sir,—As one who finds change-ringing difficult, even in the early stages, may I say how grateful I am to those who went to so much trouble to bring about the weekend course at Dillington House? I was particularly impressed by the way Mr. York-Bramble has disentangled the technical jargon, which is a distasteful but necessary thing to do in any science which has grown up haphazardly over many years.

Although I am only a beginner myself, I have had to teach bell handling to quite a few people, and I have followed the principles set out in 'Ropesight' and those used by Mr. H. J. Sanger. In addition, I have found many valuable points in the Manual of Ringing Training, the applications of which are now much clearer to me since the course.

Mr. Sharpe's lecture and exhibition made me even more anxious than before to learn more of the history of bells and their founders.

I admire particularly the enthusiasm of Mrs. Grabham and those who did all the work behind the scenes, broke down all the obstacles, and brought the course into being.—Yours faithfully,

HUGH B. MAKINS.

Nazeing, Essex.

AMENDMENTS TO 'DOVE'S'

Dear Sir,—Those members of the Exercise who keep their copy of 'Dove' amended may care to note the following points of interest, which came to light on a tour of Essex last year.

Firstly, just over the border in Cambridgeshire, the five bells at West Wickham are derelict. One is not confronted with the usual collection of twigs and rubbish, as there is no floor directly under the bells, but most of the wheels and stays are missing. Two of the bells are clocked, a third being chimed by means of a rope attached to a wheel spoke. The tenor is by John Thornton, of Sudbury, dated 1720.

Back in Essex we found the five bells at Navestock unringable, though after an inspection we did succeed in raising three of the bells. Local reports say they have not been rung for 25 years.

The Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Moreton, has six bells, not five, the treble being added by Gillett and Johnston in 1934. They are quite a melodious ring, but we experienced the utmost difficulty in getting the back three to go upright, much to the Vicar's surprise.

Several comments have appeared in the 'R.W.' about the ring at Manuden, but may I point out there are six, not five, bells here. The tenor is about half a tone sharp and casts an air of abject gloom over an already sleepy village.

Finally, turning for a moment to my native county of Berkshire, the sixes at Shinfield and Purley have both been unringable for some years. In neither case though is it beyond hope that restorations might one day take place.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

Reading, Berks.

THE TRAGEDY OF BELFRY DISPUTES

Dear Sir,—The story of disputes between clergy and ringers, of strikes and dismissals, makes very sad reading. To hear the reported facts concerning the dismissal of the band at Shareshill leads one to think that there has been an avoidable and chronic failure on both sides which has now come to a head.

The ringers were, of course, wrong never to attend services and to refuse ever to do so: few right-thinking people—and they must be in that category if they form a church ringing team—would be so oblivious to God as to refuse to attend a service ever again: I assume, therefore, they said this because the Vicar had got their backs up by issuing an ultimatum, thus ignoring the services they had rendered to his cause by ringing the bells hitherto.

I note they were young people. A high proportion of young people today have no religious background whatever, and while they might enthuse over ringing as a hobby, it is a work of the Holy Spirit to interest them in the true purpose of their ringing, and to create an allegiance to God's House that cannot be forced upon them by regimental methods. The Vicar, in banning them from the tower, can now hardly expect to exert any further good influence over them, and so has failed in one of his paramount duties, that of evangelisation. How many young people in his parish are under his godly influence? Most ministers long to reach the youth of today, but this one has decided that as far as he is concerned God can dispense with this group, which was already under his influence. 'Judge not . . . !' One can only hope that they will go to ring at another church and fall under godly influences again there.

What if the ringers were wrong and setting a bad example in church attendance? To attend worship is a sign of healthy Christianity, but to neglect it is not a mortal sin. Christ told Peter to forgive his brother who wronged him 'seventy times seven'—490 times!—and it was such forgiveness—and prayer—that we needed here. On balance the situation was on the whole for the good: the bells were sounding their message and the young ringers were in a healthier place than some they might have resorted to. Now both are lost: it may be years before the tower recovers from this slur, and a loyal team rings the bells again regularly and well. Training a team from scratch is a formidable task at the best of times, let alone when an unhappy history is attached to the tower.—Yours sincerely,

D. P. JONES.

Linton, Burton-on-Trent.

SIGNATURE TUNES

Dear Sir,—A suggestion was made recently for the adoption of 'signature tunes' in ringing. I would suggest that in many cases this already is in operation where the bells are lowered in peal before the evening service. It is our custom at Chester-le-Street to lower the back six in peal, and I know that many parishioners have observed that 'last bit where you ring very fast,' although probably not knowing exactly what is happening.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

New Membership Rule

THE 13th annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Southwell on April 4th. The bells of Southwell Minster were available for ringing from 2.30 until 8 o'clock, with a break for Evensong and tea.

Approximately 120 ringers rang at the Minster during the afternoon and evening, one enthusiast coming from Birmingham. Seventy-two ringers attended Evensong in the choir, slightly more sat down to tea at the Trebeck Hall, and 90 were present at the business meeting.

The meeting was one of the most successful annual meetings held at the Minster and fully justifies the action of the Guild in holding it at the Minster in alternate years.

At the business meeting the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson presided. A brief silence was observed in memory of twelve deceased members.

THE SURVEY

In his report, the hon. general secretary, Mr. J. W. Raithby, stated that membership totalled 349 which, judged in isolation, appeared a satisfactory figure. However, when this was set against the 559 Sunday service ringers revealed by the Central Council Survey in the diocese it would be seen that there was much to be accomplished before they could indulge in self-complacency.

The returns completed for the Survey revealed that help was needed on a generous scale throughout the diocese. Towers without ringers, towers with ringers and no instructor, towers in urgent need of funds, towers where apathy was rife. This was a field where much useful service could be performed by the stronger bands and to a very great extent by competent instructors.

Ringing throughout the diocese was generally at a low level. Towers where the standard of ringing was high were all too few and could immediately be called to mind, but what of the struggling bands and the bands who had given up the struggle?

Mr. Raithby continued: Here was a challenge for 1959, to bring all ringers into the ambit of the Guild and to help their weaker brethren and to try and get silent and near silent towers ringing again. They could not stand still: they dared not go back: they must go forward.

During the year under review a fourth district had been created centred on Mansfield. This was principally carved out of the North Notts District, with towers from the Nottingham and Newark Districts. The new district had shown itself vigorous and enthusiastic, and the membership had already reached 53.

Warsop were the winners of the Crawford Cup Competition.

The Guild had lost many staunch members by death, continued the secretary. They must remember the part they had played in building up the Guild and in establishing the art throughout the Diocese. Might their example and zeal be remembered with gratitude.

Parochial Church Councils were respectfully advised to see that their ringers were insured against accident, and also that the bells and other valuable equipment were adequately insured.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Nichols, presented his statement of accounts and balance sheet showing a very satisfactory financial position. The excess of income over expenditure amounted to £28 17s. 7d. After making grants of £15 each to North Wheatley and Hucknall Torkard, the balance of the Bell Repair Fund stood at £95 13s. 6d. A sum of £5 5s. had again been donated to the Bishop's Appeal Fund for the Restoration of Ancient Churches. The balance of capital account was £156 17s. 4d.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

In the absence of the hon. peal secretary, Mr. Brian Buswell, the report of the Peal Committee was read. This showed that 74 peals were rung during 1958, which was a record for the Guild. New methods rung for the first time were Double Oxford Bob Major, Little Albion Treble Bob Major, Ipswich Surprise Minor, Oswald Delight Minor, Wath Delight Minor, and Plain Bob Triples. The conducting was shared by 14 members, W. L. Exton, of Newark, heading the list with 23 peals. First peals were rung by 24 members. The only black spot was that for the third successive year no peals were rung 'in hand.'

All the officers were re-elected en bloc.

MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

The meeting then considered the most controversial item on the agenda submitted by the Newark District:

'That in view of the large number of ringers in the Newark District who were capable of ringing with some regularity for Sunday services but who were not eligible for membership of the Guild, some consideration should be given with regard to the amending of Rule 2 (b) to either permit ringers who could only ring rounds, or to the starting of a junior section to include those ringers.'

Rule 2 (b) in question stipulated that ringing members must be able to ring either the treble or the covering bell in 120 changes on tower bells or two handbells, retained in hand, through the plain course of any method on five or more bells.

As was to be expected opinion was divided into two main groups. First, those who thought the proposal was a retrograde step which would lower the standard of the Guild and do nothing to enhance its prestige, and secondly, those who maintained that the majority of towers only functioned for Sunday service with the assistance of round ringers and call changers and saw no good reason for barring them full membership of the Guild. It was also stated that if admitted as members of the Guild fresh interest would be stimulated and round ringers would probably aspire more readily to becoming change ringers.

The chairman allowed a considerable discussion on the subject, and members on both sides expressed themselves with commendable directness. Those speaking in favour of the proposal included Mr. B. A. Sollis, Mr. J. P. Wright, Mr. H. Denman, Mr. H. T. Rooke, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, Mr. C. W. Reed, who advocated probationary members, and Mr. J. W. Raithby and the chairman. Those against included Mr. A. J. Brown, Mr. F. A. Salter, Mr. F. C. Hooper and Mr. S. W. Fossey.

On the chairman putting formal resolutions to the meeting to amend Rule 2 (b) by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following: 'Ringing members must be able to ring a bell in rounds,' and to change the title of the Guild to 'The Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' they were carried by 59 votes to 7.

The question of quarterly meetings, which the committee recommended should be abandoned, was then considered, and this too evoked a lively discussion, but was carried by a large majority on a show of hands.

Under the heading of 'Any Other Business' the hon. general secretary stated that Mansfield District considered very strongly that a new badge was needed in place of the existing one which was thought to be too large. The question of obtaining a fresh badge of a new design was left to the committee with power to act. A collection for the Bell Repair Funds realised £1 19s.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by Mr. F. W. Midwinter, and the chairman then declared the meeting closed.

J. W. R.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Open Handstroke Leads

A beautiful day gave the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at Ipswich on April 4th, a good start and turned out to be one of the best-attended meetings for some years.

The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's and St. Clement's were all available and were put to good use by the members and visitors. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Visitors came from Nottingham, Canterbury, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire, as well as many old friends from Essex and Norfolk.

The Guild service was held at St. Margaret's and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Marks), who extended a warm welcome to the Guild and made reference to his joy in having a newly-restored ring of bells in his church. Mr. E. H. Bugg acted as organist.

Tea was served at the Ipswich Co-op, followed by the business meeting at Diocesan House with Mr. C. W. Pipe (vice-president) in the chair. After extending a welcome to the visitors the chairman urged new conductors to call a first 720 or peal. On the subject of striking he said that there appeared to be a national tendency to ignore the open handstroke lead. He hoped that all the members would strive to maintain the old tradition and ensure first-class striking. The 1958 report, he felt, was a first-rate production and he congratulated the general secretary on his achievement.

The reports of the Ringing Master and the general secretary revealed a satisfactory year. Membership had been maintained and meetings held throughout the Diocese. Eighty-two peals were recorded including some good performances. The finances were sound. The sales of badges had continued and the outlay had been justified.

The committee had drawn up a plan for the reorganisation of the Districts, which had now been circulated to District secretaries and should have been studied by all the members. Restorations had taken place at Eriswell, Oakley and St. Margaret's, Ipswich, and further restoration work was coming along this year.

The technical adviser (Mr. R. W. M. Clouston) was unfortunately unable to attend, but besides his detailed report he had prepared a new tower directory, which had been printed in the annual report. This is the first time a tower directory has been printed since 1939 and was a most valuable piece of work. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Clouston and his helpers. Everyone appreciated the many hours of travel and research involved in this project.

Mr. G. E. Symonds presented the report of the Pearson handbell trustees and revealed that four sets were out on loan and being put to good use.

The principal officers were all re-elected:—Mr. L. G. Brett, Ringing Master; Mr. J. W. Blythe, general secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. W. H. Prestner, auditor; Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, technical adviser. The existing committee was re-elected with the one exception that Mr. L. Wright replaced Mr. K. G. Brown.

The general secretary reported that the committee had promised £5 5s. to Marlesford Bell Fund, and as the work had now been carried out he proposed that a further £5 5s. be added. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. L. Wright proposed that the question of the new Districts be put to the vote at this meeting rather than call a meeting for this purpose, as had been the plan. After some discussion and minor adjustments they were unanimously approved to go forward for ratification at a general meeting to be held at Stowmarket on July 25th. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements, the chairman being thanked by Mr. S. G. Twitchett.

CHENIES (BUCKS) RINGERS' OUTING

On Easter Monday the ringers and their friends from St. Michael's, Chenies, together with ringing friends from Little Missenden, Chalfont St. Peter and King's Langley, spent an enjoyable day at six-bell towers in the four counties of Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk.

The first stop was at Elstow, where we were greeted by Mr. Huckle, whom we would like to thank for so speedily replacing a rope that broke. Unfortunately, we did not do justice to these bells, the draught being somewhat longer than most of us are used to.

At All Saints', Huntingdon, young Aubrey Powell was waiting for us and we enjoyed ringing on these light bells. Our next stop was at St. Benet's, Cambridge, where Fabian Stedman was parish clerk in 1670. A good touch of Stedman Doubles was rung before leaving.

After lunching in the city we were delayed by losing one ringer and this caused us to be late at St. Peter's, Fordham.

On, then, to St. Mary's, Newmarket, where two of the local ringers met us. These fine, heavy bells were enjoyed very much and after our ringing we had a good tea. Our last stop was at St. Peter's, Duxford, where we were met by the Vicar (the Rev. V. Fletcher) and Mr. Halls. We had a good hour's ringing on these odd-weighted but pleasant bells.

Ringling during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

Our thanks go out to all who helped to make our day so enjoyable. D. R. B.

A TOUR OF FOUR COUNTIES

On Thursday, April 9th, a gathering of ten ringers left Packwood, Warwickshire, in glorious sunshine for a most enjoyable day's ringing, which took us into the counties of Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire.

Our route took us to the six-bell tower of St. Mary and Holy Cross, Alderminster, followed by another six-bell tower, St. Edmund, Shipston-on-Stow. Both of these lie within the Warwickshire boundary.

We then moved on into Oxfordshire to ring on the eight bells at St. Mary-the-Virgin at Chipping Norton. On into Gloucestershire, to the recently restored eight at St. David's, Moreton-in-Marsh. Then to the left-handed ring of six at St. Lawrence's, Bourton-on-the-Hill, also in Gloucestershire.

In Worcestershire we visited the six-bell tower St. Eadburgha, Broadway. On the return journey we rounded off the tour with a visit to St. Peter's, Wootton Wawen, Warwickshire (6).

A wide variety of methods were covered. Double methods included Plain Bob, Grand-sire, Stedman, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Minor methods ranged from Plain Bob and Little Bob, through Double Count to Kent Treble Bob. In the eight-bell towers touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were rung.

P. M. T.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

In recognition of his services as Branch secretary, Mr. H. Badger was presented with a cheque at the annual meeting of the South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch, held at Benson on April 18th. As Mr. Badger has left the District, Mr. Godman was elected secretary. Other officers elected were Mr. Wells, of Benson, chairman; Mr. Bowles (Great Milton), vice-chairman, and Mr. Absolom, Ringing Master. The Vicar (Rev. G. Palmer) conducted the service, and ringing included Cambridge Surprise Major.

DEDICATION

Bishop Latimer, Birmingham

The eight bells from the demolished Church of St. John, Deritend, have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, into seven new ones, and the existing bell in the tower of Bishop Latimer's Church has been retuned to form a very pleasant octave, with a tenor of a little over 14 cwt. in F sharp.

The bells hang in a massive square tower rising to a height of 100 feet, and the ringing room is light and spacious. The installation of the bells was a memorial to those of the parish who died during the last war, and the dedication took place on April 20th by the Bishop of Aston before a crowded congregation.

From a ringer's view the Bishop's address was not very helpful, displaying a lack of understanding of present day ringing practice, and of the difficulties of maintaining a band of ringers, his opinion being that bells should not be rung at all during Advent or Lent. Let us hope that no such restraining notions are allowed to hold sway at Bishop Latimer's! The bells are good, and if rung well and regularly will give pleasure to many of the parishioners. If they are too noisy for those living near, the annoyance should be minimised by blocking the louvres, not by the curtailment of ringing: in fact, a little less noise outside the tower and a little more clarity inside would be an improvement in quite a number of towers.

Immediately after the prayer of dedication, the bells were rung in rounds by the following members of the St. Martin's Guild: H. H. Fearn 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, J. Pinfold 3, B. D. A. Woolley 4, A. Ager 5, J. A. Anderson 6, N. J. Goodman 7, G. E. Fearn 8.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, and to give the opportunity of ringing to all visiting ringers, the 'opening touch' after the service was restricted to a course of London Surprise Major by the same ringers, after which several touches in various methods were rung by other bands.

The bellfounders were represented by Messrs. P. L. Taylor, J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Landewednack, the parish church of The Lizard, possessing the most southerly ring of bells in the British Isles, was the scene of the spring festival of the Penzance Branch on April 11th. It was a festival in every sense of the word. An afternoon of beautiful sunshine to enthuse the more than one hundred ringers from the Branch who attended, including several clerical ringers—the Revs. A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bray, Branch secretary), W. E. Minors (S. Mawgan in Meneage), W. G. Revell (Gwinear), W. J. K. Harris (Vicar of Mullion), E. J. Saunders (Vicar of St. Keverne), and A. J. Vincent (Vicar-designate of Kenwyn). Also present were Mr. D. Burnett (Diocesan Ringing Master) and Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president). Ringing on the six bells began early in the afternoon, and continued throughout the evening. Some present also visited Mullion and Cury to ring at those towers also.

The Rector (Rev. E. H. Hodges) conducted the new Guild Office, which was used for the first time, and also gave an address of welcome to all present, mentioning his special joy in doing so, as he understood it was the first time that such a festival had been held there for 21 years. He also mentioned that he had recently taken up ringing. The lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

A splendid tea was served in the Church Room. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his welcome, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nicholls, who organised the local ringing, were specially thanked.

OBITUARY

MR. RALPH W. ATKINS

All Saints', Marlow, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild lost one of their older and highly-respected members in the death on April 14th of Mr. R. W. Atkins, at the age of 79.

He started ringing at High Wycombe at the age of 12 and came to Marlow in 1900, since when he had been a regular and faithful member of the band. Until his recent illness he was belfry secretary, and many visitors to Marlow will remember his friendly welcome and willing assistance in their outing arrangements. He was a very keen church worker, being a reliable sidesman and church councillor.

On the evening of April 17th his body was received into All Saints' Church by the Vicar (Rev. J. C. Vaughan Wilkes), who took the funeral service on the following morning. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service by the local band, and afterwards a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which Hughenden and High Wycombe towers were represented. E. D. P.

MR. JOHN E. EATON

Mr. 'Jack' Eaton, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, died on April 16th, aged 75. Although Jack was not a renowned ringer, he was a very familiar and well-known personality in South Birmingham and Worcestershire, where he had moved about and rung regularly since a young man. For some time previous to his death he had been unattached to any particular tower, though taking an active interest to the last, but had been a member of several bands from time to time in former years.

Jack was a character in every sense of the word, and many ringers have been entertained by his colourful reminiscences of such great men as, for instance, Bill Short, Bill Barber and George Hayward. Of equal fascination were his (no doubt deliberate) malapropisms and slightly exaggerated accounts of certain of his experiences—both in and out of ringing.

Without a doubt, Jack Eaton will indeed be missed by those who really knew him.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildsborough Branch At Kelmarsh

The Guildsborough Branch meeting, held at Kelmarsh on April 4th, was attended by members representing 13 Branch towers, together with visitors from Desborough, Rothwell, Kingsthorpe, Roade, Kilsingbury, Heyford and Daventry, making a total company exceeding 60.

Before the First World War, the Church of St. Denys, Kelmarsh, was a favourite tower for peals of Minor by members of the Central Northants Association. According to a local story, it was during this period that ringing in this tower disturbed the local foxhounds, or vice-versa (does anyone know the correct story?), and ringing was discouraged. Since that time the bells, which are a fine-sounding light six, have been little used, and have received even less attention, until the past 12 months, and their present condition is the result of many hours of hard work 'upstairs' by John Kinchin, to whom all are most grateful, especially those who have suffered at Kelmarsh in the past.

The Guild Office was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. J. Hepworth) and was followed by an excellent tea in the Village Hall, served by Mrs. Storey and her helpers.

At the business meeting, arrangements were made to attend the Guild A.G.M. on May 9th. Ringing was continued during the evening until 9 o'clock, rounds and a variety of methods up to London Surprise being rung. E. G. O.

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CANCELLED MEETING

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—There will be no Branch meeting in May. Time and place of next monthly meeting will be announced when arranged.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 4303

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify Mr. D. Beacham. The Old Manor, Twynning, near Tewkesbury. Glos, accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Great Totham (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 4192

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Mewrow, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. It is hoped to have Clandon available after tea. 4223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4243

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Graveley, May 2nd. 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Special method. London Scholars' Pleasure.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4227

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cuddesdon (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4286

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 4256

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Hickling (5), Saturday, May 2nd, 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vicarage. Evening, Cropwell Bishop, 5.45 p.m. 4237

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Saxmundham (ringing after tea), Saturday, May 2nd. Tea 5 p.m. 4254

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Annual Ringing Service, Sunday, May 3rd. 6.15 p.m. Ringing at 4.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—C. D. Launder, Hon. Sec. 4232

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, May 4th, 7 p.m. 4291

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening practice meetings: Wednesday, May 6th, Ripley (8); Tuesday, June 9th, Shirland (5); Tuesday, July 7th, Clay Cross (6). Please note dates and venue. 4302

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Wednesday, May 6th, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4245

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. John R. Bearley, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield. 4283

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, High Ham (5), Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, please.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 4308

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Southill (6), Saturday, May 9th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods. Double Bob and Hull Surprise. All ringers welcome.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 4299

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxtown on Saturday, May 9th. Service, Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Storeton Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea (obtainable from Branch secretaries) 3s. if purchased before May 2nd; 3s. 6d. afterwards. Towers available: Oxtown (8), to to 4 p.m.; Bromborough (8), 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Port Sunlight (8) and Bidston (6), after the meeting.—J. W. Clarke, Master. 4268

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne. Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 4310

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Fenham, Newcastle, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Committee 3. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 7th to Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, 35, Denhill Park, Newcastle, 5. 4277

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Chiddingstone (8), Saturday, May 9th. Tea at the Castle Inn, 4.30 p.m. Names early, please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4281

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Ickleton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4293

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea at the Red Cow Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4260

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Bentley, May 9th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bus from Brentwood (20 min. service). Brentwood bells (8) will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss L. Doone, 28, Harewood Road, Bishops Hall Estate, Brentwood. 4258

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Brinkworth (6), Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 4279

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Dedication service (new fourth), Cromhall, Saturday, May 9th, 3.30 p.m. Ringing 2.30, 4.15 and evening. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by May 6th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4289

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twynning (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 6th to Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury. 4285

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential, by previous Tuesday, to Miss Loveland, Cleeve, Maybury Hill, Woking, Surrey. 4252

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 5th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead.—J. Good, Dis., Sec. 4190

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4288

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Trent Branch).—Combined meeting, Ospringe, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please) to Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham, Kent, not later than Wednesday, May 6th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4236

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The restored bells of St. Mary's, Sellindge, near Ashford, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Maidstone on Saturday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service. All welcome.—C. T. H. 4278

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, May 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 4300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Goosnargh, Saturday, May 9th. Bring own food. Bus 145 from Preston. 2.20; also bus 142.—L. Walmsley. 4290

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey, Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Owston bells at night.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4261

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Butterwick, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea, Church Hall 4.45. Names for tea by Monday, May 4th, certain, to Mr. A. Mills, 8, Upsall Road, Butterwick, near Boston. 4255

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th. St. Mary's, Leyton. 3.15 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea—own arrangements. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, 6.30 to 8.30. Practice meeting, Monday, May 4th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome. 4294

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, not Holloway, Saturday, May 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. Tea only provided for those notifying by May 7th M. Cubitt, 12, Brampton Road, N.15.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4276

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Broughton, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, May 7th, to H. Roberts, The Post Office, Wetwood, near Eccleshall, Staffs. (Telephone: Wetwood 201).—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4298

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Brooke on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 5th, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—F. C. W. Phillippo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4234

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th. Goring (8) and Streatley (6). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at Streatley 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvenden Road, Goring-on-Thames. 4280

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A peal heard to the memory of the late Rev. F. L. Edwards will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset at All Saints', Kingston Magna, during Evensong, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. and after the service. 4282

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8), Saturday, May 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—E. Buckeridge, West Hill, Calne, Wilts. 4287

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to A. B. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire. 4281

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, May 9th. Calverhall (6) and Ightfield (6). Ringing, Calverhall, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service, Ightfield, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing at Ightfield 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to F. Cattell, 51, Richmond Drive, Shrewsbury. 4301

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting, Hoar Cross, May 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Accommodation for tea strictly limited and will be reserved only for the first 50 names.—Fred Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath, Pattingham, near Wolverhampton. Telephone: Claverley 309. 4263

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District and Newark District.—Joint meeting, East Markham (8), Saturday, May 9th. Please take own food—it is hoped cups of tea will be provided. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, to Church at 2.30 and 4 p.m.—H. Denman and W. Exton, Dis. Secs. 4292

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Assington (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45.—R. J. Seabrook. 4253

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Burstow (6) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Outwood (4) will be available from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Oak Tree Cafe, Keepers Corner, price 3s. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. L. W. Penfold, Rebrow, New Road, Smallfield. No names, no tea.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 4240

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton, Saturday, May 9th. Ringing: St. Nicholas' after meeting, Good Shepherd 2.30 to 4 p.m., St. Peter's 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Union Hall, 3s. per head. Individual names to Gen. Sec. by Wednesday, May 6th.—R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 4241

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Selby Abbey on May 9th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 4.10 p.m. and again after the meeting. Service in the Chancel at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea (2s. 9d. per head) in Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Names for tea by the 7th to Miss Barbara Hall, 57, Brook Street, Selby. Subscriptions are now due, and reports for 1958 will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4231

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting at Southport on Saturday, May 16th. Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Tea, price 3s., by ticket only. Please send cash and stamped addressed envelope to Miss M. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, by May 11th. No ticket, no tea! Bells available as for Central Council members. 4271

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Cotton (8), May 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by May 14th owing to catering difficulties.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 4306

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 18th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost; address by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. Annual general meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea, coffee, etc., available from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. Tea at a running buffet from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. The following towers will be available from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.: Brentwood (8), Great Dunmow (8), Rayleigh (8) and Witham (8); from 3 to 6 p.m.: Galleywood (8),

Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6). Lunch and tea tickets (stamped addressed envelope, please) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Tea and lunch tickets 6d. extra if not purchased prior to the meeting. 4266

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Whit Monday, May 18th, will be held at Berrington, Shropshire. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea before Wednesday, May 13th, to Mr. W. H. Lloyd, King Street, Belton, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury. Towers available from 11 a.m.: Wistanstow (8), Church Stretton (8), Cound (6), Stokesay (6), Conover (6), Atcham (6); and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, from 7 till 8.30 p.m.—H. G. Thomas, Sec. 4295

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—West-ern Division.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, May 23rd, and not on May 2nd as previously announced. 4297

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Three local ringers at Capel, Surrey, scored their first peal on April 11th, with the former Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Mr. Albert E. Harman) conducting. Congratulations!

Another veteran in the news is Mr. H. Gayton. Fifty-one years ago he called his first peal at Sharnbrook, Beds, and on March 14th he was back again in this tower to call a quarter of Bob Minor.

'The "Elementary Handbook for Beginners" should be in the possession of every beginner, even those who have been learning 30, 40 or 50 years.'—*Irish Bell News*. The Irish Association have sent an example: they have sent a copy of the Handbook to each of their towers.

The peal of Surprise rung at Bray was an excellent one and much enjoyed by everyone. The conductor has now called peals of Surprise at both Brays, the other being Bray, Co. Wicklow, Eire. The band much appreciated the tea, kindly provided by Miss D. Hague and Mr. J. D. Norsworthy.

Broadway, Worcestershire (page 265), has had the following previous peals, writes a correspondent: Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, January 28th, 1936, by local Sunday service band (conducted by Frank Sadler); seven methods Minor, April 11th, 1953 (conducted by the late John Thomas).

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Southern District annual meeting at Ottershaw, Surrey, on April 18th decided that a new secretary should be found to try and reawaken interest in the District. Mrs. Christine Harbutt, of Ashted, was elected, and the Misses Monica Collins, Hazel Pugh and Pauline Drury appointed to the committee. The service touch was rung by a band of ladies and the Vicar officiated.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Aukin 1, Christine Lansley 2, Mavis Wright 3, C. Jones 4, Dr. C. G. Roworth (first as cond.) 5, A. Hatherall (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

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LINCOLN.—On April 4th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts, 1,260 Plain Bob: H. Broxholme 1, H. Radley 2, J. Greaves 3, A. Melton 4, H. Hurst 5, J. Bundy (first as cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Dixon.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean West (14) 1, P. Adams 2, A. Johnson (14) 3, H. Adams (cond.) 4, F. Darvill 5, W. Waddup 6. A compliment to Miss Elizabeth Packard, daughter of the Rector, married this day.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On April 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Rex 1, Mary Williams 2, Susan J. Reed (first quarter) 3, A. Sayers 4, G. S. Wiggins 5, F. E. Turner 6, H. Lawrenson 7, H. P. Reed (cond.) 8.

SHIRLAND, DERBYS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hughes 1, D. Walklate (cond.) 2, B. R. Manning 3, R. J. Stretton 4, E. H. Wil-
lows 5.

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'A TRIUMPH OF YOUTH'

THIS was the title of the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of April 27th, 1934. It related to a peal of Bob Major rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, the previous Saturday by a band drawn from various parts of the country whose average age, including all the odd weeks and months, was 15 years and 2 weeks. This was well below the previous record, having knocked between three and four years off the average age of those who had rung a peal of Kent arranged by Jim Prior the previous December, which incidentally was Pat Cannon's first peal as conductor.

The 1934 peal was one on which all could, and I think do, look back on with some pride for, to quote from Mr. Goldsmith's article, 'Not only did they ring the peal but they rang it supremely well.' To many ringers, I have found over the years, every peal and every attempt is a good one; but the words were not used lightly on this occasion, and it was nice to have received what might be considered an independent testimony of this years later from a ringer who had heard much of the peal while watching a hockey match in a nearby field.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary it seemed appropriate to try to arrange a reunion of as many of the band as possible, and of course a peal attempt. Arthur Jones, of Croydon, unhappily, was killed while a sergeant pilot early in the 1939-45 war, while Margaret Pack, now Mrs. Munton, whose idea the original peal was, is living in California, but her sister Gladys, better known these days as Mrs. Manchip, took her place, and brother Joe came out of retirement for the occasion. Phyllis Tillet (Mrs. Marriott), whose name was so often in the headlines in the days when the band at Ipswich was a power in the land—she rang peals in all manner of Surprise Maximus methods when hardly in her teens—is unable to stand for lengthy periods these days, but we were delighted that she (and her husband) came along for the day and had a ring before the peal began, for it meant that all six "possibles" were there, John Gilbert and Percy Stone having come down from Sheffield and Coventry respectively, and Walter Dobbie up from Tonbridge.

To keep it in the family, as it were, the band was made up by Walter's wife Sheila and Mr. Edwin Barnett, for whom the peal might be regarded as an unofficial 74th birthday compliment, this event having taken place four

days before. There was one alarm on Friday evening. Walter Dobbie got a piece of metal embedded in his eye the previous day, which entailed two visits to hospital and gave rise to considerable doubt as to whether he would be fit to ring. However, he gamely did so, though obviously in considerable discomfort, but we were very grateful to Sidney Woodcock, of Bexley, for coming along in case of need, which is one stage worse than being called on at the last minute to fill a definite gap.

After a welcome from the Rector (Rev. R. A. Agg) and a short session with the local Press ('What, at your age?' the reporter had said earlier, when told we hoped to ring for about three hours), the peal was duly accomplished, the same method being chosen—though we must now use its up-to-date title of 'Plain Bob Major'—and indeed the same composition and conductor. Tea followed, though from the amount left it seemed as if appetites were not so keen as was perhaps the case when we were in our teens. An account of the peal was signed by all and sent to Margaret, and thoughts turned at times to the other missing member of the band and to Mr. F. E. Dawe, a former prominent London ringer and College Youth, whose generosity in the days before the Welfare State had made the original peal, and a previous unsuccessful attempt, possible.

Doubts were cast on the wisdom of another reunion in 1984, not because of George Orwell, but because some thought that though we were all more or less recognisable now compared with our younger selves, another quarter of a century might not deal so kindly with us. But 1959 was certainly a great success.

E. A. B.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

ROGER KEELEY Treble	*GWILYM SALMON 7
*J. MICHAEL LAKIN 2	†EDWARD J. CHIVERS 8
JAMES E. DANIELS 3	†DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 9
ANTHONY J. SANGER 4	RONALD N. MARLOW 10
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS 5	DAVID HOARE 11
FRANK L. HARRIS 6	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

*First peal on 12 bells. †First of Stedman Cinques 'inside.'

Rung to mark the occasion of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5120 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	†GORDON A. HALLS 7
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
*A. JAMES POYNOR 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
†MRS. G. A. HALLS 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal of Little Bob. †First of Little Bob Royal. The quickest peal on ten tower bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
*DEREK P. JONES 2	*GORDON A. HALLS 7
*DIANNA J. PERRINS 3	†BRIAN G. WARWICK 8
*†ERNEST MORRIS 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: JOHN A. ACRES.

*First peal of Southwell Surprise Royal. †200th peal together.

First of Royal in the method as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5151 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. HART Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 6
ALBERT W. BOND 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN 8
CECIL H. WOOD 4	JOHN CHILCOTT 9
RAYMOND P. WOOD 5	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES 6
*MARGARET PRITCHARD 2	DAVID HINGLEY 7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 9
ERNEST STITCH 5	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Composed by J. H. TUCKER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

*First peal on ten bells. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*CHRIS. L. POWDRILL .. Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE 2	TERENCE I. ROYER 6
CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
A. JAMES POYNOR 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled by the local band (except tenor ringer) in memoriam Mr. W. Hill, churchwarden, who died on March 12th.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON 2	ARTHUR D. COOK 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*K. LEACH Treble	A. R. WOODLEY 5
*A. R. BOOKER 2	R. B. BLOND 6
C. LAY 3	H. WHITE 7
†A. R. WOOD 4	J. P. BLOND Tenor

Conducted by R. B. BLOND.

*First peal. †First 'inside.'

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., April 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
PETER BORDER 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

W. A. Cave's variation of Washbrook's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
MARY C. PAYNE 2	†RONALD APPELWHITE 6
*NORA M. BIBBY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
†PETER SHARP 4	†LOUIS WILLDERS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

*250th peal. †First of Stedman.

Rung for the conductor's birthday.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDALA,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RODNEY STRINGER .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. PATTERSON .. 5
HARRY BROWN 2	REV. JOHN J. FIELDING .. 6
JEAN STEWART 3	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 7
WILLIAM HALL 4	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

Rung for the dedication of the extension to St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. Treble	*MICHAEL BLORE .. 5
*EDWIN WALKLATE .. 2	*CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 6
WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 4	HAROLD TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MRS. G. A. HALLS.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.
Rung for the birth of a son (Neil Hamilton), for Robin and Margaret Turner.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	*JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	†JOHN G. PUSEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
ANTHONY AGER .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* 750th peal. † First in the method.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

GEORGE KENWARD .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
JOHN T. MANNERING .. 2	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 6
JOSEPH GRENSED .. 3	TERENCE BARTON .. 7
*COLIN DRING .. 4	†KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal 'inside' of Grandsire. † First on eight bells. George Kenward has now 'circled the tower.'

A birthday compliment to Cynthia Elizabeth, daughter of the conductor.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*REV. C. ROY GEORGE .. Treble	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. 2	†GERALD WILSON .. 6
†KENNETH BONEHILL .. 3	†ARTHUR RIGBY .. 7
THOMAS BARKER .. 4	*KEITH MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung to mark the mayoralty of Cdr. Miss E. J. Cunliffe, who is a prominent worker of this church.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

MRS. DORA EVANS .. Treble	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 5
ROGER O. FRY .. 2	WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. 6
*HAROLD L. PARKREY .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 7
S. ARTHUR READ .. 4	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* 50th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. PACK .. Treble	PERCY STONE .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 6
SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
GLADYS MANCHIP .. 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of a peal in the same method by the youngest band to ring an 8-bell peal, in which the ringers of the treble, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor, and sister of the ringer of the 4th, took part.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER JONES .. Treble	DOUGLAS LOWE .. 5
CECIL RADDON .. 2	HAROLD WORRALI .. 6
MRS. D. LOWE .. 3	HENRY PARKER .. 7
JOHN RYDER .. 4	DENNIS MADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICOL. Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 6
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
*PETER SHARP .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Louis Willders, of Lincoln.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*PAULINE EYRE .. Treble	DAVID FRENCH .. 5
GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 7
JOHN S. SEAGER .. 4	CYRIL RUSBY .. Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

* First peal.

A 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Taylor, of the local company.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5086 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,440 each London and Rutland, 768 Bristol and 480 each Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method.

ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	*†IAN H. ORAM .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. 2	*STANLEY JENNER .. 6
*DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	*COLIN A. TESTER .. 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of six-Spiced. † 50th of Surprise Major.

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KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
*JILL MAYES 2	*PETER J. COLES 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's transposition.

Tenor 12 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. Treble	JAMES E. DANIELS 5
WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. 2	MICHAEL J. BEST 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
*JOHN VERITY 4	LEWIS F. COBB Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method. First of Stedman on the bells.

A compliment to Mr. D. T. Matkin on the 40th anniversary of his first peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	CAROL FERNLEY 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	JOHN R. KENNETT 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. CLAYTON.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Bernard Groves.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., April 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. NEIL (St. Catharine's) Treble	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. 6
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 7
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by H. NEILL.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. R. Knights, who were married on April 4th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 six-scores Plain Bob, six six-scores (six callings) and ten twelve-scores (seven Morris's and three Pitman's) Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROGER HAVARD .. Treble	JEFFERY W. WALLACE .. 4
*JOHN B. GARRETT .. 2	ANTHONY M. COOMBS .. 5
ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 3	*ROYSTON T. ESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. D. Coombs, brother of the ringer of the fifth.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., March 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. Treble	RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 4
*ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. 2	*ROBIN G. ELLIOTT .. 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Minor.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*FREDERICK ROSS .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 4
†ERIC N. HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
CHARLES N. LEA .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. First peal on the bells for 24 years.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 98 individual plain course methods in 42 spliced extents, viz.: (1) St. Edmund's and St. Simon's; (2) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (3) Astleham Alliance, Ashford, Twyford and Greenford Little Bob; (4) Plain Bob and Boxford; (5) Dorney, Bisham and Barkham Alliance, Laleham Little Bob; (6) Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham S.C.; (7) Coulsdon, Langley and Marsworth Alliance, Greenford and Laleham Little Bob; (8) Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; (9) Perivale and Lockinge Alliance, Lathbury, Twyford and Littleton Little Bob; (10) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C.; (11) Shepperton Alliance, Stanwell, Kempston and Hanworth Little Bob; (12) Plain Bob and Boxford; (13) Horton Alliance, Hampton, Ickenham and Northolt Little Bob; (14) Plain Bob, Boxford and Candlesby S.C.; (15) Chalvey Alliance, Clewer, Spital and Dedworth Little Bob; (16) Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; (17) Forncett, Funderhall, Itchingfield S.C., Knaption, Oakley S.C., Ockham S.C., Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead S.C., Ellingham, Broughton S.C. and Chesham S.C.; (18) Plain Bob and Boxford; (19) Bethnal, St. Alphage, Rev. St. Edmund's, Datchet, Tandridge and Rev. St. Simon's; (20) Plain Bob and Boxford; (21) Reverse Shipway's Place, Canterbury, St. Sebastian, Rev. Bob and Rev. All Saints; (22) Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; (23) Hascombe S.C., Longford S.C., St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Thornborough S.C. and Winchendon Place; (24) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (25) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Coxwell Place, Rugby S.C., St. Botolph and Stedman S.C.; (26) Plain Bob and Boxford; (27) Longworth, Braywood, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Welford and St. Osmund; (28) Plain Bob and Boxford; (29) Bedingham, Harpley, New Bob, Huntspill, Lyng and St. Vedast; (30) Plain Bob and Boxford; (31) Hascombe S.C., Longford S.C., St. Hilary, Westminster II, Thornborough S.C. and Blackburn Place; (32) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (33) St. Andrew's Place, Rev. St. Martin's and Rev. Huntspill; (34) Plain Bob, Boxford and Candlesby S.C.; (35) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook S.C.; (36) Plain Bob, Boxford and Candlesby S.C.; (37) St. Gregory, Rev. St. Osmund and Rev. Huntspill; (38) Plain Bob and Boxford; (39) Datchet, Rev. St. Osmund, St. Julian and Rev. St. Remigius; (40) Plain Bob and Boxford; (41) Uffington, Rev. St. Simon's, Union and Rev. St. Nicholas; (42) Plain Bob and Boxford: with 321 changes of method. No bobs or singles called throughout. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MALCOLM G. LANE .. Treble	ANDREW D. GRANT 4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES .. 2	CHRIS. G. V. BURGESS .. 5
	DAVID G. PICKETT Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

First attempt for all at a peal of multi-Doubles. Most Doubles rung for the Association and at the tower. Average age of band 17.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOHN DREWITT .. Treble	*SHEILA CAMERON 3
EDWARD VENN 2	ROY H. JONES 4
ALEC GAMMON Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HEATHER STEWART .. Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 4
*JOHN F. FELGATE .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 3	*WALTER R. FELGATE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Minor.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
 ERNEST G. ORLAND .. Treble | STANLEY F. WEBB .. 4
 PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2 | PETER M. GILES .. 5
 MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 3 | EDWARD M. THRESHER .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD M. THRESHER.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the bicentenary of George Frederick Handel.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Newark Branch.)

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.
 BERYL REED .. Treble | ELEANOR ROSE .. 4
 LAVINA HULFORD .. 2 | GRACE BURCHNALL .. 5
 *PAMELA CLARKE .. 3 | KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Tenor

Conducted by GRACE BURCHNALL.

*First peal 'inside.' First peal for the Southwell Guild by a band of ladies.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Wavertree College, College, St. Clement's College, Childwall Bob, Thelwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. Treble | *JANE K. A. COOK .. 4
 DAVID HEIGHTON .. 2 | †PATRICK J. BIRD .. 5
 *BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 3 | *FRANK D. MACK .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

*First peal in seven methods. †First in seven plain methods. The conductor's 100th peal (also now 'completed the circle').

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) and (2) Oxford, Kingston, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal T.B.; (3) Kingston, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal T.B.; (4) Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal T.B.; (5) Capel and Sandal T.B.; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. Treble | JOHN R. KENNETT .. 4
 BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5
 *CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. 3 | WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

*First peal in seven methods. In memoriam William Willett.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 21 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

GORDON T. BROWN .. Treble | LEONARD MILLS .. 4
 ROBERT W. COLE .. 2 | HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 5
 *DOUGLAS H. BOIT .. 3 | COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

*First peal.

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.
 *MRS. W. IVINGS .. Treble | *JOHN GENTLEMAN .. 3
 †JOHN IVINGS .. 2 | †HENRY IVINGS .. 4

ANTHONY R. MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

*First peal. †First 'inside.' First of Doubles as conductor.

FORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANN TYLER .. Treble | HAROLD ROBERTS .. 4
 ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. 2 | G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 5
 ALBERT LAWTON .. 3 | WILLIAM TALBOT .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

*First peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. T. Lawton, of Weston Jones Farm, Newport.

WAPLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Ten callings.) Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN FERRIS .. Treble | FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3
 *JOHN D. HUNT .. 2 | HENRY TAYSON .. 4

HERBERT T. FERRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. FERRIS.

*First peal of Doubles. First on five bells by all except the ringer of the third. First recorded peal on the bells.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Patricia Adelene Wynne, daughter of the Rector, to Alan Robert Stewart; also for St. George's Day.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, eight each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and All Saints', four of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*NEIL D. DAVIES .. Treble | HARRY TURNER .. 3
 †CHARLES E. HILL .. 2 | †WILLIAM T. HILL .. 4

†RAYMOND G. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

*First peal. †First in six methods on an 'inside' bell. ‡First in six methods.

Rung to celebrate the restoration and enlargement of the church.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

*CYNTHIA M. HUNT .. Treble | †JILL M. PUTNAM .. 3
 CHARLES W. BROWN .. 2 | ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 4

DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

*First peal. †First 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur J. Millward.

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EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 4	Tenor 10½ cwt.
VALERIE WATERFIELD 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5	
ALEC WILSON 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor	

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

PENGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 4
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
RALPH BIRD 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

Quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., April 14, 1959, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor size 18 in G.

TERENCE G. PAGE 1—2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3—4
E. CHARLES BAILEY 5—6	

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

A coming-of-age compliment to Mr. Michael G. Papworth, of Caister-on-Sea.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Worcester variation.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2	†FRANK C. PRICE 5—6
JOAN BERESFORD 3—4	*JOHN R. MAYNE 7—8

JOHN HILL 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 100th peal together. † 100th peal. First of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all the band.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 21, 1959, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER 1—2	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3—4
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JOHN POTTS 5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes.

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Double Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 10 in A.

*GERALD PENNEY 1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS 3—4
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*†JOYCE DODDS 5—6

Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.

* 25th peal 'in hand.' † 50th peal. First of Minor in three methods 'in hand' by all.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ARLEDON, CUMBERLAND.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Tembey 1, H. Wilson 2, W. Daniels 3, S. Richardson 4, J. Butterfield 5, C. Ford 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Borrowdale (first quarter) 8.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Brazier 1, A. Reed 2, W. B. Pomeroy 3, H. Wheatley 4, Sheila Kevie 5, H. E. Raxter 6, C. B. Longmore (first on eight as cond.) 7, D. H. Bott 8. First of Triples for 3, 5 and 8. For Confirmation service.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rushall 1, W. E. Burnell 2, J. Nicholls (cond.) 3, L. W. Whewall 4, P. C. Taylor 5, A. Campden 6. For patronal festival.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tomlinson 1, Muriel Longhurst 2, C. Stopps 3, Ann Longhurst (first quarter) 4, Mrs. D. Stopps (first in method as cond.) 5, F. Tomlinson 6. In honour of St. George's Day.

BRECON.—On April 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. P. Davis 1, W. Chick 2, M. M. Peterson 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, D. Stokes 6. In honour of the golden wedding of Major and Mrs. J. D. D. Evans.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Webber 1, L. Pople 2, F. Fackrell 3, H. Pople 4, W. Stevens (cond.) 5, W. Hayward 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Knight.

CAPE TOWN.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, L. Hewitt 2, W. Abraham 3, R. Law 4, W. Smith 5, R. Stickley (cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernsten 8. For Evensong, and a tribute to the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Cumming) on leaving the parish.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Bradbrook 1, H. J. Eldred 2, M. Soper 3, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 4, C. King 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to H. J. Eldred, a former Barnet member.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Moody 1, P. Poyner 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. Mallard 5, D. Hollis 6. For the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. J. Talente).

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. For Matins.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. G. Smith 1, Felicity Marshall (first 'inside') 2, Rosemary E. Smith 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, J. W. Owen (cond.) 5, R. M. Virgin (first quarter) 6.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Heather Bonner 1, Jill Cook 2, Mrs. E. D. Poole 3, D. A. Cornwall 4, S. M. Bailey 5, E. Dennis Poole (cond.) 6, R. E. Dean 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ralph W. Atkins.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Jane M. Yardley (first of Doubles) 1, Ann Cook 2, D. J. Harrabin 3, I. D. Thompson 4, M. F. Hall (first as cond.) 5, J. Burt (first quarter) 6. First in more than one method 1, 2 and 3. A compliment to Robert H. C. Johnson on the occasion of his engagement to Miss Jacqueline Ewbank.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, R. J. Gray 2, Miss S. Hunt 3, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 4, D. Uphill 5. For St. Mark's Day, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Ruth Blackshaw and Doreen Armstrong 1, B. Mills 2, J. Meredith 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For evening service. Also on April 5th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): Ruth Blackshaw 1, B. Mills 2, J. Meredith 3, Doreen Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For evening service. Also on April 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob): Ruth Blackshaw 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, J. Meredith 3, F. Bradley and B. Mills 4, B. Mills and A. Larkin 5, B. Buswell and F. Bradley 6. Conducting shared by B. Buswell and F. Bradley. For evening service.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Miss P. R. Hasken 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, Miss M. A. Birch 4, Miss M. Cork 5, A. F. Burley 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood 8. A welcome to the Rev. A. J. Vincent, newly instituted to the benefice.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Graney 1, Miss W. Picton (first of Major) 2, K. Waples (first of Major 'inside') 3, Miss E. Erik 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, R. J. Picton 6, D. J. Goodman 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Hubbard 1, Miss V. J. Hubbard 2, R. J. Hubbard 3, R. F. Hubbard 4, J. F. Hubbard (cond.) 5, R. S. Revell 6. For Evensong, and a farewell to Mr. A. E. Hubbard, who is returning to Nigeria.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bush 1, M. R. Reed 2, H. J. Reeve 3, L. Bush 4, G. Coleman 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. For the christening of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Pilkington, grand-daughter of the Rev. K. Sandberg.

LONDON.—On April 26th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: I. H. Oram (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. N. Bagworth 3, G. Goodman 4, C. J. Champion 5, N. Bagworth 6, A. Bagworth 7, F. R. Scott 8, G. P. T. Peters 9, A. Farndoe 10. For Evensong. Also on April 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss F. C. Brown 1, Mrs. E. Denereaz 2, J. Mudd 3, J. Tomsett 4, R. Trebilcock 5, G. Harvey 6, F. Ranson 7, F. Mead 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, E. J. Peet 10. First of Caters by 1 and 2. For morning service. Also on April 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mary Andrews 1, I. H. Oram 2, R. Woodcock 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, W. S. Deason 6, F. R. Scott 7, D. A. S. Hawkins 8, R. G. Leale (cond.) 9, A. P. Cannon 10. First quarter of Surprise on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Mar. 29th, at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Errington (first quarter) 1, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 2, Mary Prophet 3, Mrs. J. Smith 4, N. H. Hewitt 5, T. M. Cox 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, K. Arthur 8. For the afternoon children's service.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, N. Leslie 2, V. Clifton 3, A. Cantwell 4, M. Edney (cond.) 5, D. Leslie 6. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Bowsher, who has been a ringer here for over 60 years.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On April 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Stainrod 1, H. Chant 2, C. Rusby 3, H. Rusby 4, T. Tarbatt 5, N. Moxon 6, K. Park 7, W. Moreton (cond.) 8. To mark the golden jubilee of the Barnsley and District Society.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Elizabeth Dear 1, Ann Culpin 2, B. A. Martin 3, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 4, D. Kitchener 5, B. V. Hart 6. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): Jacqueline Wilkinson 1, Ann Culpin 2, B. V. Hart 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, D. Kitchener 5, B. A. Martin 6. In honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Judith M. Cwilt 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) (cond.) 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis 5, Vivienne A. Neal 6. First in four methods by all the band. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Helen M. Thacker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. K. Foot 3, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 4, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, T. E. Myatt (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire for all except 3. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Foot, parents of 3.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 19th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss M. Mills 1, I. Tilling 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Miss E. Wardill 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, D. G. French 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First quarter by 2 and 7. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss M. Lovell 3, H. Gayton (cond.) 4, T. Bragg 5, B. Makeham 6. Being the 51st anniversary of a peal conducted in this church by the conductor. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, T. Bragg 3, P. Starr 4, B. Makeham (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, T. Bragg 3, J. Gudgeons 4, P. Starr 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Susan Lovell (tower secretary) and Mr. E. Blundell. Also on April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss M. J. Lovell 3, J. Gudgeons 4, T. Bragg 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Freda Phillips (first quarter on eight) 1, K. Prime 2, P. Hull 3, G. Salmon (cond.) 4, D. Lee 5, H. Smith 6, V. Roberts 7, A. Kingston 8. For St. George's Day service.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on April 26th, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss M. Harte (first on 12) 2, A. R. Ling 3, C. A. Hughes 4, Miss V. K. Hester 5, R. Tomlin (first of Grandsire Cinques) 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, R. F. Deal 8, C. Willmington 9, B. F. Baker 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, F. J. Matthews 12. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Ward (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, Janet Adamson 3, Linda J. Kew 4, B. Lister 5, D. K. Walters (cond.) 6, J. Birt 7, D. Livingston 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On April 12th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: J. R. Boyd 1, Dawn Evans (first 'inside') 2, C. G. V. Burgess (cond.) 3, K. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, D. J. Evans (first quarter) 6. For afternoon service.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, W. A. Stote 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Robinson 5, N. Haile 6, A. Wright (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Hart (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,272 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 552 Kent Treble Bob): J. F. Murfin 1, C. Walklate 2, E. Walklate 3, M. Blore 4, R. J. Stretton 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, D. S. Harris 2, G. W. Edwards 3, R. C. F. Wooster 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, C. H. Geeves 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Mary Garrod, mother of ringer of 1.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Leach (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Lang (first 'inside') 2, H. Collings 3, H. Banwell 4, D. C. Jackson 5, M. V. White (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 26th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: P. D. Chapman 1, R. J. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. Sykes 4, W. Dowler 5, B. Downes 6, D. Hewitt 7, T. Hawking (cond.) 8. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. E. Bird (first of Triples) 1, G. Walford 2, D. North 3, G. Salter 4, G. Gammon 5, C. Webber 6, P. Bird (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thomson 1, T. Coldwell 2, S. Boulton 3, T. Grant 4, M. Meadows 5, T. W. Senior (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for all except conductor. In honour of the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On April 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Helen Nevill 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Angela Grainger 3, Anne E. Amor 4, K. Wakefield 5, J. B. Long 6, R. L. Piron 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On April 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, L. E. Duffield 2, J. H. Edwards 3, R. Harrison 4, F. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, Anne C. Garnett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, A. Bagworth 4, A. Bishop 5, M. H. Sinden (first in method as cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for all except 2 and 6, and first of Cambridge on the bells. For Evensong.

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Bells will be heard prior to the evening service to be broadcast on Trinity Sunday, May 24th, at 7.48 p.m., from Bradford-on-Avon Parish Church, Wilts. It will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. F. Osborne.

To those confused over the peal recorded on April 24th at St. Werburgh's, Derby, we are informed that it was rung at Spondon.

Did anyone see the letter in the 'Radio Times' of April 24th, from Mr. H. J. Hazell, of Enfield, who, after stating he was an experienced ringer, referred to Triples as an odd-bell method rung on 5, 7, 9 or 11 bells?

As the peal at Llanfagan neared its end the cord supporting the oil lamp was seen to be slowly scorching through, and the band would like to feel that the footnote, 'Fastest peal on the bells,' was fully justified.

The quickest peal on 10 tower bells was rung on April 13th at the Bell Foundry in 2 hours and 24 minutes. It was 5,120 Little Bob Royal. The previous record was 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal in 2 hours and 25 minutes on December 17th, 1949, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

Mr. E. Billings would like to thank Major Bragg and the ringers of Aldershot and Mr. C. W. Denyer and the ringers of Farnham for the wonderful welcome he received at their practices and friendship extended to him during his stay in Aldershot, while completing his National Service with the Royal Army Service Corps.

The quarter peal credited to Newmarket on page 280 was rung at Exning. It would save the Editor's time if copy of quarter peals for publication were written in the form they appear, viz.: Place, including county, date, method, and ringers' names. The same comment applies equally to peals. Some copy staggers imagination!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. R. Pink, who conducted the first peal at Carbis Bay on the new bells in 1946, was happily on holiday in the parish and was able to conduct the last peal on the bells in the tower in its present state. Although surrounded by scaffolding, ready for building operations to begin to complete the tower, ringing was still possible. It is hoped that the next peal will be on the augmented ring of ten.

'Marmalade Cannon,' whose passing was recorded last week, was the cat of Mr. A. P. Cannon.

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will hold their next meeting on May 30th at St. Edmund's, Northampton, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the bells.

The quarter peal at Hoole, Cheshire, on March 30th (see page 234) was rung for the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. E. C. Crewe and not as printed.

Miss Elizabeth Jackson, who rang in a quarter peal at Blewbury, is a member of Bristol University Society and not as stated on page 268.

When the Rev. A. J. Vincent, a well-known change ringer in the Truro Diocesan Guild, was instituted on April 24th to the parish of Kenwyn, Truro, he rang the tenor bell (which had been left up after the ringing previous to the service) sixteen times, to signify that he had taken possession of the living.

In connection with the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows' A.M.C., at Scarborough, May 23rd to 30th, there will be a special service on Sunday afternoon, the 24th, at 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Church. Odd Fellows and Railwaymen ringers will be sure of a very cordial welcome from Mr. Bert Sutton, leader at St. Mary's, to ring for the service. He will give details of practice night and other ringing.

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L'ISLE VERTE

GUERNSEY—l'île verte—was the destination of the newly-formed International Ringing Association for the weekend April 3rd-5th, during which Alderney was also visited.

At 4.15 on the Friday afternoon the writer met Bill Deason, Ernest Munday and John Rock at Victoria, and it was not long before we picked out Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cannon's smiling faces in the large hall at Gatwick Airport. After luggage weighing and ticket checking we were ready to enter our plane when, ominously—'B.E.A. The Guernsey flight will be delayed for technical reasons.' These reasons later resolved into 'congestion in the London Control Area,' and we were in the aircraft by 6.20, though take-off was further delayed until 6.54.

Although three of the party had flown before, none had done so to take part in ringing, and this first flight provided much to delight the romantic side of our natures, particularly the view of Bournemouth below us—a delicate white spider's half web speckled with coloured dew, the centre being a veritable blaze of colours. Our landing at Guernsey Airport was uneventful.

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST

The Yacht Inn faced east across St. Peter Port harbour towards Castle Cornet, and the writer woke before 6 a.m. with the sun warm on his face, which indicated that flying conditions should be ideal, as indeed they proved. There was no time for breakfast as the airport bus left the town church at 8 a.m., and at 9.5 we were sitting in the Rapide 'Alares' at the end of the runway.

Alderney presented memorable details which emphasised its isolation as we came in to land 14 minutes later—seagulls floating on the sea and massed on the southern rocks like snow, and some disused gun emplacements on the cliffs—to mention but a few. Robin met us at the airfield, and we were enjoying sandwiches and coffee in the Rose and Crown when the Rev. H. Le Page called to see us, accompanied by his charming wife and daughter Bridget. Conversation ranged over many things—the great 56 cwt. bell of St. Helier, the presence of an iron smelting works on the island, Mr. Le Page's recognition of John (the and John's father administered neighbouring Herefordshire parishes), and the Church of St. Anne with its palm trees in the churchyard.

The church was gutted during the occupation and used as a store—indeed, the rim marks left by cans are still visible on the chancel steps. There is a 100-years-old flag in the north aisle, used during Queen Victoria's visit in 1854, but all windows are new for the old ones were shattered by gunfire.

The bells are a new ring by Taylors, installed in 1953, and of course we were anxious to hear them. They hang in a new wooden frame in a fine-tower roomy enough for 12, and the only adjustments needed were to the tail-ends. 'A junior Inveraray' was one comment, and these magnificent bells inspired us to ring an excellent peal of Cambridge Surprise—a most rewarding experience.

Lunch at the Rose and Crown was most satisfying, again in the company of our new friends, and soon after our goodbyes had been said we were sunbathing on the airfield, awaiting 'Alares' return. Our climbing plane passed over the churchyard, and we could see a coffin being laid to rest as we banked towards Guernsey, which we reached at a quarter-to-four. A quick visit to our hotel to tell Mrs. Cannon of our success (limited accommodation had prevented her from coming with us to Alderney), a brief souvenir hunt, and we were off to the north of the island, the Clos du Valle.

THE SECOND PEAL

The Church of St. Michel du Valle, usually known as the Vale Church, was once only accessible at low tide, as the Clos du Valle was cut off from the rest of the island by a channel, the Braye du Valle. Of the original church only the chancel remains, where a row of sedilia may be seen, but ruins of an early priory may still be noted. We ascended the tower by the curious (nautical?) staircase on the outside to find that the bells were installed by J. Warners, Bell Founders to Her Majesty, in 1891.

We had expected to find a 15 cwt. ring requiring not a little physical effort to ring, but we discovered that the frame and fittings needed no attention although all ropes were adjusted and one replaced. Eventually the tenor was raised and measured, Pat finding to his disappointment that the maximum diameter was 34 inches—indicating a weight of 7½ cwt. only! However, the bells were soon tapping round merrily and another very good peal was scored in seven methods. The bells encourage fast ringing but, due to the absence of a quarter of the wheel rim, the tenor cannot be rung much faster without the rope slipping off. After descending the tower we were congratulated by Mrs. Cannon and the local ringers, and following a late evening meal (enlivened by the expulsion of a drunken sailor—'What shall we do with . . .') were soon away to bed. The ropes were re-adjusted after morning service on Sunday and we then met the Rev. L. Streetley, the priest in charge, and admired the Easter tableau.

THE LAST COURSE

After a celebration lunch Pat and Mrs. Cannon (who were staying on to visit Jersey) were taken on a tour of the island by Mr. Streetley, whilst we made ready for our departure at 4 p.m. Mr. Marquis and his wife were at the airport to wave goodbye, and our sincere thanks are accorded to him for his help at St. Michel du Valle, for his assistance with the arrangements, and for his generosity in acting as our chauffeur on several occasions.

Fittingly, we flew over St. Michel's and St. Anne's at the commencement of our return flight, and before landing at Gatwick in 61 minutes picked out Ryde, Bognor Regis and Chichester, Selsey Bill Airport and the sharply-defined northern slopes of the South Downs. The writer's bag received a cursory inspection at the customs desk, and the presence of a 'strange rope' aroused suspicion until it was explained that we were English members of an annual Indian rope-trick convention—the colours of the sally seemed to add confirmation to the quite plausible explanation!

In conclusion, I would like to express the thanks of the party to the incumbents and ringers, and also to Robin, who unobtrusively and effortlessly planned such a successful and enjoyable weekend. **CALLIGRAPH.**

RECORD ATTEMPT FAILS

The attempt for the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry last Saturday failed after ringing for eight hours and accomplishing 16,000 odd changes.



Top: St. Anne's, Alderney, and St. Michel du Valle, Guernsey. The peal band (left to right): John D. Rock, William S. Deason, Philip Mehew, Robin G. Leale, A. Patrick Cannon and Ernest J. Munday.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

On April 11th more than 60 ringers and friends from different towers in the Rochester and District east and west of the River Medway attended a District meeting held at St. Helen's, parish church of Cliffe-at-Hoo. This tower is within sight of the South Bank of the Thames and contains a very good-going ring of eight bells. Good use of these bells was made, under the guidance of Mr. W. A. J. Knight, until the Ringing Master (Mr. C. S. Jarrett) arrived. A short ringers' service was conducted by the newly-appointed Rector (Rev. J. W. Henderson), who in his address welcomed the Rochester and District ringers. The singing was ably led by Mrs. J. W. Henderson, the Rector's wife, as organist.

Tea was served in the Co-op Hall by local ladies, and the short business meeting was presided over by the Rector. The only business raised was by Mr. G. Butcher, Mr. A. Dunk and Mr. W. A. J. Knight, with regard to peal booking fees. Upon a vote, the District was in favour of a fee in aid of the Belfry Repair Fund. A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Beaumont. Before leaving the hall, handbells were rung by C. S. Jarrett, H. S. Audsley, G. J. Butcher and P. F. Borer.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD RINGERS' RALLY

HOLY Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, was the mecca of over 238 ringers and friends on April 11th, when the second Ringers' Rally of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held. By the number of bands entered it proved to be as successful as the first in 1957.

Ringling commenced at 1.30 p.m., and the first band in was Stratford-on-Avon, who opened with Grandsire Caters. Perhaps it was stage fright, but their striking was not up to their Sunday service standard. They were followed by the young band from St. Nicholas', Warwick, who rang Grandsire Triples, and showed what could be done in twelve months: it was indeed a good effort. Whitnash, a six-bell band, rang call changes on ten—rather ambitious, but a very good effort and a credit to their conductor. Studley came in next with some good Grandsire Doubles with 768 covering. This again is a new band, and their handling of much heavier bells than their own was very good.

They were followed by some good Grandsire Doubles by the Kenilworth band, and Grandsire Triples by the Leamington Spa band was as you would expect it with Mr. Burt in charge. Call changes by the Hatton band was followed by more Grandsire Triples by Rugby. They could have rung Stedman or Double Norwich as confidently. Why not?

St. Mary's, Warwick, were due to follow, but as the ten ringers took over the ropes, most of them seemed to belong to the local band. Much had been expected of St. Mary's band, so this effort (or lack of it) was disappointing. Newbold-on-Avon rang Bob Minor on the back six very well; the difference in weight did not seem to worry them. Brilles, a new band to the Guild since their bells have been rehung, rang call changes on the back six, making it obvious that they were enjoying what they were doing, and making light of it.

Dunchurch, with the aid of Richard Speed, did justice to the back six with more Grandsire, and appeared to enjoy the ringing. Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, changed the tune to Bob Major, and very well they rang it. Harbury were next and trotted out the old favourite, Grandsire Doubles, but why not Bob Minor or Cambridge, which they could have rung quite easily?

Bulkington were ambitious enough to try Stedman Triples and made a good job of it. Allesley were next, and much to my SURPRISE opened up with Bob Major, and with a slight change of the band followed this with a course of Bristol Surprise. This was without doubt the best ringing of the day. However, they blotted their copy book near the end, but quickly recovered to make a good ending. Then came Chilvers Coton, one of the three ten-bell bands in the Guild, who rang Stedman Caters as you would expect them to. This finished the afternoon's programme, and served as the service touch.

The Guild service was taken by the Vicar, Canon T. Noel Prentice. The Lesson was read by Canon H. A. Hayden, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Warwick, and the address was given by the Lord Bishop, the Right Rev. C. K. N. Bardsley, who said how delighted he was to be given the opportunity once again to meet

the bellringers of the diocese, and what a pleasure it was to see so many of them there.

Referring to the large number of lady ringers present, he said it was a sign of the times to see so many ladies taking up what was at one time looked upon as a male occupation. He was pleased to see it as they brought grace and charm to the ringing chamber, and he hoped they would continue to do it.

At the reception in the Town Hall, the Mayoress, in her welcome, explained that the Mayor had been ill and was unable to be there to welcome them, but sent his best wishes. The Mayoress and the Bishop were introduced to many of the ringers present, and to the leaders of the bands taking part.

After tea, ringing was resumed under very difficult conditions. Stratford ringing chamber has never had so many ringers in at the same time before. The Ringing Master did his best to cater for all tastes in methods as well as rounds for the learners. Ringing continued until about 9 p.m., when a halt had to be called at St. Nicholas'. Warwick, to try out the new ring. During the afternoon Clifford Chambers bells were put to good use.

I would like to quote from a letter just received: 'We cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing the feelings of our Rally band for the excellent arrangements at the tower of Holy Trinity, Stratford, last Saturday. We enjoyed every minute of it, and greatly appreciated the controlled flow of ringers to and from the ringing chamber. The timing was perfect. It was a great thrill not only to handle that beautiful ring, but to watch the expert Caters and Royal bands in action. The service, the Bishop's address, the reception, everything made up a magnificent experience which we shall never forget.—J. L. Garner Hayward.'

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS AND SOUTHPORT VISIT

In connection with the visit of the Central Council to Southport this Whitsuntide, Liverpool Cathedral bells will be available at the following times:

Saturday, May 16th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 17th, from 1.50 to 2.50 p.m.

Monday, May 18th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 5 p.m.

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RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD IN LONDON

A FULL programme was arranged for the third annual meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild held in London on April 25th. Proceedings started with a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and a cordial welcome from Mr. A. A. Hughes. Many rings of bells were seen in preparation, including three twelves—for Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia, St. Mary-le-Bow and Great Yarmouth.

Ringling commenced at 12 noon at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, whilst 'the heavy men' went to Southwark Cathedral. All met again at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, with its peculiarity—it is said—of ringing the tower also, or the tower ringing you.

Mrs. N. Davies and her helpers served tea in the Fan Makers' Hall for a company of 65, whilst another 20 were taking part in ringing.

The Master, Mr. Harold Walker, presided at the business meeting, and among those present were the Rector of St. Botolph's (the Rev. Hubert H. Treacher), Mr. O. J. F. Whitaker (secretary, joint committee); Mr. J. E. Topless; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McLeod and Mr. J. A. McIntosh (Staffs Association); Mr. J. A. Madeley (area welfare officer, Crewe); Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master, London County Assn.), and members from York, Leeds, Goole, Darlington, Newport, Mon., Swansea, Swindon, Stoke-on-Trent, Leicester, Kent, Somerset, Crewe, and the Home Counties.

Welcomes were extended to the company by the Master and the Rector of St. Botolph's.

The financial statement and auditor's report, submitted by Mr. J. Brough (Nantwich) showed for the first time a balance. Three new members were elected, including an associate member, Miss Nancy Kempell, of Nutfield.

There were changes when it came to the election of officers. The Master (Mr. Harold Walker) felt that the honour should go round, and Mr. W. Bernard Kynaston, of Swindon, was elected his successor. Mr. W. Frank Stenson reminded the meeting that he took on the job of hon. secretary and treasurer in 1956 on the understanding that he would be released on reaching 70, the retiring age. The meeting very reluctantly did so, and Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, of Swansea, was elected to the office.

The Regional Ringing Masters and/or representatives were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Michael N. Bland, for the Eastern Region. The Rev. F. S. Gentry was re-elected chaplain, and also the hon. auditors, Messrs. J. Brough and R. D. Langford. Mr. O. J. F. Whitaker, secretary, joint committee, British Railways Staff Association completed the committee.

The 1960 annual meeting will be held at Birmingham on May 14th, and the autumn meeting at Bristol on September 24th.

Mr. Stenson gave notice of motion 'to restore the words of the Guild's original constitution, the Guild shall be open to railwaymen church bellringers everywhere.'

The retiring Master and hon. secretary were thanked for their services during the founding and establishing of the Guild; and an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting was carried with acclamation. The hon. secretary said he would like to place on record the valuable assistance he had received from the London Associations.

The grand finale and tit-bit of the day was an hour's ringing on the famous St. Clement Danes' new and magnificent ring of ten.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'UNADULTERATED BALDERDASH'

Dear Sir,—For sheer unadulterated balderdash, the resolution to be submitted to the Central Council, requiring all record attempts to be clearly audible outside the tower, and forbidding the ringers to partake of any refreshment whatever, would be hard to beat.

Can anyone tell us of an incumbent of a church or trustee of a secular tower in his right mind who would knowingly condemn the residents within earshot of the tower to 24 hours or more of continuous ringing? I say 24 hours or more because 50,000 or more changes of Caters or Royal is probably quite possible to our present-day composers. The fact must also be considered that the organiser and ringers of a peal longer than the present record run a risk of prosecution for committing a public nuisance, if such attempt was made on bells 'clearly audible outside the tower.'

With regard to refreshments, personally I see very little sense in the present rule that no ringer in a record attempt shall have food handed to him, and less in the proposal that he shall not partake of any food or drink. It makes it possible for an umpire to stop an attempt because a ringer sucks a sweet. It only needs a Central Council resolution that Pat Cannon must eat no raisins during a 5,000 to make the whole thing ridiculous. To my simple mind a peal, whether of 5,000 or 50,000 thousand changes, is purely a test of the ringing ability of the ringers taking part, not a test of physical stamina.

In conclusion, I wish success to those taking part in the attempt at the extent of Bob Major, and hope the catering officer lays on a good feed. It's austerity with a capital 'A' from Whitsun onwards if Scrooge, Marley and Co. get their way, etc.

A. H. KEMP.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

WEST RETFORD BELLS

Dear Sir,—Whilst greasing the bells of West Retford recently, I copied the inscriptions and was very surprised when I came to the tenor to find it had only the following and no names of benefactor or founder, etc.:

IESVS BE OUR SPEED. 1619.

Could anyone provide me with any information regarding the likely founder of this bell?

It occurs to me that the fifth is also by the same founder. The bell was recast in 1884 by J. Taylor and Co., and bears the inscription:

FILI DEI MISERERE MEI. 1620. RECAST 1884.

Incidentally the fourth is also quite a remarkable bell, it being one of the few recast by T. Hilton, of Wath, and was cast in 1810.—Yours sincerely,

R. HOBBS.

Retford.

EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—In answer to your correspondent Mr. Wm. Sheppard, may I say that of course the line should read 'for a period of over 400 years,' as it did in the original writing. I regret that this error occurred in the transcript published in 'The Ringing World.' I must confess I did not spot the mistake myself. The 500-year period, is, of course, concerning the tower.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I please be permitted to comment on some of the points which have been made in letters to your columns, following the publication of my letter on April 3rd.

First, in reply to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow's encouraging letter on page 239, I would emphasise that in my view lectures should be given even in colleges where ringing is at present flourishing. 'Here we have no continuing city'—when the students at present engaged in instruction leave college there may or may not be others with sufficient experience and knowledge to take their places. Regular annual lectures given by capable persons, appointed by the Diocesan Guilds or the Central Council, would ensure continuity. Here may I say how much I agree with Mr. Paul Birkett's comments. This matter *must* be approached on a nation-wide scale, with authoritative backing. Has the Central Council approached the Central Council for Training for the Ministry? If not, I urge those responsible for the report on Sunday service ringing to do so.

I am grateful, too, for Mr. Chaddock's letter. From my personal knowledge of Mr. Chaddock and what he does for ringing, I am thankful that he is so deeply involved in this matter, and I shall await his committee's report with interest and confidence.

I am sorry if one point in my previous letter was not quite clear. Mr. Graham is, of course, quite right; one cannot generalise in the matter of how often ringers might reasonably be expected to attend church. In some country districts it involves great hardship and rush for farmers and farm workers to get time off to ring on a Sunday morning, let alone attend service as well, and one must not under-estimate the value of their service as ringers. Again, in several of the large cities I know of many ringers who give generously and willingly of their time and money to ring at two and sometimes three different churches on a Sunday, thereby ensuring that bells that would otherwise hang silent do proclaim a living and vigorous faith.

But ringing can never be a substitute for worship at a church service, and one might reasonably expect officers of the church to put in an appearance from time to time. My deepest concern is for those ringers who hardly ever set foot inside a church for corporate worship; and one does meet such people, Mr. Graham.

In my own parish church at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, there has never been (and I hope there never will be) a hard and fast rule that ringers shall attend every service for which they ring. But one may attend any service there on a Sunday and be sure of the company of a great proportion of the band. Come to think of it, quite a number of the ringers spend more time in church on a Sunday than do the parish clergy, without any apparent ill effect!—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O. FRY.

The Theological College,
Salisbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Association was held in the Hunts District on Easter Monday. The day dawned fair, and just before 10 o'clock at Eynesbury, the first ring of the day, about 60 ringers were gathered, and the little belfry was packed, with others waiting up the stairs and outside. Half an hour later the St. Neots fine ring was available and was put to good use. Great Paxton (5) and Buckden (5) followed, and then five miles away the sixes at Great Staughton and Spaldwick and the heavy five at Leighton Bromswold. These were followed by the light five at Winwick, Alconbury (6), Brampton (5), and the delightful eight at Godmanchester. At St. Mary's, Huntingdon, a slight delay was incurred over a wedding.

Finally came the service at All Saints' (6). The Hunts District president, Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, officiated, with Mr. M. J. Dyer at the organ. About 200 people attended the service, and the singing was a joy to listen to. Tea at the All Saints' Hall was served by local ladies, and whilst we were crowded out with many standing, a good tea was provided.

Before the business meeting visitors were told that the three local towers were open, and many availed themselves of this. At the meeting, with the Rev. J. M. Bagley in the chair, Mr. W. J. Ridgman resigned as general secretary, and Mr. T. S. Peacock was elected to succeed him. The Central Council members for the 24th session were elected as follows: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin, H. S. Peacock. Mr. F. N. Lack did not seek re-election.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded by Mr. F. W. Lack to all who helped to make the day a success.

JOINT MEETING AT HACKNEY

A joint meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association was held on April 11th at St. John's, Hackney, and despite the inclement weather a goodly number attended. It was remarked by those who remembered the old eight that the present ring was a great improvement. A wedding curtailed ringing, but the happy pair had the unexpected pleasure of being rung in and out.

Ringling in the evening took place at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and enabled some younger ringers to perform on 12 bells for the first time. Ringling was of quite a good order in a variety of methods, and included Plain Bob and rounds for the learners.

Mr. P. N. Bond, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master of the London County Association, who were joint Ringing Masters, expressed their pleasure at having an enjoyable meeting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

At the Chew Deanery quarterly meeting at Wrington on April 18th, with Mr. H. W. Knight in the chair, two members from St. Andrew's, Clevedon, were welcomed back into the Association. Four new members from Yatton and one each from All Saints', Clevedon and Wrington, were elected. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Bernard Lee), the tea fully maintained Wrington's reputation and the ringing was in methods up to Cambridge Royal.

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NEW LEADERS FOR LEICESTER GUILD

FOR some few weeks it had been obvious that the 1959 annual meeting would prove to be an interesting and exciting event. The reasons were that two general officers were retiring after many years of service; that there was to be an election for several vacancies in the officers; and that controversial alterations to rules were to be discussed. All these factors resulted in a larger attendance than usual, both at the tea and afterwards.

PRESENTATIONS

After tea came what was probably the most pleasant part of the proceedings. Mr. Arthur Rowley, who had been treasurer of the Guild since it was formed in 1946 (and in office in the former Loughborough and Hinckley Districts of the original Midland Counties Guild for many years previous) was not seeking re-election this year. To mark his retirement the president (Mr. Paul L. Taylor) presented him with a picnic set. Mr. E. Charles Turner, a vice-president of the Guild since 1948, chairman of the Hinckley District and a Central Council representative, was also not seeking re-election. To mark his retirement, the president presented him with a propelling pencil. Both Mrs. Rowley and Mrs. Turner were presented with bouquets by Rosemary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

The secretary's report recorded with pleasure another increase in membership. On December 31st the membership figure stood at 689. (In addition there were 79 who failed to pay the 1958 subscription.)

20 TOWERS NEED ASSISTANCE

The Leicester Diocesan Guild is regarded throughout the country as being the leading Guild in peal ringing and in social activity, but there is one part of our work—that of improving the quality of our Sunday service ringing—where we are not as good as we ought to be. In response to a request from the Central Council we went to not a little trouble and expense to carry out a survey of the Sunday service ringing. This survey showed that out of a total of 136 towers the ringing is only regarded as completely satisfactory in 54 of them and 20 towers are in need of assistance.

The treasurer reported that the general fund had a credit balance of £15 17s. 2d. during the year, which increased the balance in hand to £93 16s. 1d. Other balances were: Bell Repair Fund £150 14s. 3d., Catering Reserve Fund £7 2s. 5d.

The total of 181 peals were rung during the year—150 on tower bells and 31 on handbells. This was 10 less than 1957. Methods rung for the first time were Childwall College Bob Major, Kibworth Surprise Major, Uplyme Surprise Royal, and Wye Surprise Maximus. Thirty people rang their first peal and three their first as conductor. The leading conductor was the general secretary, who called 50 peals, followed by Mr. B. S. Payne and Mr. P. J. Staniforth, who each called 12. There were 44 different conductors. Personal milestones included Mr. E. Morris' 1,800th peal, Mr. B. G. Warwick's 550th peal, Mr. J. A. Acres' 500th peal, Mr. B. S. Paine's 150th peal, Mr. A. Disney's and Doreen Dutton's 100th peal, Mr. R. H. Cook's 50th peal. The report ended with a warning that, as there had been three false peals rung during the year, it was advisable for conductors to have more than one competent opinion on the truth of any new composition or variation of the use of an existing one.

NEW OFFICERS

Special voting papers had been printed for the elections. Miss Claire Dillamore and Miss Linda Richardson, of Lincoln, acted as tellers—a most thankless task which was appreciated very much. The result of the voting showed that Mr. Paul L. Taylor, who had been president since the death of the first president, Mr. Harold J. Poole, in 1955, was displaced by

Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, the voting being 53 to 70.

There were three candidates for the two vice-presidents—Messrs. P. L. Taylor (107 votes) and F. K. Measures (85 votes) were elected. The unsuccessful candidate was Mr. H. B. Bowley, who had 39 votes.

The general secretary (Mr. B. G. Warwick) was re-elected (without a ballot). Both Mr. Ernest Morris and Mr. John A. Smith were found willing to tackle the vacant office of treasurer. 'Uncle' Ernest received 65 votes and John Smith 58 votes. It is interesting to recall that Mr. Morris was general secretary and treasurer of the original Midland Counties Association until it was disbanded in 1946. Mr. Shirley Burton was re-elected peal secretary, and Messrs. J. P. Fidler and C. Harrison trustees. This year we were also to elect four Central Council representatives to serve for three years from January 1st, 1960. There were six candidates, and the voting was as follows: Peter J. Staniforth 109, S. Burton 105, B. G. Warwick 97, Ernest Morris 71 votes. Unsuccessful were John A. Acres 59, and H. B. Bowley 45 votes.

VOTING POWERS FOR YOUTH

The discussion on the proposed alterations to rules proved long and interesting. The proposal by the general secretary, seconded by Mr. F. K. Measures, that nominations for general officers and for Central Council representatives (when applicable) should be received by the quarterly meeting held on the second Saturday in February instead of one month before the annual, was carried unanimously. Greater interest came in the second proposal that senior members only should be allowed to vote at any meeting (i.e., those who pay the full subscription). This was proposed by Mr. E. C. Turner and seconded by Mr. W. A. Lacey, of Anstey.

The proposer had stated that he was 'only firing the bullets for someone else.' The main argument for the motion was that youngsters should not be allowed to sway the voting at any meeting through the influence of their Ringing Masters, who (it was alleged) instructed them how to vote. It was pointed out that at most meetings, if this was carried, matters would be decided by a handful of members and would be a discouragement to the youth. Eventually the question was put, the voting being 10 for and 114 against.

The third proposal, that peals rung on the afternoon or evening of quarterly or annual meeting days should not be recognised unless sanctioned by the general committee, was proposed by Mr. H. B. Bowley, seconded by Mr. H. Poyner. This led to a lively discussion and was eventually defeated (after two recounts) by 33 votes to 34.

In conclusion Mr. E. C. Turner gave details of the annual dinner, which would be held at the Co-op Safe, High Street, Leicester, on November 7th. The Lord Bishop of Leicester would be the chief guest. Tickets would be available shortly from the general secretary (price 11s. each).

The president moved a vote of thanks to the local Leicester District secretary, Mr. J. P. Kesterton, for making the arrangements.

B. G. W.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

On a wet, miserable Saturday afternoon about 20 people attended the first Andover quarterly meeting at Ampot to sample the unusual six with the rope circle hanging in the centre of the church. Mr. A. W. Alliston presided at the business meeting and presented a report on the executive committee meeting. The next meeting, a joint one with the Basingstoke District, was fixed for June 20th at Kingsclere, Sydmonton and Burghclere.

A DAY OF QUARTERS AND TOWERS IN SOMERSET

A day's ringing tour in Southern Somerset, expertly arranged by 'J. B.' took place on April 11th when the party, representing towers in Bristol and the Bridgwater and Chew Deaneries in Somerset, met at Shepton Mallet and rang a quarter peal of 1,312 Double Norwich Major: B. A. Shackleton (first of Double Norwich) 1, Monica Horseman (first 'inside') 2, R. D. Short 3, D. E. Cobb 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Brain 6, D. J. Hunt 7, R. G. Hooper (first as conductor) 8.

Various Minor methods were rung at Bruton, and after a sandwich lunch we were joined by Gwylm Salmon and Mr. Sanger and Tony at Evercreech, where 1,299 Stedman Caters were brought round in 49 minutes: D. J. Hunt 1, B. A. Shackleton (first of Stedman Caters) 2, Monica Horseman 3, R. G. Hooper (conductor) 4, A. J. Sanger 5, G. Salmon 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8, D. Cobb 9, H. J. Sanger 10.

The party were met by Mr. W. Osborne at North Cadbury, with its well-kept belfry and churchyard, and a course of Surfleet was successfully rung. After tea at the Catash Inn (kindly arranged by Mr. Osborne) the light eight at Castle Cary were visited, again in a beautifully-kept belfry, and Mr. Creed, who welcomed and rang with us, said modestly it was all due to having 16 lady ringers in his band.

The final quarter peal was on the famous octave at Ditchat, where 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung: B. A. Shackleton 1, R. G. Hooper 2, Monica Horseman 3, D. J. Hunt 4, M. J. Horseman 5, D. Cobb (conductor) 6, J. Brain 7, G. Salmon 8.

Finally, a short visit to the six at Pilton, where ringing was not up to standard, although Spliced Plain and Little Bob and Oswald Delight Minor were on the menu here. A call for refreshments concluded a most enjoyable day.

M. J. H.

EYE TENOR'S LAST NOTES

The Miles Graye tenor at Eye Parish Church finished its 319 years on April 19th, when 832 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung for Even-song. The ringers were Arthur Hume, Frank Ruffles, Muriel Page, William J. Button, Charles W. Beecroft, Walter Miller, Walter Ruffles and Leslie G. Brett (conductor). A recording of some of the ringing was taken by Dr. J. Shackleton Bailey, of Eye.

The following day the bells were dismantled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Although the tenor had quite a good note and hum to the end, writes Claude Rush, the crown had a long crack in it and it was felt to be the wrong policy to rehang it as it was. It is sad to think that we have to smash up and boil this old servant who sounded out over the countryside in the reign of Charles I. Nevertheless, we look forward to the result of the bell-founders' skill and the christening of another (?) 300-years-to-be.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at North Bradley on April 4th. Despite the very wet day 30 ringers attended, with visitors from Bristol. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Shaw) and the choir was in attendance. Mr. P. Harding read the lesson.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. Weeks). All present stood as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. G. Oram, of Bishops Cannings, and Mr. A. Angel, of Melksham, who had passed away. Two new ringing members were elected from North Bradley and St. James', Devizes. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and the ladies for providing the tea. All present were the guests for tea of the North Bradley ringers.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

WHEN the Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. W. M. Askwith, joined the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at their A.G.M. at Cheltenham he was making his first acquaintance with the Association, of which he is joint president with the Bishop of Bristol. Everyone was impressed with his friendliness and lack of formality.

At tea he spoke of his great pleasure in being able to meet so many ringers (there were 200 present), and stressed the importance of ringing in the life of the Church. He said that it distressed him to discover that there were still many towers in the county which had either bells which were unringable or no ringers to ring them.

In the address at Evensong the Bishop related the story of the rehanging of Sherborne Abbey (Dorset) bells during the time of his incumbency there in the early 1930's. He related with gusto the story of how the tenor bell was pulled from the station to the church by some 300 schoolboys. All the ringers present felt that here was a Bishop who had a sincere interest in ringers and their work, and many welcomed the opportunity of hearing him preach for the first time.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Evan Hopkins, who has recently come to Cheltenham from St. Mary-le-Bow. He also was making his first appearance at a ringing meeting in this area. His help and co-operation in making arrangements for the meeting was greatly appreciated.

The Mayor of Cheltenham was unable to attend the service owing to the indisposition of the Deputy Mayor, but after tea he gave the ringers a hearty welcome to the town, remarking that even the weather had been specially ordered, for indeed it was a day of brilliant sunshine.

The ringers found the facilities of the Town Hall ideal for such an occasion. It is rare that ringing meetings are held in such spacious surroundings. The daffodils which had graced the tables at tea were afterwards sent to the local hospital for elderly people.

The Master, Mr. W. H. Truman, in his annual report, congratulated members of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch, which had been reformed. With the rehanging of the Moreton-on-Marsh and Bourton bells there were three good eights in the district.

Mr. W. F. Scudamore, general hon. secretary, reported that, although there had been a drop in numbers of some branches, membership still stood over 1,000. There had been 111 meetings within the branches during the year.

Mr. S. G. Riches, the hon. treasurer, reported that expenditure had exceeded income by £17; senior membership had increased from 855 to 870; junior membership had dropped from 185 to 172. The total worth of Association funds had risen from £405 to £416.

Mr. F. Skidmore was elected the new Master and Mr. Charles Rouse the hon. general secretary. Mr. S. G. Riches was re-elected hon. treasurer. Elected to the Central Council were Messrs. W. Kynaston, L. Barry, Cyril Wratten and R. G. Hooper.

Notice was given that it was intended to put forward a motion at the next A.G.M. that the desirability of dividing the Association as it now stands in two separate societies should be discussed. This suggestion provoked an indignant outburst from many members, but the Master reminded members that this was only notice of intention to put forward a motion. So great was the indignation of some that they wanted to make a proposition there and then that the motion be not accepted, but this was ruled as out of order by the Master.

OBITUARY

CANON C. R. APPLETON

On the last night that Canon Appleton spent in the Rectory at Chester-le-Street last October, the bells rang out in a farewell peal of thanksgiving for his ministry in Chester-le-Street from 1940-1958. The hope that he might enjoy a well-earned retirement was unhappily not fulfilled, and early this year he returned to the parish as a patient in its general hospital. There his health continued to decline, and he died in hospital on April 21st.

The funeral service on April 24th was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Durham, the Archdeacon of Durham and the Rev. G. Scott. The congregation, including many clergy and representatives of various organisations, filled the church to capacity, and loud speakers relayed the service to those outside.

Canon Appleton had always been very proud of his bells and his ringers at Chester-le-Street, and those bells and those ringers paid their last tributes with half-muffled ringing for the funeral and a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples during the evening. D. A. B.

MISS C. E. SPARSHOTT

The death took place on April 24th at Christchurch, Hants, of Miss Caroline E. Sparshott, aged 79 years.

Miss Sparshott was for over fifty years a regular ringer at the Christchurch Priory Church, and had taken part in several peals. She was one of the first women in the country to take up ringing. She was well known to the many visitors to the tower.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Northern Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Wymondham on April 18th. The Vicar (Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas) conducted the service, and in his address spoke of the spirit of fellowship amongst bell-ringers, and thought the world would be a better place if more of that spirit existed. He thanked the local band for their staunch support of the church, and congratulated Messrs. W. Clover and H. Tooke on ringing their 200th peal together. Mrs. Tansley Thomas was the organist and the lesson was read by the president (Mr. F. N. Golden).

The attendance of Branch members was disappointing: including visiting ringers, 29 sat down to tea. At the business meeting the chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Tansley Thomas, and to Mr. H. Tooke for arrangements made. Gordon K. Drew, of Wymondham, Miss Susan Cowell and Roy Wiles, of Hethersett, and Edward Walker, of Marham, were elected ringing members.

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A DEVON TOUR

In the wee sma' hours of April 11th a green and grey Bedford, named 'Ezekiel,' was to be seen speeding eastwards from Truro. Members of Kenwyn band of ringers, having brought their passports up to date and changed their currency, were venturing once more into England for a day's ringing.

The first stop was at Coryton, a tiny village with an equally tiny church containing a ring of five bells, tenor about 6 cwt. It was our intention to attempt a peal here, and we were delighted to welcome into the band the Rev. John G. M. Scott. It was all due to the conductor calling a bob at a plain lead that the attempt came to grief after about forty minutes' ringing. After suitable remarks had been said concerning the capabilities of this particular gentleman, we proceeded to amuse ourselves until midday, when we were joined by Mr. Paul Field from Langport, Somerset, and 'Perce.'

After allowing Paul to grab this tower—his 1,493rd—we proceeded to Marystowe (6, tenor 10 cwt.), with its rather peculiarly timed bells, where we received a welcome from the Vicar and enjoyed well-struck touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Then on to Lamerton (6, tenor 11 cwt.), where, after refreshment, we enjoyed ringing on the pleasant bells. On then to Lydford (6, tenor 9 cwt.), famous for its castle and gorge. Here we were welcomed by the Vicar and some of the local ringers, and succeeded in ringing a course of Cambridge Minor. Lew Trenchard (6, tenor 8 cwt.) has a rather curious ring with a fourth that goes 'klunk' at hand. Here we indulged in Paul Field's method of fast tower grabbing, consisting of raising in peal, straight into a six-score of Grandsire, down again in peal and on to the next tower. Here was a lovely little six, tenor 9 cwt., at Stowford, followed by a visit to ring on the bells of the neighbouring parish of Thruselton (6, tenor 9 cwt.).

Dusk was drawing in as we reached the next tower, Broadwood-Widger (6, tenor 10 cwt.), and the bells were about the best six visited. We could not let the day finish without a visit to a tower where the bells are locally reputed to be unringable—the five (tenor 5 cwt.) at Germansweek. It was obvious, on entering the tower, that these bells had not been rung for a considerable time, as the rope on the fourth was an absolute mess. The sally was where the end should have been, and no tail end below it. A large knot prevented passage of the rope through the guides. This was remedied by pulling the rope up and dropping it down again outside the guide. As we started to rise in peal we were all astonished at the wealth of music and harmony poured out by these five little bells. The 'go' was perfect, and we all considered it would be difficult to find a better ring of the same weight, the only fault being the condition of the ropes. We hope soon to take a set of ropes and attempt a peal at this tower.

We would like to express our thanks to the incumbents, and hope that Paul will very soon 'grab' his fifteen hundredth tower.

R. A. S.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The isolated Church of St. James, Oaks-in-Charnwood, which was dedicated on the same day as the Battle of Waterloo, and is situated in the centre of Charnwood Forest, was visited by between 40 and 50 members for the Loughborough District meeting on April 18th. A shortened evensong was conducted by the District chairman, the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield, and a sumptuous tea, prepared by local ladies, was served in the Church Hall.

Various Doubles and Minor methods were rung, including Lightfoot Surprise, Sandal and Kingston Spliced. A good fall in peal concluded a happy day.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxtan on Saturday, May 9th. Service, Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Storeton Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers available: Oxtan (8), 2 to 4 p.m.; Bromborough (8), 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Port Sunlight (8) and Bidston (6), after the meeting.—J. W. Clarke, Master. 4268

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. 4310

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Chiddingstone (8), Saturday, May 9th. 4281

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 9th. Ickleton, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4293

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea at the Red Cow Inn. 4260

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Bentley, May 9th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bus from Brentwood (20 min. service). Brentwood bells (8) will also be available from 6.30 p.m. 4258

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 4252

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4288

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Trent Branch).—Combined meeting, Ospringe, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4236

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The restored bells of St. Mary's, Sellindge, near Ashford, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Maidstone on Saturday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service. All welcome.—C. T. H. 4278

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th, St. Mary's, Leyton, 3.15 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea—own arrangements. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, 6.30 to 8.30. Practice meeting, Monday, May 4th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome. 4294

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, not Holloway, Saturday, May 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. 4276

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Goring (8) and Streatley (6). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at Streatley 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvenden Road, Goring-on-Thames. 4280

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—May 9th. Please note correction. Ringing at Ightfield 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., Calverhall 6.15 onwards, and not as previously published. 4338

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Assington (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45.—R. J. Seabrook. 4253

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, May 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 4336

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, All Saints', Clevedon (5), May 16th. Bells 5 to 7.30 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4330

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting Saturday, May 16th. Westoning bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Vicarage.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 4313

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Diddleston on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. J. Hughes, Chapel Stores, Diddleston, near Chester. All requiring tea by first post Wednesday, May 13th.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 4284

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 16th, Newton Hall (St. James'). Bring own food. 4311

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4325

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shere, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Bells available afterwards with Albury (6) from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 12th, to Mr. J. L. Newman, School Cottage, Shere. 4309

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Smarden Saturday, May 16th. Names to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 4333

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead (6), May 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Egerton, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 4316

LADIES' GUILD.—The Annual General Meeting at Southport on Saturday, May 16th. Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Tea, price 3s., by ticket only. Please send cash and stamped addressed envelope to Miss M. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, by May 11th. No ticket, no tea! Bells available as for Central Council members. 4271

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Foxton, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4320

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Humberstone, Saturday, May 16th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., for those sending names by previous Thursday to Ernest Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. 4317

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—By-meeting, Saturday, May 16th. St. Anne's, Highgate, 2.30 to 3.30. St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names, please, to Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, Kentish Town, N.W.5. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Practice meeting, May 27th, West Ham, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please note time. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Sec. 4334

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 4324

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on May 16th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Yorkshire Surprise Major.—B. C. Castle. 4321

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Cotton (8), May 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by May 14th owing to catering difficulties.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 4306

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Hartfield (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 4327

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday, May 12th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4314

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Cawthorne, near Barnsley, May 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, Barnsley, by previous Wednesday. Hoylandswaine bells (6) will also be available. New reports will be ready. Buses to Cawthorne from Barnsley bus station at 5 past and 20 past each hour.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4328

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4337

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 18th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost; address by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. Annual general meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea, coffee, etc., available from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. Tea at a running buffet from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. The following towers will be available from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.: Brentwood (8), Great Dunmow (8), Rayleigh (8) and Witham (8); from 3 to 6 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6). Lunch and tea tickets (stamped addressed envelope, please) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Tea and lunch tickets 6d. extra if not purchased prior to the meeting. 4266

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Whit Monday, May 18th, will be held at Berrington, Shropshire. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea before Wednesday, May 13th, to Mr. W. H. Lloyd, King Street, Belton, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury. Towers available from 11 a.m.: Wistanstow (8), Church Stretton (8), Count (6), Stokesay (6), Conover (6), Atcham (6); and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, from 7 till 8.30 p.m.—H. G. Thomas, Sec. 4295

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Louth (8), May 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 20th to Mr. Avery, 18, Broadbank, Louth. 4323

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Radyr, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 4335

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, May 23rd. Service St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich, not later than Wednesday, May 20th. Ringing arrangements, 1.30 to 4 p.m.: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), and St. George's, Colegate (6). Bells will be available after business meeting.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 4315

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify for tea, J. Money, 77, Wallingford Road, Cholsey, Berks.—A. E. Lock, Branch Sec. 4318

BOSTON, Lincs.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Mrs. P. Reynolds 2, A. Freeston 3, J. P. Morris 4, P. Reynolds 5, F. Leggett 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Dewey. Mr. Dewey has been a regular service ringer at this church for the last 44 years.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cherie Paine 1, J. W. Reynolds 2, C. W. Riddlestone 3, H. Stalham 4, H. Woolven 5, A. W. Bond 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, F. J. Lewis 8. Rung for the first visit to the parish of the Bishop of Chichester for Confirmation.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's (City) Church, on April 19th, 1,272 mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: D. R. M. Heighton 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, Doreen M. Gibbons 3, R. Blackler 4, P. J. Bird 5, B. J. Wyld (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 2 and 3. For Evensong by members of U.B.S.C.R. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Clarke 1, Jane Cook (first of Grandsire) 2, M. J. Austin 3, B. J. Wyld 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 5, M. Taylor 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CAERLON, MONS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): N. Lamping (first quarter) 1, R. V. Hughes 2, G. R. Marchant 3, J. D. Woodman 4, W. J. Goodfellow (cond.) 5, A. W. Smith 6. First in four methods by all except 3. Rung to mark the departure of Philip J. C. Goodfellow to his new teaching post in South Devon.

ELTON, DERBYS.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. H. Paulson (cond.) 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, M. H. Paulson 3, H. E. Taylor 4, P. Taylor 5. First of Stedman on five bells by all.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, Miss A. Severs (first quarter) 3, W. J. Couperthwaite 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. C. N. Lea 1, E. N. Harrison 2, E. P. Crowdy 3, G. S. Deas 4, C. T. Lamb 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 4, 6, 8, covering): D. Robinson (first quarter away from covering bell) 1, S. W. Brown 2, H. Brown 3, A. Walsh (first in method) 4, Joyce Walsh 5, R. Melville (first quarter) 6, George Mansbridge (first in method) 7, M. Wooldridge 8. Harry W. Brown conductor. For St. George's Day.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Clues (first quarter) 1, E. C. Orland (cond.) 2, A. J. Hobley 3, W. Lake 4, E. A. Gautrey 5. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, SUSSEX.—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ward (first in method) 1, R. Tomlin 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hallett 6, R. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (one Morris' and one Piman's 240, 300 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): A. J. Strathdee 1, Janet Morgan 2, M. W. Fairry 3, J. B. Webb 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. First in two methods for 2 and 4. Rung on the 'Major' five.

STANMORE, MIDDLEX.—On April 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Muntion (first quarter) 1, J. Wilcockson 2, T. Carless 3, L. North 4, R. Stoddard (cond.) 5, R. Lambert 6.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Leah 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, K. W. Cooke 3, Margaret Wheat 4, A. Sharples (cond.) 5, G. Wheat (first quarter) 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): D. Leah 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, Margaret Wheat (first as joint cond.) 3, A. Sharples (joint cond.) 4, K. W. Cooke 5, H. M. Breary 6. For Evensong, and as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. D. Holland.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mary Spring (first quarter) 1, M. Bailey 2, J. Goddard 3, E. Gautrey 4, E. M. Thresher (cond.) 5.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes (cond.) 2, M. Hawkes 3, A. Halling 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sam Healey.

THE LADIES' GUILD

North-Eastern District

The sixth annual meeting of the North-Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. George's, Jesmond, on April 4th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Piercy), and an excellent tea, prepared by the local ringers, was enjoyed by 20 members and friends.

At the business meeting Miss D. M. Kilingley was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. C. N. Lea hon. secretary. The vice-president, from the chair, proposed re-election of Mrs. K. Arthur and Mrs. K. Lawson to the Central Committee: Mrs. M. A. Ainsworth, Mrs. D. A. Bayles, Miss M. Jennings and Miss J. Robson were elected members of the District Committee.

After the business meeting members adjourned to the tower, where ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m.

Midland District

Upwards of 30 members were present when the Midland District held its annual meeting at Hucknall on April 11th. Ringing included Bob Major, Grandsire, Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. The Vicar (the Rev. K. M. Thompson) conducted the service, the ladies of the church provided an excellent tea, and at the business meeting the officers and committee were re-elected, with Mrs. Paling, of Nottingham, filling the place of Mrs. Poole. Five new members were elected. At the invitation, of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rowley, the next meeting will be at Ibstock on June 6th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Between 40 and 50 ringers attended the meeting of the South Western Division at Dagenham on April 11th, but there were absentees. Mr. Crampion was otherwise engaged at Exeter Cathedral, and Prutlewell ringers were seeing Peter Kerry and Mary Jeffrey getting married. Best wishes to all and also to David Beard, who is being married this month.

The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Patterson) joined the company at tea, and Mr. Willmington thanked him for his welcome and for conducting the service. There was also a welcome for the oldest and youngest members present—ten-year-old Tony from Orsett and 85-year-old Mr. Reeve from Fobbing. Mr. Gant presided, and Mr. Chalk announced that he had invited Mr. Ernest Morris to be their guest at the Essex Association annual dinner.

ESSEX TOWER ARRANGED A WEEK-END TOUR

Enterprise has been shown by the ringers of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common, Essex, by holding their first week-end tour. Southampton was reached at 10.30 a.m. and 90 minutes' ringing enjoyed at the newly-built Church of St. Mary. Lunch was at Sheffield English, where the light eight were rung, and also at Downton and Fordingbridge. After tea, Wimborne Minster and Ringwood were visited, and the day ended with a perfectly struck course of Superlative.

The Avon Hotel, Ringwood, provided good accommodation for the night. Sunday morning was spent at Bournemouth—ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's—and the afternoon at the six-bell towers of South Damerham and Martin. The tour concluded with service ringing at St. Thomas's, Salisbury. For the varied and careful programme the company express their sincere thanks to Mr. Bill Chester, of Ringwood.

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QUARTER PEALS

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Miller 1, Linda Foreword 2, Cherry Withel 3, R. Trebilcock 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Cruickshank 6. A 21st birthday-compliment to Linda Foreword and Robin Trebilcock.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Peckham 1, G. E. Harniss 2, P. C. Hollingdale 3, P. N. O. Robinson 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For the wedding of Miss S. Malsch and Mr. A. Eaton at Clayton Church earlier the same afternoon.

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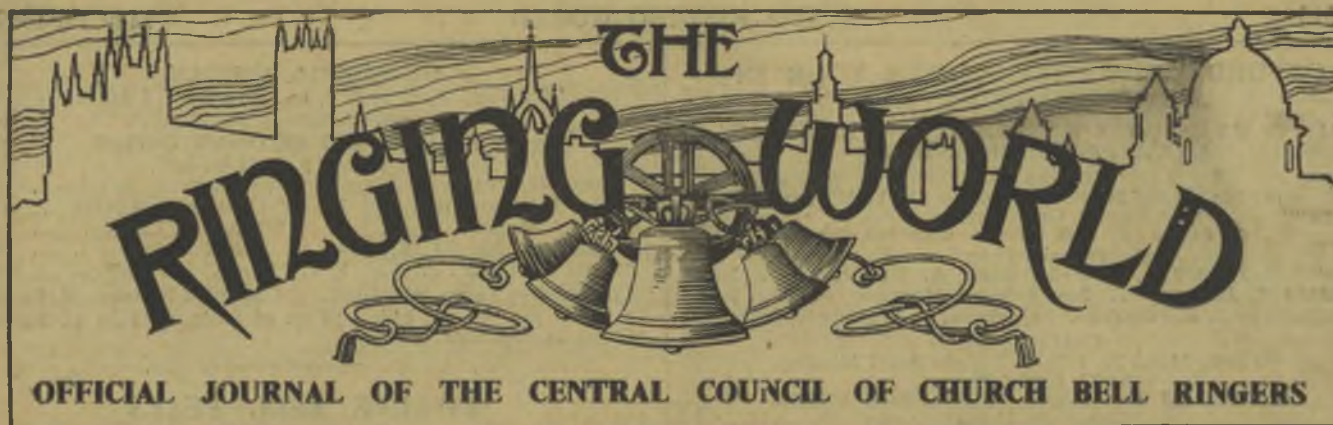
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A BISHOP'S WELCOME

MOST appropriately the 'Liverpool Diocesan Leaflet' for May has on its front page a picture of ringing in Liverpool Cathedral, and the Bishop, the Right Rev. Clifford A. Martin, devotes his letter 'In praise of bell-ringers.' The Bishop writes:—

'Three years ago I wrote in these notes about the place and value of the church bell in calling people to worship. At that time I referred to the ringers and said that at some future time I might write more in praise of the service they render to the Church.

'This month we shall welcome to Southport the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and it seems a fitting opportunity for me, in referring to this event, to write more about the great fellowship which exists between ringers everywhere.

'A ringer is welcome in any belfry he likes to visit and in most cases he will be offered a rope—one of the old hands standing down, not grudgingly but with an easy grace which quickly puts the visitor at ease. It is well to be sure you can ring a bell before accepting an invitation to take a rope. The art is not as easy as it appears to be. To become proficient in the art of bellringing requires a great deal of patience and perseverance. But given a willing learner there are many good ringers who will readily give time and care to teach the novice. I am glad to see an increasing number of young men and women taking up bellringing. We have some very fine rings of bells in the diocese of Liverpool and a very good band of ringers.

'Ringers in the church tower, although in most cases out of sight of the assembling congregation, perform a very valuable service in preparation for worship. In most belfries the bells are not rung before a prayer has been offered. When the ringing is over and the service commences the ringers (with a few lamentable exceptions) join the congregation at worship, seats usually being reserved for them.

'There is always a ready response by the ringers to a request to come along for a wedding or for some other festive occasion, even though this often means working extra time.

'It is time we raised our voices in praise of the bell-ringers and occasionally they should be given a word of thanks when the whole congregation is assembled.

'To ringers and others I commend a most interesting book about bells. It is called "Bells of the Nations" and is written by Ernest Morris, Ringing Master of St. Margaret's, Leicester. This book is full of interest both in the reading matter and in the many illustrations and provides any amount of information about the history of bells. The largest bell in this country is in St. Paul's Cathedral: "Great Paul" weighs 16 tons 15 cwt. Second to "Great Paul" comes "Great George" in our own Cathedral—14 tons 10 cwt. These are enormous bells, but are quite small in comparison with the heaviest bell in the world, which is reputed to be in Moscow "Kolokol." This bell weighs 193 tons.

'Churches which possess a good ring of bells should take great care of them and use them regularly. Where a ring of bells is not possible, a really good deep-toned tenor bell is the next best thing. Let the church bell be heard every day, so that it may be known that the people of God are called to worship daily.'

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY EASTER TOUR IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 1959

ALL PEALS FOR THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
EXCEPT WHERE STATED.

CAMBRIDGE.

On Sun., March 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At 27, GREEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1—2	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3—4	DAVID HODGSON .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

CAMBRIDGE.

On Sun., March 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At 27, GREEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1—2	JOHN E. SPICE .. 5—6
O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. 3—4	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 7—8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID HODGSON .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	*DAVID T. DARBY .. 6
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. 7
ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Rutland.

CAMBRIDGE.

On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. 113 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble	*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 7
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 2	*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 8
DEREK P. JONES .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 9
JAMES H. PAILING .. 4	JOHN E. SPICE .. 10
RUTH M. K. HOW .. 5	PETER BORDER .. 11
FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 6	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on 12 bells.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 111 changes of method.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

RICHARD A. JACKSON .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	JOHN E. SPICE .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 7
ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

A birthday compliment to Dr. D. H. Niblett.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) St. Clement's, (2) and (3) Cambridge, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*SHEILA G. CAMERON .. Treble	†ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY .. 5
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY .. 3	†NIGEL J. MAGGS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal. † First in five methods.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley on their wedding anniversary.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

JAMES H. PAILING .. Treble	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	†JOHN E. SPICE .. 6
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
*FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of London. † 100th peal for the Society.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

JAMES H. PAILING .. Treble	*†RICHARD A. JACKSON .. 6
*†JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
HARRY MILES .. 3	*†DAVID T. DARBY .. 8
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. 9
*†JOHN G. PUSEY .. 5	*NIGEL J. MAGGS .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. Treble	*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7
MARY H. HALL .. 2	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 8
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 9
EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 4	MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. 10
IVOR GOULTER .. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 11
PATRICK J. BIRD .. 6	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal of Cinques on tower bells. † First of Grandsire Cinques.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*BRIAN MARTIN .. Treble	*RICHARD F. PRIME .. 7
*AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
*WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 3	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 9
*DOREEN D. DUTTON .. 4	*JOHN A. SMITH .. 10
†PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

* First peal of Leicestershire Surprise Maximus. † 150th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORTHAMPTON.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE F. ROOME .. Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
BERNARD E. FROST .. 2	PETER R. JOHNSON .. 7
PETER M. GILES .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 8
BARBARA MANSHIP .. 4	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 9
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

STEPNEY, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANK GILBERT .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 6
MARTIN CUBITT .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 7
ROBERT L. PIRON .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. 8
CHARLES OTTLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
LEONARD J. FOX .. 5	ERNEST J. ROWE .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

A compliment to the Rev. C. E. Young (Rector of St. Dunstan's) on his appointment as Prebendary of St. Paul's.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

J. ARTHUR HOARE Treble	*JACK ALSOP 6
JACQUELINE S. KING 2	DAVID J. KING 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK 3	ROBERT E. COLES 8
A. RYAN PRICE 4	THOMAS YEOMAN 9
FRANK ROWSELL 5	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on ten. First on ten as conductor.

A 'Masters' peal, the band consisting of the present Master (Mr. Gwyn Lewis) and nine past Masters of the Association.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
*ERNEST BENNETT 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN 7
*NEIL I. ALLNATT 4	†ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. † 650th peal.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Treble	J. MICHAEL LAKIN 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	ROGER BALDWIN 7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

DAVID W. JAMES Treble	*MURRAY A. COLEMAN 5
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
ARTHUR GIBBS 3	BARRIE HENDRY 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

WOBBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for every bell.

MRS. A. DISERENS .. Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	RONALD F. DISERENS 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 7
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

*CLEMENT W. JOSE .. Treble	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 5
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 2	*ARTHUR F. BURLEY 6
*V. MARY MATTHEWS 3	*ALAN CARVETH 7
*GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday, and on the eve of St. George's Day.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*MICHAEL GRAY .. Treble	RICHARD HALL 5
JACK BRAY 2	C. AUBREY HARRISON 6
HARRY BALDWIN 3	ARTHUR CROWDER 7
RONALD CHAFER 4	GEORGE W. MOODY Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal and first attempt.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

MARY C. PAYNE .. Treble	†RONALD APPLEWHITE 5
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE 2	G. LEONARD THOMPSON 6
PETER A. SHARP 3	†LOUIS WILLIERS 7
†JOHN F. PEARSON 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal 'inside.' First of Little Bob.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 ALPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
FRANK C. PRICE 2	JOHN HILL 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

ALPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—16—12—36—14—38—12—18

8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

WILFRED NICHOLSON .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS 5
MARGARET A. P. BERTIE .. 2	SAMUEL C. WALKER 6
CAROL HALL 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4	CYRIL MORDUE Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Canon C. R. Appleton, well-beloved Rector of this parish, 1940-1958.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 5
*SHEILA G. CAMERON .. 2	*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 6
*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 3	*DAVID T. DARBY 7
*ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Triples.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.)

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*JEAN L. LAVENDER .. Treble	ALAN ROGERS 5
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 6
*ELIZABETH A. COOPER .. 3	STEWART F. KIMBER .. 7
R. JAMES COOK 4	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Major.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HAROLD F. WHITE .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	THOMAS PRICE 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	*DAVID W. FRIEND 7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Surprise Major. F. E. Wilshaw has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 19 qr.

*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON 5
KENNETH ARTHUR 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 6
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	*FREDERICK ROSS 7
ROBERT B. SKELTON .. 4	RICHARD OLIVER Tenor

Composed by J. CARRIER.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal in the method.

A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. L. Armstrong, B.A.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

WILLIAM DIXON .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	JOHN W. GIBSON 7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ALFRED SMITH.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

PETER R. JOHNSON .. Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 4
BARBARA MANSHIP 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

GARSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. M. GODWIN .. Treble	WILFRED C. GODWIN .. 4
SHEILA CAMERON 2	JOHN DREWITT 5
EDWARD VENN 3	ROY H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

* First peal. An 18th birthday compliment to Frank A. Barrett, a ringer at St. Aldate's, Oxford.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS .. Treble	ALFRED LITTLE 4
ANDREW BECKWITH 2	PETER WOOD 5
H. WALTER SMITH 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

Rung to welcome the Rev. E. S. Spray, who was inducted on April 15th.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID E. CULHAM .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	H. FRANK PIKE 5
EDWARD LEGGETT 3	ROY DUESBURY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

ISLIP, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB DOUBLES

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BARRIE HENDRY .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	FRANK E. CROSIER 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	DAVID W. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

First peal in the method by all the band.

NECTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE HEYHOE .. Treble	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
CECI V. EBBELSON 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
JOHN WILSON 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

SANDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY .. Treble	IAN R. PANTON 4
PETER J. CAME 2	TOM R. ROAST 5
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*DAVID ASPDEN Treble	GEORFREY LLOYD 4
JOHN ASHCROFT 2	DAVID BURGESS 5
*JENNIFER ELLISON 3	KENNETH EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to Rev. J. J. Broadhurst, who recently left after 17 years as Vicar.

NORTH WHEATLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, College, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
† RICHARD HOBBS 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal of Minor and first in seven plain methods. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to six in 1896, and rehung by J. Taylor and Co. in 1958.

SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID CROSBY Treble	*JOHN M. BLAIE 4
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 2	*H. WALTER COX 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	*JOHN B. NICHOLSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods.

A farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. C. K. Clay), who is going to St. John's, Scunthorpe.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	*JOHN E. CLARK 3
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 4
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Doubles, also on five bells.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., April 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford, 720 Kent, 720 St. Clement's and three extents of Plain.

Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

JOHN WILSON Treble	TONY OWEN 4
JOHN R. SMITH 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 3	GEORFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN F. WOOD Treble	STANLEY WALMSLEY 4
*NORMAN TOMPKINS 2	PETER CROOK 5
FRED W. BROWNLOW 3	*JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* 75th peal together.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Samuel Wolstencroft, churchwarden, who died suddenly the previous week.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 Stedman, 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,240 Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. Treble	JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4
EDMUND J. MORRIS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
*HAZEL WAY 3	*JOHN MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. 100th as conductor.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*COLIN F. MCGILL Treble	*ANDREW MACVE 4
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	RALPH BIRD 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells. Colin F. McGill has now 'circled the tower.' Quickest peal on the bells.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Single Court Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

JOHN L. MELVILLE Treble	DAVID C. URQUHART 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

A farewell peal to the Rev. P. J. Beaumont, who retires shortly, after 26 years as Rector.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents (ten callings): six 240 Morris's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*JEFFREY CHARMAN Treble	JEAN HORTON 4
JIMMY MAPLE 2	BEN W. FARHALL 5
JACK NEWELL 3	R. G. BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by BEN W. FARHALL.

* First peal and first attempt.

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PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	IAN R. PANTON 4
†JOSEPH SAUNDERS 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
PETER J. EVES 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal. † First in seven methods.

Rung on the Festival of St. Mark.

SHOBROOKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 360 New Grandsire, 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 840 Stedman and 960 Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY F. SKINNER .. Treble	†JOHN MANLEY 4
*JAMES AYRES 2	JOHN CARTER 5
†JUDITH ADDENBROOKE .. 3	JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JENNIFER KEGGIN .. Treble	HARRY WOODING 4
*MARIAN KING 2	ANNE FOWLER 5
SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT 3	TIMOTHY WOODING .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

* First peal. First peal by a local band since 1922.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. F. J. Twycross-Rains.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY 1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS 5—6
JOYCE DODDS 3—4	STANLEY HUCKLE 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., April 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT SELWYN COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 1—2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 5—6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3—4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 7—8
P. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 9—10	

Composed by HENRY TUCKER. Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

First peal on the bells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 28, 1959, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. J. R. RENDER .. 1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD 3—4
*JOHN POTTS 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* 25th peal together.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Reverse Canterbury, 300 Grandsire): J. Hooper 1, J. Brinson 2, A. J. Peters 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, J. Loxton 6. Rung prior to a social evening sponsored by the churchwardens for the choir and ringers.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels (first of Stedman) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Meads 6, D. Lamb 7, M. Broadley 8. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Lavender 1, Kathleen Chilcott (cond.) 2, Jeanette Winchester 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, S. Kimber 5, F. E. Darby 6, A. Rogers 7, F. Jennings 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On April 26th, 1,260 Canterbury Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury 2, P. Boer 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins: also a wedding compliment to Tim Boer and Miss Eileen Gaynor.

CHORLEY, LANCs.—On April 28th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Anderson (first quarter) 1, J. H. Gartside 2, S. Walmsley 3, A. Rigby (first quarter) 4, F. Brownlow 5, R. Leigh 6, A. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, P. Crook 8.

COLSTERWORTH, Lincs.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Atrill 1, E. H. Willows 2, M. Phipps (first quarter) 3, C. J. Hughes 4, R. J. Stretton (cond.) 5.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Goodfellow 1, P. Woodgyer 2, June Richardson 3, D. Shaw 4, D. Fowles 5, T. Baker (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. M. Dean) and Mrs. Dean on the birth of a son (Christopher), and to Harry and Barbara Watson on the birth of a daughter (Carol).

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. G. Roast 1, Miss M. Dowssett 2, T. R. Roast (first as cond.) 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. West 5, G. J. Saunders (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. J. Saunders.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On April 26th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor (rung with treble leading and tenor behind): Sheila P. Miller 1, M. P. Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, Evelyn D. Wallis 4, L. W. Penfold 5, A. J. Bull 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, R. Peters (first quarter) 8. First of Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. E. A. Finch, curate, on preferment to St. Peter-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Hiscock 2, Mrs. J. Knowles (first 'inside') 3, P. W. Williams 4, Miss M. Gibson (cond.) 5, D. S. Froome 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the 16th birthday of the conductor.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Bensiead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. A. Mann (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled by members of the Mildenhall district in memory of Canon J. L. Sowden, of Freckenham, Suffolk, who died on April 30th.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On April 27th, 1,320 Woodbine: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, J. Burgess 3, C. Henshaw 4, H. B. Schofield 5, A. Farrand 6, A. 43rd birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

FRISKNEY, Lincs.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Willingham 1, G. D. Burroughs 2, B. Stockdale 3, T. Mottram 4, T. W. Eason (cond.) 5, E. Pickering 6. First quarter by all except 2.

GRAVENHURST, BEDS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): B. V. Hari 1, Ann Culpin 2, B. A. Martin 3, D. Kitchener 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5.

GREAT PONTON, Lincs.—On April 30th, 1,320 Groundsire Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, H. Grocock 3, T. W. Charity 4, E. A. Cole (first as cond.) 5.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, I. Panton 2, R. J. Harrison 3, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 4, P. Felton 5, H. Carter 6, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8. For Evensong.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob): Doreen Thorneycroft (14) 1, Sandra Freeman (13) 2, C. Rigby 3, A. A. Booth 4, G. G. Mansfield 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. First in three methods for 1 and 2.

GREENWICH, E.—At the Church of St. Alphege, on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 and 8 covering): E. Jones 1, S. Ball 3, Isobel Inman (cond.) 4, D. James 5, Kathleen Walker 6, J. Dafters 7, J. Rooke 8. For Evensong on Dedication Day.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sireeter (first quarter) 1, T. Matthews 2, Judy Funnell 3, F. Beeny 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, A. Pannett 6. Rung at Evensong on Rogation Sunday.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On May 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. M. Whittard 1, Miss A. Grainger 2, C. Abbott 3, J. D. Culley 4, G. Locke 5, B. Huddleston 6, J. A. Bennett (first as cond.) 7, C. Rugman 8. For Confirmation service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Palmer (first quarter) 1, Gwen May 2, C. N. Chinnery 3, H. Culcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, D. George 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Stephen Richard, a son for Pam and Derrick Bird. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mrs. K. King 1, Gwen May 2, H. Culcombe 3, J. King (cond.) 4, C. N. Chinnery 5, F. Shephard 6. For the dedication of the memorial window to the late Vicar (the Rev. E. Russell Brittain).

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On May 3rd, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Marjorie Hill 1, M. W. Seymour (first 'inside') 2, T. G. Bannister 3, J. Hill (cond.) 4, A. R. Turley 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, M. J. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Lyme Surprise Major: Mrs. D. E. Latchford 1, F. J. Plummer 2, C. A. S. Harwood 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, D. E. Latchford 5, C. M. Orme 6, A. R. Agg 7, J. R. Leeming (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 7 and 8. To welcome a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Leeming.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, L. G. Cowley 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. Before evening service for visit of the Bishop of Ely.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Maddison (first quarter) 1, G. Seth 2, R. J. Harrison 3, R. L. Piron 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5.

KILBURN, N.W.—On April 19th, at St. Augustine's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Meadows 1, Marguerite Harte 2, Gillian Poplewell 3, A. Herbert 4, J. Clark-Maxwell 5, D. C. Birkinshaw 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Charles Gilchrist Clark-Maxwell.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, A. C. Boxley 2, C. Skidmore 3, C. F. Jukes 4, F. E. Jukes 5, R. A. Peakman 6, T. Hemming (cond.) 7, F. Preston 8. For Confirmation service.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. G. Richardson 1, E. W. Furbank 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, C. E. Willmington 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Edward Cecil Telford as Rector.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Merritt (first quarter) 1, R. Henman (cond.) 2, L. Battison 3, A. Jones 4, A. Ford 5. For morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. Wright 2, R. Trebilcock 3, G. Harvey 4, W. Wilson 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Peet 8.

MANCHESTER, LANCs.—On April 28th, at the Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): M. J. Maddocks 1, E. M. Quinn 2, J. Robinson 3, B. Rumney 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, G. Rumney 6. First of Spliced by all except 5. A birthday compliment to Thomas Duncan.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Barnett (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, V. Savage 2, F. Savage 3, B. Davis 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, J. J. Jefferies (first of Triples) 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, R. W. Stapleford (first of Triples) 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Anne Hancock 2, H. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the commencement of repairs to the tower.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wixey 1, Miss J. Winters (first 'inside') 2, F. Tranter 3, S. Pugh 4, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, C. Leighton 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Lincolnshire): R. K. Russ 1, A. Diserens 2, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 3, E. J. Munday (first in eight methods) 4, J. N. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, C. E. Lewington 8.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, C. W. Sams 5, A. A. Livings 6. For evening service on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On April 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Canterbury and 540 Plain Bob): S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Miller 1, Pam Miller 2, G. Peck 3, R. Channon 4, J. Perrett 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, C. Sangwin 2, D. Garvie (first on eight) 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, S. T. Stacey 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sam Coombe, churchwarden for 12 years, who was interred this day.

STROUD, GLOS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Prichard 1, Janet Glead 2, Joan Winter 3, F. Garland 4, T. Wits (cond.) 5, V. Deane 6.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On April 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Verity (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Piper 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, I. Glenton (first as cond.) 5, R. Ducker 6. For Evensong and the visit of the Bishop of Hull.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On April 26th, at Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. W. Townsend 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, Miss M. Wright (first of Caters in the method) 4, H. W. Bishop 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, R. G. Townsend 7, A. G. Wells 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For evening service and a birthday compliment to G. W. Townsend and R. G. Townsend.

TRING, HERTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ashby 1, W. C. Hughes 2, A. V. Good 3, W. J. Puddifoot 4, C. J. Badrick 5, B. M. Barker 6, W. Ayre (cond.) 7, D. Cartwright 8. To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hawkins (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. G. Roberts 2, Miss J. Whitcher (first of Triples 'inside') 3, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan (first of Triples 'inside') 6, C. Willmington 7, T. Pearson 8. Rung to celebrate the installation of the Vicar (Canon Cleall) as Archdeacon of Colchester in Chelmsford Cathedral this day.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Aven 1, L. Hawkins 2, J. Titt 3, H. Tudgay 4, T. Marlow 5, A. Bull 6, N. Knee (cond.) 7, T. Mallard 8. For Confirmation.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bevan (first away from tenor) 1, Miss S. Howard (first away from tenor) 2, Miss M. Barrett 3, R. Hazell 4, B. Evans (first as cond.) 5. First on five bells by all the band. Rung as a belated birthday compliment to the brothers of the conductor and 2.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (120 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): W. Gray 1, S. Wooding 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, S. E. James 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, Miss H. Palmer 6, A. farewell to the Rev. J. Gore.

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Miss Pamela M. Jervis, of Slough, sends us a cutting from 'The Ocean Press,' published on board the S.S. 'America' telling of an unusual idea to place thousands of bells on Burke Mountain, Vermont, in a series of peace shrines. The bells would be ringing in a constant petition for peace. Says Louis Lamoureux, who is undertaking the project, 'The bells will ring equally on the strength of the summer breezes and winter winds.' He expresses the hope that someone will donate a carillon for the summit of the mountain.

BELFRY

Cookham ringers have elected a new tower committee consisting of Mr. Ernest Eldridge, Ringing Master; Mr. Bertram Lake, Deputy Master; Miss Janet Taylor, secretary; Mrs. E. Eldridge, treasurer. For some time Cookham had been without a steeplekeeper and grateful thanks are given to Mr. James Muller, who is undertaking this work.

In the current issue of the Malmesbury Abbey magazine, the Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Beagham) has suggested that some of the young people might like to learn the art of bellringing and continues: 'There has never been wanting a succession of the noble order of companions of the tower, whose happy function it is to call God's people to worship.' A noble tribute, indeed, to the Exercise.

Quite a pleasant afternoon was spent at Heptonstall on May 2nd, when four friends from Darlington made the journey into Yorkshire to meet old acquaintances and new ones at Heptonstall to ring a peal on these wonderful bells. The other four ringers were from the Manchester Diocese. The peal was to celebrate the centenary of the Church Union, and a High Mass was sung at 12 noon in Manchester Cathedral on that day also to celebrate the occasion.

GOSSIP

Two soccer fans from near Burton-on-Trent combined their visit to the Wembley Cup Final with a peal of Xenia Surprise at St. Albans. They scored one, too, which was what Luton Town would like to have done in the closing minutes! Their dismay at the result was amply consoled by the lavish hospitality after the match at the Stanmore home of Mr. and Mrs. H. George Hart.

Truro Diocesan Festival will be held on July 18th.

Regarding the peal at Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire (see page 279) we are now informed that it was rung at the Church of St. Andrew, and the weight of the tenor is 19 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

In response to 'Cheshire Cat's' advertisement, 'F. S.' writes: 'Regret bath chairs are in very short supply at the moment. Having a shrewd idea as to whom they are required for, may I offer you a very nice line in "brain scrapers"? I can assure you they are very effective.'

Mr. George Watson, Doncaster District Society's secretary, has been for three weeks convalescing at the Transport General Workers Union's Convalescent Home at Buxton. He was able to participate in Sunday service and practice ringing at Fairfield and Burbage, and for the pleasure gained from these facilities he expresses his sincere thanks through 'The Ringing World.'

The peal at Chatham on May 2nd was arranged so that Mr. Cyril J. Gould and Mr. Alan Wrigley could ring a peal together again. Their last was on February 28th, 1948. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley for their hospitality after the peal.

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RINGING.—There will be ample opportunity for general ringing in many towers, details of which will be posted at Headquarters.

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

Inspection of the Mersey Tunnel at 10.15 a.m., followed by a tour over the S.S. 'Carinthia,' a 22,000 ton Canadian liner lying in Mersey Docks, during which refreshments will be served on board.

A coach will depart from the Palace Hotel at 9.15 a.m. and return to Southport at approximately 5 p.m. Will guests participating please meet at the entrance of the Hotel at 9.5 a.m.

Liverpool Cathedral bells from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

(Two coach tours)

1. Depart Southport 9.45 a.m. to Tarleton, Whalley—lunch, 12 noon, at the Assembly Rooms—depart 1.30 p.m. for Lancaster, Kirkby Lonsdale—tea 5 p.m.—depart 6 p.m. for Billsborough, arriving back at Southport 8.45 p.m. Approximate cost, 24s.

2. Depart Southport 10 a.m. for Preston, Whalley, Clitheroe, Chatburn, Downham—lunch at Assheton Arms—depart 1 p.m. via Barley and Newchurch-in-Pendle for Burnley, then via Moorland Road to Bacup—light refreshments at Duckworth Hall, returning to Southport direct at 5 p.m. Approximate cost, 17s. 6d.

Liverpool Cathedral bells from 1.50 to 2.50 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

(Two coach tours)

3. Depart Southport 9 a.m. for St. Anne's, Fleetwood—lunch at Heald's Cafe—depart 1.30 p.m. for Lancaster, returning to Southport for 5.30 p.m. Approximate cost, 15s.

4. Depart Southport 9.30 a.m. for Blackburn Cathedral—depart 12 noon via Wilshire, Langho, Whalley to Downham for lunch—depart 2 p.m. for Haslingden—light refreshments at Duckworth Hall, returning direct to Southport at 5 p.m. Approximate cost, 17s. 6d.

It is hoped to arrange ringing at local towers on all four tours.

Please note that all departures will be from the Palace Hotel.

Application for 1 and 3 tours to Mr. N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston, and for 2 and 4 to Mr. C. W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

Members of the Central Council and their ladies will be entertained to dinner by the Lancashire Association at the Palace Hotel at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Manchester Town Hall, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Manchester Cathedral bells, from 8 to 10 a.m. and 2.15 to 5 p.m.

Liverpool Cathedral bells from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

7.30 a.m., Holy Communion, Christ Church,

Southport. A bus will leave at 7.15 a.m. from the Palace Hotel and return after the service.

9.45 a.m., Council Meeting in the Ballroom of the Palace Hotel.

4.45 p.m., The Southport Publicity Committee has kindly invited the Council to buffet tea in the Reception Lounge at the Palace Hotel.

8.30 p.m., Social (dance and running buffet) in the Ballroom of the Palace Hotel, to which all members and friends of the Council are invited.

PRESIDENT'S CORDIAL

WELCOME

We have received the following message from the president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith):—

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of 'The Ringing World' express, on behalf of the committee and members of the Lancashire Association, a very cordial welcome to the members of the Central Council, their families, and other visiting ringers, on the occasion of the Council meeting at Southport?

It is 27 years since the Central Council last met in Lancashire, and we of the Lancashire Association count it an honour to extend hospitality to the Council this year.

There were many possible centres in Lancashire for us to consider, in every one of which I know the Council would have received a warm welcome. Finally we selected Southport as being a convenient centre and also a pleasant resort for those who are able to combine a short holiday with the Council meeting. The general secretary, Mr. Dunkerley, and I have received every possible assistance from both the civil and ecclesiastical authorities while making the arrangements at Southport, and we look forward with pleasant anticipation to what will, we trust, be a happy and memorable occasion in the history of Lancashire ringing.

To one and all we extend a very sincere welcome to the county of the Red Rose.—Yours truly,

R. D. St. JOHN SMITH,
President, The Lancashire Association.

WALTHAM ABBEY RINGERS 'AT HOME'

A function of an unusual nature took place at Waltham Abbey on April 25th. The ringers held an 'At Home' in the church tower, to which were invited parents, wives and friends of the ringers. The proceedings commenced with tea which was served to the 45 people present. The Vicar (Canon Cleall) welcomed the guests and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many interested parents who had come to learn something of the intricacies of the science of bell-ringing.

Later in the proceedings the Vicar, who is leaving the parish to become Archdeacon of Colchester, was presented with a farewell token which took the form of a silver monogrammed serviette ring. The presentation was made on the ringers' behalf by Mrs. C. W. Roberts, who thanked the Vicar for his co-operation during past years and extended to him good wishes for the future.

The evening continued with demonstrations of bell control and method construction. Many of the people present climbed to the top of the tower to see the bells.

The function was declared a great success and did much to illustrate the fascination of the art of campanology.

LONG LENGTH NOTICE

Dear Sir,—We give notice that a band will attempt to ring 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, May 23rd, commencing at 1 p.m.

The composition, by Mr. A. J. Pitman, is given below.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

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X—Cambridge or Superlative

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

Methods practised ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise when 40 members of the Towcester Branch met at Green's Norton on April 25th. The Archdeacon of Auckland (Ven. A. E. Prebble), who is acting Rector, conducted the service and gave an inspiring address. The Rev. J. T. Lewis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon and the ladies for the excellent tea provided.

The Northampton Branch meeting at Cogenhoe on April 25th was attended by 75 ringers, and special welcomes were accorded Miss Steele (president of the Bedfordshire Association) and Mr. Gayton, of Harrod, by the president (Mr. S. F. Earl). Miss Steele was called upon to present a 'first peal certificate' to Miss Jennifer Saunders, The Rector (Rev. Mark Meynell) conducted the service, and methods rung included Cambridge and London Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Minor.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association was held in St. George's Parochial Hall, Dublin, on April 25th. Mr. W. Pratt presided and addressed the meeting on their responsibilities as bell-ringers and as officers of the Association.

The annual report and statement of accounts both recorded healthy conditions, the latter due to the visit of the Central Council as a result of increased membership.

The report stated that it was most fitting that the first time the Central Council ever met outside England was in the Jubilee Year of the Association at Dublin. It was a year of great activity in ringing circles and of much appreciated co-operation by all towers, affiliated and unaffiliated, to make the Jubilee Year of the Association a memorable one. The report records the presentation to the president of the Central Council with a shillelagh, suitably inscribed to commemorate the Council's first visit to Ireland.

The report of the 'Irish Bell News' showed increased circulation amongst readers outside its jurisdiction with an indication of further increases later. The accounts were balanced.

It was decided to hold the 1960 meeting on May 14th, on which date the Murphy Cup competition has been arranged.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Four life members were elected, viz: Frederick J. Scott, of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin; Thomas Livingston, Lurgan, for services to ringing for over 50 years; Samuel R. McClelland, St. Thomas', Belfast, founder member of the Northern Branch in 1927; and Fred E. Dukes, Drogheda, for services to ringing.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. William Pratt, Holywood; Master and librarian, Mr. Robert F. Murphy, Dublin; general secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; representatives on Central Council, Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody and Miss Jean Stewart; badge secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody; auditors, Mr. R. W. Smyth and Mr. W. E. Bovenger; 'Irish Bell News' Editorial Committee, Mr. F. E. Dukes (editor), Mr. G. Bingham, Miss Jean Stewart and Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

It had come to the notice of the Council that recordings of cup contest ringing had been made at some competitions and played back after the results had been announced. The Council unanimously passed a resolution that permission will not be given for recordings to be made in the future. Any party doing so would infringe the Copyright Act.

The annual contest for the Murphy Cup was held on the bells of St. George's Church, Dublin, on the same day. The finalists were St. Donard's Church, Belfast, St. Peter's, Bandon, and St. Peter's, Drogheda. All teams struck well, but none so well as St. Donard's, who have now won the cup for the first time; they had 11 faults. Bandon came second with 36 faults; Drogheda had 46 faults. St. Donard's and Bandon both rang six bells, whilst Drogheda rang the octave. The judges were Fred Bogan, James McManus and Harry Brown. In the absence of Mr. Murphy, Mr. Harry Ellis acted as Ringing Master.



CLERICAL GUILD TOUR.—This happy picture was taken by Mr. Percy N. Town of a group of members of the Clerical Guild outside St. Nicholas' Church, Linton, during their ringing week in Kent. (For story see page 285.)

BRADBOURNE BELLS RING AGAIN

The six bells at the village church of Bradbourne, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, have been silent over a number of years. It is understood that the late rector stopped ringing because he considered that it endangered the fabric, although he did allow some visitors to try the bells about two years ago. Bradbourne benefice has now been joined with Brassington, where the Vicar (Rev. J. D. Lytle) has formed a band (including himself), and the six bells there are now being rung regularly on Sundays.

When Mr. Lytle took over Bradbourne, Mr. B. P. Morris, general secretary of the Derbyshire Association, approached him for permission to inspect the bells at Bradbourne with a view to getting them rung. With Mr. F. W. Haycock, the Ashbourne steeplekeeper, the inspection was duly carried out. There was evidence that in the past the bells had been looked after. The wire netting was sound and the ropes were properly fixed and in good condition. As for the bells, they hang in a massive iron frame, and there is room for a light 12 on one level. The walls to the Norman tower are about six feet thick. We were convinced that with the aid of spanner, grease and castor oil the bells could be rung.

On April 21st ringers from Ashbourne, Derby, Overseal and Church Gresley visited the tower and good ringing was enjoyed ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. The bells went exceptionally well, and some villagers came along and expressed appreciation of hearing the bells rung again.

The bells are pealable, and Mr. Lytle will be pleased to welcome visitors to ring on the bells at either Bradbourne or Brassington. His address is Brassington Vicarage, Derby.

B. P. M.

A BERKSHIRE OUTING

Favoured by fine weather, a party of 20 ringers visited South East Berkshire on April 4th.

Ringing started at Winkfield, a good Mears six, followed by Warfield (8); Binfield, a merry six; Easthampstead, where the bells are a great improvement; Sandhurst, a popular tower with all the band; and Yateley, with its well-known timbered tower containing an eight of rather mixed tone.

A course of Beverley was rung at Finchampstead. The opinion of Arborfield bells was that they needed attention. At Wokingham only one tower, St. Paul's, was available. All Saints' tower is under repair, and the architect did not think ringing advisable. Some of the local band at Hurst, who were ringing for a wedding, joined with the visitors afterwards. Two good towers were Shiplake (Oxon) and Waltham St. Lawrence, as well as at Shottesbrooke. A course of Bristol was managed on the heavy eight at Bray. Ringing concluded at the disused church at Braywood, in the middle of a wood, and approached by a rough track. An oil lamp was found to enable the pleasant five to be rung.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Brigadier Hill, a ringer who is staying in the district from Lagos, Nigeria, was welcomed by Major E. J. Bragg at the very friendly Farnham District meeting at Ash on April 25th. The Rector (Rev. H. M. Insley) conducted the service with Mrs. Beadle as organist. The ladies of Ash provided the tea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Fry's welcome letter on the above subject I would like to assure him that the Central Council for training for the Ministry and all theological colleges which have not yet been asked to arrange for lectures, etc., will be approached on behalf of the Sunday Service Ringing Committee through the appropriate Guilds in the very near future.

I agree with him on the importance of this work and several Guild officers have already written to me of progress they have made in response to this committee's request. Perhaps at a later stage Mr. Fry may be able to help in setting up some permanent organisation relating to theological colleges and ringing activities. The ready response by several Guild officers to help is a very encouraging start.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.
Convener,
Central Council Committee
on Sunday Service Ringing.

BROADCAST BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the history of the Evercreech bells by Mr. Sanger, and would like to say that, like many other ringers of my acquaintance, I make a point of listening to '8.55 on the Light' on Sunday mornings. In my opinion the ringing recorded in these broadcasts is a credit to all concerned, and I would like to know more about the towers and ringers involved.

We know that the 10-bell ringing comes from Evercreech, but what were the eight bell recorded today (May 3rd)—were they Chewton Mendip's? How many records have the B.B.C. at their disposal for this purpose, and are they, generally speaking, the same ringers who made the 6-, 8- and 10-bell recordings?

If Mr. Sanger can help us to identify the bells which are being relayed, I think it will make the recordings all the more interesting to listen to. Whoever the ringers are, I would like to congratulate them on really first-rate striking which is a model to us all.—Yours truly,

A. J. GOULD.

Portishead.

MANUDEN HAS FIVE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The letter from my friend Ron Russ makes interesting reading, but I am afraid his information is incorrect in one particular.

Unless the ring at Manuden, Essex, has been augmented very recently and with great secrecy, it consists of five bells only! The tenor is certainly about a semitone sharp, a peculiarity shared with, among others, the five in the unusual wooden detached tower at Brookland, Kent.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Fordcombe, Kent.

We are sorry to hear that Eric Edginton, of King's Bromley, has been in hospital for a number of weeks. Friends who rang in a peal at Mavesyn Ridware express through it a 'get well soon' message.

'TIN CANS' REFUTED

Dear Sir,—There is a saying about three churches in the Isle of Axholme: 'Haxey for ringing, Epworth for singing, and Belton for old tin cans.' How and when it originated, or how widely known it is I cannot say, but so far as Belton is concerned it does not ring true. For soon the bells of All Saints' Parish Church will ring out in stronger protest to what its parishioners consider is an unkind and unjust jibe.

The four bells, one bearing the date 1643, and the tenor weighing just over 11 cwt., are soon to be augmented to a Minor ring by Taylors, of Loughborough.

The villagers contend that the bells of Belton are as sweet and harmonious as those of other churches of similar size in the district.

Several years ago an appeal was launched, and from parishioners and owners of land in the parish £1,700 was raised to put the bells and tower in a good condition.

The Loughborough founders installed a new steel frame, making provision for two new bells, and also tuned the four bells and hung them on ball-bearings. At the same time a Doncaster firm attended to the stonework and strengthened the tower.

Since 1955, when the bells were rededicated, the local ringers have raised approximately £250 by running dances and other social events in the village hall towards the cost of installing two new bells. Another £200 is needed to cover the cost of these bells, which will be in their place in the new frame by July or August.

At the time the bells were being rehung the ringers were busy building a new floor immediately under the bells. In February of this year the ringers were employed in a job of a similar nature in their spare time. They built a new floor in the belfry from which they now ring. The new ringing floor is nine feet above the old one, which is now used as a choir vestry.

When the local ringers first started to ring they were instructed by the Haxey band, and when they get their new bells they will require instruction in method ringing.

Any donations to the cost of the bells will be greatly appreciated, however small, sent to the following address: M. Rose, High Street, Belton, near Doncaster.

SUB-EDITORIAL INJUSTICE?

Dear Sir,—It is not like you to be thoughtless or unkind. On the contrary.

I therefore cannot understand your note in 'Belfry Gossip' about Mr. Hazell's letter to the 'Radio Times'. I have had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Hazell for a long time, and I can assure you that he is an experienced ringer and he would certainly not write such a misstatement. I assumed, and now know, that your opposite number on the 'Radio Times' so abbreviated his letter as to make nonsense of it.—Yours faithfully,

T. N. HAWKINS.

Windsor.

THEOLOGY AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—I am wondering whether you ought to change the title of 'The Ringing World,' as there seems to be a tendency for people to dogmatise on subjects other than bell-ringing. Some weeks ago we found a churchwarden telling the clergy how to do their work, and now on May 1st another layman seeks to instruct us in evangelism and at the same time teach us theology. 'The Ringing World' hardly seems to be the place to debate these topics, but I hope you will excuse my further misuse of your columns, for I cannot let Mr. Jones' statements go unchallenged.

In his exposition of Christ's teaching on forgiveness, Mr. Jones quotes scripture with the words: 'Judge not . . .', when he has just done that very thing in condemning the action of the Vicar of Shareskill. 'The Vicar . . . has failed in one of his paramount duties.' 'This one has decided that as far as he is concerned God can dispense with this group.' Christ taught us always to forgive—yes, but that did not prevent Him from soundly condemning people like the Pharisees for their hypocrisy and just sham of religion.

These ringers each stated categorically that they had no intention of attending church. That they should be allowed to continue to call the faithful to worship, and to handle the very instruments that ring out to the glory of God, would surely be hypocrisy, if not indeed bordering on blasphemy.

Mr. Jones goes on further to fall into the prevalent heresy of suggesting that church attendance is merely 'a sign of healthy Christianity,' but that a person can be just as good a Christian without it. The popularity of this view in no way makes it right. The Church, with all its weight of scholarship, has said for the last 1,900 years that the Bible clearly teaches us that churchgoing is an essential part of Christianity. Of course, the Church may have been wrong all this time, and Mr. Jones right—but I hardly think so.

If Mr. Jones wishes to continue the argument, perhaps he would do so in the 'Church Times,' or some such paper, because I buy 'The Ringing World' to read about bell-ringing, not pastoralia and homespun theology.—Yours sincerely,

REV. D. G. BRUNNING.
Curate of Usk.

SIMULTANEOUS PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers on April 30th a motion was passed withdrawing from the records of the Guild the two simultaneous handbell peals rung by members of the Guild on November 30th, 1958.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES R. TAYLOR.
Hon. Secretary.

Cambridge University Guild

Officers of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers for the year 1959-60 are: President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); hon. treasurer, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn); Master, P. H. Langton (Trinity); hon. secretary, J. R. Taylor (St. Cath's); librarian, P. Hodson, Emma).

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BELL RESTORATION IN HEXTON'S RUINED TOWER

The chalk tower of St. Faith's Church, Hexton, near Hitchin, Herts, partly collapsed during severe weather in 1947 and, as reported in these columns, the three bells (one nearly 600 years old) clung to a precarious perch amid rotting timbers until they were lowered to safety and stored in the church.

In the last few years the church has undergone a major restoration: a new west window has been installed and the tower made into a safe ruin, with only two walls standing, though this is not apparent from the road, whence it appears to be a normal tower.

Finally, through the generosity of Mr. Francis de Lautour, descendant of the Lords of the Manor of Hexton, in memory of his father, the bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in a ground-floor wooden frame, installed, under a cedarwood roof, in the open base of the tower. They are chimed by an Ellacombe apparatus inside the church—an unusual but necessary arrangement.

The canons and original clappers have been retained but new crown-staples have been fitted. The first and third bells (tenor about 9 cwt.) came from the Chandler foundry at Drayton Parslow, Bucks, and are dated 1697 and 1688 respectively. The second bears the inscription 'Ave Maria' and a cross which is attributed to William Rufford, the London founder of the mid-14th century.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring festival of the Truro Branch was held at Crantock on April 25th. About 65 ringers were present, including the president (Mr. A. Carveth), the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Burnett), the Rev. A. S. Roberts and Mr. W. H. Southard, vice-presidents. Mr. Alan Pink, an Oxford ringer, who was a frequent visitor to Cornwall before the war, was also made most welcome.

The service was taken by the Rev. A. S. Roberts and the Vicar of Crantock preached. Ringers formed the choir with Mr. Gouk, of Crantock, at the organ. The new Guild Office was used, and the collection for Branch funds came to £2 5s. 3d.

A lovely tea, given by people of Crantock and served by the wives of local ringers and others, was held in the Church Hall. A small charge was made for the tea, which produced £2 10s. 6d. for general Guild funds.

The methods rung ranged from rounds to Bob Minor, and after tea the eight bells of St. Columb Minor and the six at Newlyn were available, and many went to these towers.

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Mr. T. Strangeway has succeeded Mr. Irvin Slack as president of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

Twenty-five ringers were present at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch held at Symondsbury on April 11th. Seven towers in the Branch were represented, with visitors from Yetminster, and Dr. Paul Jonason, from East Harling.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. D. D. Moore) and Mrs. Lewis was organist. Tea was served in the former drawing room of the old Rectory, a building of great proportions, with over 20 bedrooms, telling of an age that is past.

Although having only just returned from the Clerical Guild's tour of Kent, Canon Cox presided at the business meeting. Only two items of interest arose—the dedication of the peal board in memory of the late Rev. F. L. Edwards, at Kington Magna on May 9th, and the next quarterly meeting at Evershot on July 4th. Ringing during the day included London Surprise Minor.

Dorchester Branch

When the Dorchester Branch held their spring quarterly meeting at Piddlehinton, two new members from the local tower and four from the new band, at Piddletrenthide were welcomed by the chairman (Rev. P. J. Heaton). The next meeting will be at Cattistock, and Branch practices are arranged for St. Peter's, Dorchester, on May 23rd, Little Cheney on June 6th, Leigh on June 20th.

The Rector (Rev. E. W. Davies) conducted the service and based his address on fellowship of membership of the Guild, and being joined together in one common purpose of calling others to worship and then joining them in the service. Tea was served at the New Inn to 33 members.

SILENT PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE ATTEMPT

On Whit Monday, at St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, Wirral, Cheshire, an attempt will be made by members of the Central Council to ring (silent) a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. Start, 10 a.m. Composition: 5,152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR in four methods

By A. J. PITMAN

23456	M	W	B	H
45236	—	—	—	LCCSC
24536	3	—	—	LBBSL
54632	—	—	—	LSL
36245	—	—	—	SSSCSS
24365	—	—	—	LSL
32465	—	3	—	LSBBL
42563	—	—	—	CSCCL
35264	—	—	—	CSCSL
35642	—	—	—	CSBBBB
35426	—	—	—	BBBBSC
42356	—	—	—	LSCSC
25463	2	2	—	LBLLLLL
34562	—	—	—	LCL
46532	—	2	—	CSCSBSL
53462	—	—	—	BBBBBBBL
45362	—	—	—	LCL
23564	—	3	—	CSCSBBL
52364	—	—	—	CSCCL
43265	—	3	—	CSCSBBL
64235	—	—	3	LSLBB
52436	—	—	—	LCL
43526	3	—	—	LBBSL
54326	—	—	—	LCCSC
32546	3	—	—	LBBSL
53246	—	—	—	LCL
62345	—	—	—	LBBSL
24653	—	—	—	CSCS
25346	2	—	—	SSBSL
23456	—	—	2	LCLB

1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Superlative,
1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Despite pouring rain from early morning to 6 p.m., 48 ringers sat down to tea at the quarterly meeting of the S.W. Branch at Lifton on April 25th. Many came from a distance, including the president (Preb. E. V. Cox), who made the journey of 64 miles. Another welcome visitor was Mr. W. J. Harvey, after his illness. A bright service, conducted by the Rector, was followed by an excellent tea provided by the ladies.

At the business meeting it was announced that Mr. Fice (Stowford) and Miss Doreen Smith (Emmanuel, Plymouth) had qualified for Guild certificates. Miss Virginia Drake (Emmanuel), Mr. Hodge (Plymouth St. Maurice) and Mr. Williams (Lifton) were elected performing members, and the Rector and the Rev. R. J. Hearne honorary members.

Ringings were supervised by Mr. T. G. Myers, and afterwards several members visited St. Stephen's, Launceston, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hillman. While the Branch can claim few honours in ringing peals or even quarter peals, a very happy spirit prevails.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Owing to the second rope breaking as the first team were ringing their test piece, there was an hour's delay in the 6-bell contest at Earlsheaton on April 18th, and ringing was restricted to six-score practice and 360 changes. The judge (Mr. George Perrin) gave his results as follows: Frieze 33 faults, Shelley 65, Meltham 73, Thornhill 99, Batley 169, Kirkheaton 199.

Receiving the silver cup, Mr. Joseph Burgess said it had taken Frieze many years of hard endeavour to reach the top. He advised all bands to keep on trying. This was endorsed by the chairman (Mr. E. Earnshaw), who said the main aim of the Association's contests was to improve Sunday service ringing by the way of striking.

Wishes for a speedy recovery from illness are to be sent to Mr. Hemingway (Dransfield), and the secretary was instructed to make enquiries as to the cost of an Association badge.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD

The University of Sheffield Guild held a day tour in North Derbyshire on April 25th. After a week of sunny weather, two cars set out in pouring rain, which was to last all day. A good start was made at Bakewell (8), and a reasonable standard of ringing was maintained at the other towers visited. These were Great Longstone (6), Eyam (6), Tideswell (8), Fairfield (8) and Burbage (6), all of which proved to have easily-handled rings. A variety of methods was rung, and a touch of Stedman Triples at Fairfield was probably the best of the day.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The Society's 14th annual general meeting was held in the Parish Hall of St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on May 2nd, preceded by ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry.

Considerable time was occupied by amendments to the constitution of the Society. Reports by the Master, secretary and treasurer having been read and adopted, officers for 1959-60 were elected. Philip Gray was re-elected as president. Other officers elected include: Master, Mr. J. M. Lakin; treasurer, Mr. M. R. Rose; secretary, Mr. M. P. Barton. City and Guilds College, Exhibition Road, S.W.7. Denis Layton was re-elected as Central Council representative.

After discussion of the Whitsun and summer tours the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had helped with the arrangements.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S EASTER TOUR

THIS year the tour was centred on Cambridge and lasted from March 30th until April 3rd. What the attraction was never made itself apparent, but the fact remains that the organised organiser, Dermot Roaf, had managed to persuade upwards of 30 members of the Society, past and present, to come, by inordinate efficiency and a quite indecent amount of circularisation.

After a dinner on Saturday, ominously indicative of what was to come, Dermot reprinted his programme which, although timed in detail gave rise to doubts in the minds of some when they saw the word 'peal' no less than nine times, turning to genuine dismay when it was realised that lunch was given between half and one hour. However, we trusted.

Easter Sunday arrived, and according to our programme one ringer was required at Trumpington (8) to make up the band for a quarter peal at 6.10 a.m. One was duly sent, and returned later to announce that the programme was absolutely correct—only six locals appeared.

A breakfast maintaining the trend noted (this eventually caused the formation of a splinter group who breakfasted at 'The Waffle') was followed by ringing at Trumpington, where we were pleased to find Ralph Edwards, who helped prevent the tenor falling into unskilled hands. Other Cambridge towers were in use during the day and a peal attempt at Harston for London Minor ceased abruptly with the Master acting on humanitarian principles and calling 'Stand' when the 'Wealdman' on the third complained of physical disability. Longstanton's pleasant light eight, although somewhat odd-struck, in the afternoon helped make Sunday a busy day.

On Monday morning a coach awaited the party outside Great St. Mary's, a peal band was deposited at Trumpington (where Rutland appears to have been successfully rung) and the remainder proceeded to Ickleton—a good eight, albeit rather hard to hear inside. Saffron Walden gave the party its only opportunity to prove its inability on 12, a failing which had repercussions later in the day.

Dermot had allowed a full 35 minutes for lunch, and quite unreasonably the party arrived late at Long Melford (a ring of eight of indifferent quality which is not in keeping with the magnificence of the structure). At Lavenham the octave was rung to many pleasant touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich until the others arrived in time to ring London *et alia*. Everyone seemed to arrive within a quarter of an hour of each other at Clare (8, 28 cwt.), where some difficulty was encountered with bells which do not quite live up to their weight.

We arrived in Cambridge to hear of the events that followed the somewhat anguished moments when our itinerant conductor and composer learnt that the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Great St. Mary's this day had been reduced to Stedman Cinques. The Master, though calm and collected, was sorely tried whilst endeavouring to restore order. The peal was scored in an unusually short time, the tenor always on the watch for the chance to score a few changes of Maximus. In the evening some went to Chesterton, whilst others 'youngerred' and then unearthed a fair.

Tuesday.—The peal band departed for Whittlesey, raising St. Ives bells (8) for the back ringers on the way, and duly scored four-spliced which was probably recognisable as such. Meanwhile the others rang on the eight and six bells at Huntingdon—no windows in the belfry at the former meant candlelight, which showed up some members to best effect! After lunch

with the Rumps, in their café, everyone met at Whittlesey (St. Andrew's), an eight of dubious origin. A Minor band (U.A. owing to lack of volunteers) went to Wisbech (St. Mary's) and rang a peal, whilst the remainder visited March (an excellent ring of six and a church with a fine angel roof) and Wisbech (SS. Peter and Paul's, a good ten), where we were met by the Ven. J. P. Pelloc, an old member of the Society. An excellent high tea followed, provided by the Archdeacon, and was much appreciated (in spite of the Master's speech). Hilgay (8 bells) saw the party in Norfolk for the first time, and an uncondemned touch of Stedman was notable for the fact that many of the onlookers developed coughing fits or cold feet.

Wednesday produced a peal of London on the fine octave at Ely, whilst the rabble gave Strettham (6) and Littleport (8) 'the works.' Lunch was again highly organised and advance bands were sent out according to plan to Soham (10) whilst another party plunged into Suffolk to ring a peal of Stedman Caters at Mildenhall (10), called by the Master (successfully).

The opening of the flat season at Newmarket was manifest in the form of a loud report from the rear, but the coach reached the church with little delay and no loss in mobility. The six here are heavy and pleasant.

At Burwell a pleasant hour passed on the light eight, which sound 'different' (in no derogatory sense).

St. Benet's (6) and—yes—Trumpington (8) were available in the evening for those who had not had enough; and as there are some who don't know where to stop, they didn't.

Thursday—the last day of the tour—was memorable. A considerable furore occurred over the planned attempt for Glasgow at Eaton Socon, and Superlative was substituted but lost by a U.A. band after about three-quarters of an hour. The others, spared the necessity of peal ringing, enjoyed St. Neots' bells to the full, a really fine eight in a magnificent tower, and then Eynesbury bells, an anti-clockwise six.

Biggleswade's proved to be an excellent light eight, and the interesting spectacle of the second saying 'Treble's going—she's gone,' and the Master and organiser having a heated exchange in spiced, whetted our appetites for lunch. The afternoon saw us at Baldock, with a heavy, rolling, tub-thumping eight, and Royston, where the theoretical Glasgow band managed a course. Barkway has a good ring and a beautifully-decorated church amidst pleasant surroundings. In the evening the R.C. church at Cambridge, with a truly splendid ring, produced some good touches. This night something most unusual happened. The Master, without his consent, was given a bath in a cold liquid abhorrent to the perpetrators, whilst clad in his two-tone nightwear. A few minutes later his reappearance in his 'twills' so enraged the few that a further incident took place, not at all becoming to the victim's official position.

And so to the 'mystery tour' on Friday, arranged by Mrs. Woolley for anyone heading in the direction of London. Ringing took place at Long Stanton, Over, Benington (of Squire Proctor fame—a beautiful spot) and Ware—a good, if odd-struck, ring here: a pleasant conclusion to an excellent tour, for which we all owe Dermot our grateful thanks. The handbell ringers (who scored twice), the bridge school (imps under my bed), the layabouts and the juveniles—all had their fill, which is good going.

To conclude, grateful thanks must be tendered to the incumbents and local ringers, whose co-operation is essential for any tour; also to the drivers (and Donald) who suffered much tolerantly.

OBITUARY

MR. WILFRED W. BAILEY

After an illness lasting three years, Mr. Wilfred W. Bailey, one of the 11 bellringing brothers of St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Suffolk, died in London on March 4th, aged 60 years. He was cremated at Putney Vale on March 11th and his remains were laid to rest in The Garden of Remembrance at Leiston during Easter. Mr. Bailey was for many years associated with the tower of St. Mary Abbot's, London.

MR. WILLIAM STIFF

Mr. William Stiff, who for upwards of 30 years was a ringer at St. Mary's, Mistley, Essex, died on April 23rd.

A native of Suffolk, he learned to ring at Monks Eleigh, in the early 1890's, and was an able ringer and conductor of Minor methods. He was something of a character and would tell many a tale of the Suffolk ringers of his early days, such as Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, and the Slaters, of Glemsford. Although his peal total was not great he was very punctual in attendance at Sunday ringing and at practice. Such men as he are hard to replace. The funeral took place on April 30th.

50 YEARS AGO

'THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD'

May 15th, 1909

Peals recorded: Treble Boh Royal 1. Stedman Caters 1. Grandsire Caters 2. Superlative Surprise Major 1. Treble Boh Major 5. Boh Major 2. Stedman Triples 2. Grandsire Triples 4. Minor 3. Doubles 2: total 27. Hand peals: Grandsire Caters 2. Grandsire Triples 2.

It is reported that: 'On Thursday, April 29th, Southwell Cathedral was the scene of the wedding of Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, to the daughter of Archdeacon Richardson, of Southwell.'

This year it is reported that a larger number than usual of Societies have not as yet paid their affiliation fee.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

Winterton, on the Norfolk Coast, was the venue for the meeting of the Eastern Branch on April 25th. The weather, as seems usual whenever a meeting is held at this village, was gusty and wet, but the spirits of the members and friends were certainly not dampened.

The stiff climb up Norfolk's highest tower was tackled by two octogenarians, Messrs. Lidbetter and Harwood, who then proceeded to ring as if they had just had their normal daily constitutional.

The service was conducted by the new incumbent, the Rev. M. P. Bird, who, in welcoming the members, said it was a joy to him to hear his six bells ringing, as at present there are only five ringers.

The meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, and was attended by the Association president, Mr. F. Nolan Golden. Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. J. White, of Pakefield, who died recently.

After hearing how, at Happisburgh, another coastal parish, a band of youngsters are teaching themselves ringing with the aid of 'Ropesight' only, the members unanimously voted to hold the next meeting there on July 4th. Mr. E. T. Chapman, Branch Ringing Master, announced that the method for special study at the meeting at Happisburgh would be Stedman Slow Course Minor.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Howard, the organist, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Woodhouse, who, with local ladies, organised the excellent tea.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The 60th annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April Fair Saturday, as it had been over the years of the Guild's existence. There was the usual ringing to suit all tastes at the Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter at Gowts' (6) and St. Botolph's (6). At the Cathedral Evensong the Lord Bishop of Lincoln welcomed the Guild to Lincoln and later joined the members at tea in the Chapter House. This was the second time that this ancient building had been used for the ringers' tea, and the expressions of satisfaction made one feel that this would be a very pleasant feature of Guild meetings in the future.

The business meeting was held in the Consistory Court, the Guild president (the Dean of Lincoln) presiding.

THE MASTER'S REPORT

The Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman) in his report stated that there was a marked decrease in 1958 in the peal total—101 as compared with 129 in 1957. There were no outstanding peals but the methods rung were up to the standard that had been set by members during recent years.

The year 1958 saw the end of the Northern Branch: it had been replaced by the North and West Lindsey Branches and the Central Branch. He expressed thanks to the two retiring officers—Mr. F. Lord, for ten years hon. secretary of the Northern Branch, and Mr. J. Walden, for 30 years Ringing Master of the Lincoln District.

Another milestone was the diamond jubilee of the Guild. Members should again remember with gratitude not only the men who founded the Guild but also those who over the years have given their services to improve the standard of the ringing, and those who have so efficiently carried on the administrative work.

There was a lengthy discussion on the contents of the 1958 Guild report; some felt that too much stress was placed on peal ringing and not enough on service ringing: this was disputed by others.

There was also criticism of the method of carrying out the recent survey of service ringing in the diocese. The hon. secretary explained that forms were sent to each Branch and District secretary, and from the returns a reasonably accurate summary had been prepared. It had been very difficult in areas where there were no members or in some no ringers: it was gratifying to know that these cases were few. These discussions showed that members were interested in the standard of service ringing—a very healthy sign.

Further details were given of the arrangements for the diamond jubilee dinner to be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Lincoln, on October 17th.

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the auditors. Mr. C. Brown, now being a member of the Guild committee resigned, and Mr. J. L. Millhouse was elected to serve with Mr. W. Tomlinson.

There were many young members present, some ringing on 12 bells for the first time, and the enthusiasm showed made one feel the Guild could go forward into the years that lie ahead with every confidence.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Nine Eastern District towers were represented at the meeting at Little Munden on April 11th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and Miss Lawrence and her helpers provided a very acceptable tea. Various methods were rung with varying degrees of success, notably Cambridge, Woodbine T.B. and Double Oxford. A resume of the Association's A.G.M. was passed on by the District secretary, who was asked to apply for Bishop's Stortford bells for the May meeting.

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BIRTH

BRAY.—On May 3rd, 1959, to Mewyn and Dirst Bray (nee Banks), of Plot 7, New Bunglows, Bridgemary Road, Bridgemary, Gosport, a son (Philip Kevin). 4361

ENGAGEMENT

ORLAND—PACKWOOD.—The engagement is announced between Ernest George Orland, of Long Buckley, Northants, and Janet Eileen Packwood, of Earls Barton, Northants. 4346

PERSONAL

SCATTERGOOD.—Many happy returns and sincere greetings for your birthday, Sam, on May 19th. Good luck, good health and happiness always. 4352

The new telephone number of Mr. and Mrs. S. Geoffrey Waters, Ladywell, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenden, Kent, is Biddenden 450. 4350

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MISCELLANEOUS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The new secretary of the Ely District is Mr. D. F. Murfet, 12, Power Road, Sutton, Ely, Cambs. 4372

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—In view of our intention to apply for affiliation to the Central Council, would all interested members who have not returned a circular form to me please forward their names and addresses.—B. J. Wyld, Churchill Hall, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. 9. 4344

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4325

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shere, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Bells available afterwards with Albury (6) from 6.30 p.m. 4309

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Smarden Saturday, May 16th. 4333

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead (6), May 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Egerton, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 4316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4340

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—By-meeting, Saturday, May 16th. St. Anne's, Highgate, 2.30 to 3.30. St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Practice meeting, May 27th, West Ham, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please note time. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Sec. 4334

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 4324

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.). Names, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastington, near Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4348

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Hartfield (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4327

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4314

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Cawthorne, near Barnsley, May 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Hoylandswaine bells (6) will also be available. New reports will be ready. Buses to Cawthorne from Barnsley bus station at 5 past and 20 past each hour.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4328

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4337

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 18th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost; address by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. Annual general meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea, coffee, etc., available from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. Tea at a running buffet from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. The following towers will be available from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.: Brentwood (8), Great Dunmow (8), Rayleigh (8) and Witham (8); from 3 to 6 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sanddon (6), Little Baddow (5), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6). Lunch and tea tickets (stamped addressed envelope, please) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Tea and lunch tickets 6d. extra if not purchased prior to the meeting. 4266

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, East Brent (6), Saturday, May 23rd, 5 p.m.—David H. White. 4345

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Minehead, May 23rd, 7 p.m. Grandsire and Plain Bob.—A. R. Tudball. 4376

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 4351

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 3d.) at The Boiling Kettle. Names by May 20th, please.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4363

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Carlton-in-Cleveland, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4353

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Arley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 20th to Callow, 36, Torbay Road, Coventry. 4341

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ormston-by-Ashbourne, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Shoulder of Mutton. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. No names no tea. Come and enjoy a ring in this delightful village.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 4356

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Practice meeting, Clyst St. George, Saturday, May 23rd, 7 p.m. 4370

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Stretham, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4371

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Bentley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 20th, to J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 4364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Blockley (8), Saturday, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 19th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4369

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Marshfield (8), Saturday, May 23rd. Service and tea. Names for tea to J. Edwards Woodham, 1, Market Place, Marshfield, near Chippenham, Wilts. 4357

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6), Saturday, May 23rd, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4362

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, on Saturday, May 23rd. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 4347

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Enderby, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. W. Salt, 53, John Street, Enderby, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4354

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Measham, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 4358

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Louth (8), May 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 20th to Mr. Avery, 18, Broadbank, Louth. 4323

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Radyr, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 4335

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, May 23rd. Service St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich, not later than Wednesday, May 20th. Ringing arrangements, 1.30 to 4 p.m.: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), and St. George's, Colegate (6). Bells will be available after business meeting.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 4315

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify for tea, J. Money, 77, Wallingford Road, Cholsey, Berks.—A. E. Lock, Branch Sec. 4318

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chesham (6), Saturday, May 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 4360

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Evening meeting, Lilbourne and Stanford, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells from 6 p.m. 4355

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barrowden, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday.—W. C. A. Clark, Sec. 4374

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Warsop (6), on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 20th, to H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield Notts.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 4343

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Petworth, on Saturday, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 20th to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 4296

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burwash, Saturday, May 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeny, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4342

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Old Alresford, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall for those who notify by May 19th.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Hants. 4365

ST. MARY CRAY GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.—Ringers' service, Sunday, May 24th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.15 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—P. G. Braund, Sec. 4347

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Dinner 7.15 p.m. Names, please, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 4326

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Wouldham, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. C. Sibun, 2, Private Road, Wouldham, near Rochester. 4368

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 30th, Feltham. Details later. 4366

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Mathew's, Buckley, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 26th, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4359

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gaywood, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, 29th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 4373

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, St. Edmund's, Northampton, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the bells, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (no charge) 5. Social (no charge) 8 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 4339

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—East Knoyle, Saturday, May 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 26th. Hindon available in evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 4367

FIRST PRESIDENT OF LADIES' GUILD

Members of the Ladies' Guild will be interested to learn that Mrs. Rosetta Alice Sullivan (née Alice White), now 78, is living at Eventide Home, Galt, Ontario, Canada. She has a collection of 150 bells made of china, brass, bronze, silver and gold from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Sullivan began bellringing at the age of 12 at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and was the first woman to ring a peal. She was the first president of the Ladies' Guild, and at Eventide Home she still has the bell mounted on a wooden frame, which was presented to her by the Ladies' Guild.

She first went to Canada in 1920 and remained there until 1931, when she and her husband returned to England. They built a bungalow on the South Coast, near Worthing.

The Sullivans were in England when World War II broke out; her home was wrecked by blast from a bomb and about half of her collection of 300 souvenir bells was lost. They then returned to Canada and for ten years lived at Kitchener. In 1954 she met with serious injuries in an accident suffering a double fracture of the pelvis and was laid up for a long time. Her husband died in 1955. For the past 18 months she has been living at Eventide, 255, St. Andrew's Street, Galt, Ontario.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

When the Bicester and District Branch held their meeting at Launton on May 2nd, Mr. Frederick Sharpe had his exhibition of photographs of bells, frames and founders' marks on view as well as a selection of his handbells. A short recital was given by the Launton Handbell Ringers at the conclusion of the meeting.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins. At the business meeting, Capt. A. D. and Mrs. Sayer, Mr. Graham Penn and Mr. W. Townsend were elected members.

The Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton conducted the service, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood preached and the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) gave the Blessing. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Sherwood and helpers. The entrance to the ringing chamber is via an iron ladder holled to the wall, and the fine afternoon reduced the hazards of the climb.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: K. Ward (first quarter) 1. Pamela Jervis 2. Valerie Hoby (first of Triples and in the method 'inside') 3. Janet Adamson 4. Linda Kew 5. J. R. A. Muller (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 6. W. Birmingham (cond.) 7. D. Livingston 8. A 14th birthday compliment to Valerie Hoby.

5,024 ALPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

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2 5 4 6 3			1	
6 4 3 5 2	1		1	
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3 5 2 6 4		X		2
5 6 3 4 2		X		
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4 3 2 6 5			2	2
6 5 4 3 2	2		1	
5 6 2 3 4	2			2
3 2 6 5 4			2	2
2 3 4 5 6	2			2

First rung April 23rd, 1959, at Willesden, Middlesex, conducted by John R. Mayne.

QUARTER PEALS

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. Rivett 1, F. Tysoe 2, Mary Tysoe 3, C. M. Payne 4, C. D. Mann 5, W. J. Dowler (cond.) 6.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. Hopkins 1, Mrs. Marshall 2, L. Duffield 3, E. White 4, J. Blick 5, J. Edwards (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2. Rung before the children's Easter service.

OTTERS HAW, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pashley (first quarter) 1, D. Pugh (first 'inside') 2, Hazel Pugh 3, Elizabeth Loveland 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, H. Kingston 6. For Evensong.

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AN HONORARY RAILWAYMAN RINGER AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

YOU can't say that there isn't an element of surprise in being a bell-ringer. If anyone had told me when I started that I would eventually become a member of the Railwaymen Ringers' Guild, I would have considered them slightly lacking!

But that is what has happened, and I am not even a railwayman (or should I say railwaywoman?).

How did it happen? Well, I blame 'The Ringing World.' All I did was to scribble a few thoughts on ringing, rather unoriginally entitle them 'Bats in the Belfry,' and submit them to the Editor. Much to my astonishment they were published, and much to my delight they evoked a charming correspondence with a gentleman who chose 'Owd Bat-er' for his nom de guerre. Time revealed that 'Owd Bat-er' was none other than Mr. Frank Stenson, who was then instrumental in founding the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers. Our friendship through correspondence flourished; but we never met, because he lived in Cheshire and I in Surrey.

Then, a short time ago, as you will probably realise if you read your 'Ringing World' as well as you should, the Railwaymen Ringers' Guild held their Annual General Meeting in London. Of course, this was the opportunity for me to see 'Owd Bat-er' in the flesh. And so I did, and what a success and pleasure that meeting was only Mr. and Mrs. Stenson and myself really know. The outcome of this happy Saturday was that I became an honorary member of the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers.

I've risked boring you with this story I suppose mainly because I'm quite inordinately proud of being a member of the Guild, but I think the real reason is to reiterate that it was 'The Ringing World' which was responsible for it. I cannot help feeling that it could be the instrument of forging many more ringing friendships, whether the participants had met or not.

It always intrigues me (and my family—non-ringing, by the way) to read of the exploits and feats of other ringers; and what a pleasure it is to meet them in the flesh after having read of them. You are already more than half way to knowing them because you have seen their names in 'The Ringing World' and you are aware of their doings. You picture what they look like and how they

might behave, and what fun it is to compare your images with the real thing. I must admit that sometimes you are sadly disillusioned, but on the whole the person concerned usually surpasses your expectations. And all these delightful speculations can be yours for the purchase of a copy of 'The Ringing World.'

Sometimes I've wondered whether it would not be better for some of whom I call 'the angry young men' of ringing to use the columns of 'The Ringing World' for making friendships and interesting us lesser ringers in their activities and ambitions, rather than using them for showering abuse on their fellows and claiming their superiority above all others.

I daresay that statement will spark off more correspondence and, who knows, I may yet become an honorary member of another Guild. Is it possible to start a Guild of Angry Young Men Ringers? It's a fearsome thought!

Seriously though, there is a great deal of pleasure and interest to be found in our journal, and it is surprising the number of ringers one meets who do not subscribe to it. It is a pity, because 'The Ringing World' does keep us in touch with one another, whether we be great ringers or small.

There you are you see, my becoming a railwayman ringer (albeit honorary) has produced this diatribe against angry young men and non-subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' But more important, it has produced friendships that I will treasure for many years. I recommend you to try it sometime.

NANCY KEMPESELL.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

*ROGER K. WHITTELL .. Treble	HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. 7
*RONALD BUGG .. 2	CHARLES SHEMMINGS .. 8
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 9
HARRY D. LISTER .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 10
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 5	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 11
*IVAN COOPER .. 6	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Arranged by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

* First peal of Maximus. † 25th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Arranged by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. First of Royal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*PAMELA M. JERVIS .. Treble	†ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 6
J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
†MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3	†FRANK A. BARRETT .. 8
*LINDA J. KEW .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. 9
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5	†ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method. ‡ First in the method. Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTON JUXTA MALTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MRS. C. N. LEA .. Treble	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 5
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
ENID SOFTLEY .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 7
CHARLES N. LEA .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal in the method on the bells.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*MARCUS P. BARTON (L'dn) Treble	†HOWARD COLLINGS (L'dn) 5
JOAN GRAY (Ox. & L'dn) 2	NIGEL J. MAGGS (Oxford) 6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY (L'dn) 3	MICHAEL ROSE (London) 7
VALERIE W. WILLARD (L'dn) 4	ROGER KEELEY (London) Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

PERCY STONE .. Treble	L MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	GEORGE GARDNER .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD 7
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the Daughter Church of St. Christopher of this parish, a memorial to the late Dr. Neville Gorton, Bishop of Coventry.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOGLLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal on the recast bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

CAROL EUSTACE .. Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT .. 5
*KATHLEEN BELL .. 2	GEORGE A. BELL .. 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 3	JAMES F. CLARKE .. 7
†PETER J. BEAMISH .. 4	HARRY HARPER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

JILL MAYES .. Treble	JAMES G. NEWMAN .. 5
BRYAN PATTISON .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
*SHEILA V. PERCIVAL .. 3	ALAN S. SMITH .. 7
GEOFFREY W. MAYES .. 4	BRYAN F. SIMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal of Major.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

LLANFANIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. FEIGAN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. Treble	*DAVID J. LEWELLYN .. 5
DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 2	TREVOR T. LEWIS .. 6
BRIAN R. KINGSTON .. 3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 7
MAGNUS PETERSON .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

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* First peal of Major. The fastest peal on the bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FRANK OSBALDISTON Treble	BASIL JONES 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	ERNEST BOUMPHREY 6
JOHN R. KENNETT 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung on St. Mark's Day.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PHILIP WOOD Treble	ALBAN J. JACK 5
ANNETTE GRATTON 2	OWEN WILLIAMS 6
FRANK TRINER 3	J. MICHAEL JACK 7
J. LESLIE SHENTON 4	CHARLES S. RYLES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

* First peal (aged 13).

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Michael Jack.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

ELSIE K. HART Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	RICHARD G. OUSTON 6
VERNON GREEN 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 7
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 4	*JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 100th peal together. 50th peal on the bells. First of York Surprise Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*MRS. E. SUTTON Treble	CHARLES G. JONES 5
MRS. R. T. JONES 2	†REGINALD T. JONES 6
MRS. P. MINCHIN 3	ERIC SUTTON 7
HARRY AUSTIN 4	‡PETER MINCHIN Tenor

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal of Triples. † 150th peal. ‡ First on eight bells.

Rung following the wedding of Valerie Smith to Roger Davidge (at one time a ringer at Christ Church, Swindon).

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. SMITH Treble	*ROY D. TOMLIN 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	FRANK V. GANT 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. HARRY COOK Treble	RICHARD CLIFTON 5
*CELIA COWLEY 2	*ROLAND COOK 6
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 7
†TOM HARRIS 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. Treble	†WILLIAM IVINGS 5
ALFRED H. WEBB 2	ROBERT A. REEVES 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES 7
JOHN H. GREGORY 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. W. HOLLAND.

* First peal. † First of Major.

A compliment to Col. H. E. du C. Norris on his 90th birthday.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*ANN TYLER Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE 5
ELIZABETH ROBERTS 2	HAROLD ROBERTS 6
ALBERT LAWTON 3	ERIC YOUNG 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal on eight.

A farewell peal for Ann Tyler, on obtaining a post at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*JUDITH HOOPER Treble	‡GEORGE E. VERNON 5
ELIZABETH WILCOX 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JOHN VERNON 7
†MARTIN FAULKES 4	CURZON CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Grandsire away from the treble.

Rung for the feast of SS. Philip and James.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	WALTER LEE 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
DAVID A. CORNWALL 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY SPRINGATE Treble	RONALD E. NORRIS 5
THOMAS BEAUMONT 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 6
CYRIL J. GOULD 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
*ALAN WRIGLEY 4	FRANK THWAITES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal on eight bells.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF 5088 CHESWARDINE IMPERIAL MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

ROGER KING Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN 3	GEOFFREY PARTING 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 227).

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
JACK S. DEAR 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FRED W. STONE Treble	CHARLES WALKLATE 5
PATRICIA HALLS 2	PETER G. BELLAMY KNIGHT 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	MICHAEL BLORE 7
CLIVE WALKLATE 4	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. ARNOLD MORLEY.
First peal of Major as conductor.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

CLIFFORD BIRD Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	*A. ROY WITTHYMAN .. 6
RONALD C. NOON 3	HARRY TOOKE 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the William Cowper centenary.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' variation of Parker's

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND 5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 2	DENNIS HOLLAND 6
RONALD BIRCH 3	BARRY HOLLAND 7
TOM W. SENIOR 4	LESLIE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

A. P. Heywood's.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY 5
*MRS. TOM COOKE 2	PETER CROOK 6
DORIS KILLINGLEY 3	FRED HODGSON 7
†STEPHEN LLOYD PARRY .. 4	TOM COOKE Tenor

Conducted by TOM COOKE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th in the method. First as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the Church Union.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANCES SECKER (Girton) Treble	*D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 5
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 2	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 6
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 7
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. House) 4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by J. R. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First as conductor.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Treble	G. FREDERICK TERRY .. 5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 6
MRS. J. RENDER 3	JOHN POTTS 7
*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 4	ALAN SHEPPARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*H. GEORGE HART Treble	*FRANCIS KIRK 5
*ELSIE K. HART 2	*ALICE CUTLER 6
*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3	JOSEPH W. COITON 7
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county and for the Association.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 5
STANLEY JENNER 2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	PETER BORDER 5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN 2	STEWART F. KIMBER 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First in the method on the bells.

CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

*HARRY AITCHISON .. Treble	RICHARD OLIVER 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 2	†NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 6
WILLIAM TYSON 3	ROBERT B. SKELTON .. 7
FREDERICK ROSS 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' Richard Oliver has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Janet Errington and Mr. William Ramshaw.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain and Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble | LEONARD B. SCOOT .. 4
 GEORGE E. THODAY .. 2 | ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
 CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3 | JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Stevens and Miss B. Leggett, married at Over, Cambs, on Easter Monday.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in A flat.
 BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Treble | DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 4
 GEORGE SAYER .. 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN .. 5
 ARTHUR G. BASON .. 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
 BERTRAM D. COSTAR .. Treble | ERNEST J. HILL .. 4
 BERNARD J. COGGINS .. 2 | *PETER PEARCE .. 5
 *MARILYN BIRD .. 3 | D. KAY ADKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal.

WALKERN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Baldock Guild.)

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

*JUNE DEAR .. Treble | LEONARD B. SCOOT .. 4
 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2 | COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
 ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3 | JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*CHARLES PERKINS .. Treble | RONALD C. NOON .. 4
 STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2 | †JOHN G. AMES .. 5
 *CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 3 | FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First in seven Surprise methods on an 'inside' bell.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 11 cwt.

ALAN R. BRIDGES .. Treble | PETER S. BEDFORD .. 4
 JACK PILGRIM .. 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
 RAYMOND PECK .. 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. F. L. Hollingsworth, who was inducted and instituted to the living on April 23rd.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 21 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Treble | ERNEST H. JEFFERIES .. 3
 *RAYMOND W. G. FENTON .. 2 | BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 4
 PETER WAKEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SANDIACRE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD .. Treble | RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
 WILLIAM WENBAN .. 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
 JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

The ringers of the second, third, fifth and tenor have now rung peals in all the 41 regular and symmetrical Surprise Minor methods—the first time this has been accomplished. The conductor has also called a peal in each of these methods.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

DAVID LEE .. Treble | ERIC ROBERTS .. 4
 *RONALD O. NEEDHAM .. 2 | *KENNETH E. NEEDHAM .. 5
 BARBARA A. BENNETT .. 3 | JOHN B. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal by an all-Cosby band since the installation of the bells in 1914.

Rung for the christening of Michael John, son of the third and tenor ringers.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE V. PAGE .. Treble | TONY OWEN .. 4
 JOHN R. SMITH .. 2 | DEREK PARDON .. 5
 RAY W. BALLS .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

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ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GILBERT S. SPRULES .. Treble	†ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. 4
*GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 2	JAMES W. SPRULES .. 5
*SANDRA LEWIS .. 3	HERBERT T. FERRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. FERRIS.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble; also as 21st birthday compliments to Rita M. Webb and Alan F. Lee.

CRICKLADE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 51 methods, viz.: Two spliced extents each of Rev. St. Simon's, Union and Uffington; Rev. St. Martin's, St. Faith's S.C. and Stowe Place; Rev. St. Osmund, St. Julian and Datchet; Rev. St. Nicholas, Union and Uffington, Rev. Winchendon Place, St. Faith's S.C. and Stowe Place; Rev. St. Remigius, St. Julian and Datchet; Rev. St. Simon's, Rev. New and Rev. St. Nicholas; Rev. St. Martin's, Rev. Huntspill and Rev. Winchendon Place; Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Vedast and Rev. St. Remigius; Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Ockham, Broughton and Chesham; Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Westminster II, Blackburn Place and St. Hilary; Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Ockham, Broughton and Chesham; New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Chipstead, Oakley and Itchingfield; Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, New Bob, Huntspill and St. Vedast; Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, Chipstead, Oakley and Itchingfield; St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Thornborough and Longford; Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, St. Nicholas, Winchendon and St. Remigius; Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Hascombe, Thornborough and Longford; St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, Merton, Slapton and Rugby; Braywood, Welford, Longworth, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund; Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Merton, Slapton and Rugby; with 502 changes of method and no hobs.

Tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb.

CHARLES G. JONES .. Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. 3
*†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4

*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal in 51 methods. † First of Spliced Doubles. Believed to be the first peal to be rung with 503 changes of method, this being the maximum number possible.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*BARBARA FISHER .. Treble	†CHARLES E. HILL .. 4
†RAYMOND G. JONES .. 2	HERMON J. OLIVER .. 5
*RONALD J. BROWN .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 4
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 5
EDGAR R. RAYLEY .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Court and Single Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	ALEC WILSON .. 4
*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in six methods 'inside.' First in six methods as conductor.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew (three callings) and April Day (three callings), and 12 extents each of Grandsire (ten callings) and Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*SHEILA A. GILES .. Treble	PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 4
JOHN DOWDESWELL .. 2	PETER W. BARTLETT .. 5
RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

* First peal attempt.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Treble	*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 4
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 5
*JOHN K. SMITH .. 3	*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

A 14th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Roobottom.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Ockley, (2) Duke of Norfolk, (3) College Exercise, (4) Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise, (5) Capel and Sandal, (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford, (7) Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. 4
MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 30, 1959, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT SELWYN COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 1-2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5-6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3-4	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 7-8
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 9-10	

Composed by HENRY TUCKER.

Non-conducted.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*GERALD PENNEY .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE .. 5-6
*MICHAEL D. FROST .. 3-4	†STANLEY HUCKLE .. 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'in hand.'

ICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT 23, TAVISTOCK ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

FRANK C. PRICE .. 1-2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3-4	JOHN HILL .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Little Bob Major 'in hand' by all.

WHITSTABLE RINGERS' DEVON TOUR

Based on Paignton, a band of ringers from All Saints', Whitstable, had an enjoyable week's tour in South Devon, starting on April 6th. The only mishap of the week occurred at Dean Prior, when on the last blow of the fall the rope of the second broke. Two unsuccessful attempts were made for a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Churston on the Saturday. Neither lasted very long: the general opinion was that it was the wrong end of the week for three hours' concentration and that a cream tea would be more inviting.

The help of the three gentlemen from Babba-combe who accompanied the party each day was much appreciated; had it not been for them the party would have been utterly exhausted by the end of the week. Special thanks are due to Alf, from Dartington, who arranged the programme.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

Although it could have received better support, an enjoyable meeting was held at Old Woking on May 9th, attended by about 24 ringers.

The Vicar (Rev. K. C. Phillips) conducted the service.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the original arrangements for tea had to be cancelled at the last moment. Mr. Belcher, of a local shop, kindly stepped in at two days' notice, and provided an excellent tea, set out in his garden, for which we were most grateful.

Following the business meeting, held in the churchyard for want of better accommodation, ringing continued in the standard methods until 9 o'clock.

H. E. P.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Over 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society on May 2nd at Leeds Parish Church, and some very good ringing was enjoyed, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

The retiring president (Mr. Irvin Slack) presided at the opening of the business meeting, and he and the Precentor (Rev. T. Bone, Precentor of Leeds Parish Church) welcomed the visitors.

New members elected were: Ringing members, Mr. I. Lumley and Mr. P. Lumley (Calverley), and non-resident members, Miss L. Wilkinson, Mr. I. Woolford and Mr. C. Reeves (York Minster).

The secretary (Mr. D. Thorp) gave a satisfactory report and the financial statement indicated that the Society was in a very good position indeed.

The secretary commended the young ringers at the Calverley and Batley parish churches for the excellent progress they had made, and mentioned that Mr. J. M. Thorley, who had retired from the position of secretary owing to leaving the district to take up another appointment, was always interested in giving a helping hand to young ringers, and we wish him luck in his new venture.

The retiring president then vacated the chair and Mr. Thos. Strangeway took office. Mr. David Atkins thanked the Precentor for allowing the Association the use of the bells, and Mr. Irvin Slack replied on behalf of the local company. The next meeting will be at Batley on May 30th, subject to confirmation. D. T.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Adverse weather conditions reduced the attendance at the April meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Childswyckham, when it was possible to have methods not normally rung at Branch meetings. The Vicar (Rev. T. P. Hearn), who conducted the service, expressed appreciation of the visit. Tea was taken in Broadway. Several ringers who were not present will be interested to learn that it reached the usual 'Broadway standards'—the more you eat the less you pay!

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

At the A.G.M. of the U.B.S.C.R. on May 7th the following officers were elected for the session 1959-60: Master, Mr. Royston Blackler; secretary, Miss Jane K. A. Cook; treasurer, Mr. John C. Baldwin; tower secretary, Miss Angela Grainger. A first year representative remains to be elected, and inquiries from intending students would be welcomed, c/o The Secretary, Society of Change Ringers, The Victoria Rooms, Bristol, 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In the part Saxon and part Norman tower of St. Mary's, Hadlow, the Tonbridge District held an enjoyable meeting on May 2nd. Ringing included Grandsire, Plain Bob, London and Double Norwich. All were impressed to see a blind clergyman ringing his first touch of Double Norwich. The final touch of Superlative ended abruptly with a broken rope.

The Vicar (Rev. C. Underhill) conducted a bright service, a liberal tea was provided at the Red House, and Mr. Collison was in the chair for the brief business meeting.

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Starting to ring in the early 1900's, when Mr. Wm. Short, of Worcester, was instructor to the Hereford Guild, Mr. Edward (Ted) Pugh, of Glasbury-on-Wye, celebrated his 71st birthday, and also on becoming a great grandfather, by ringing in a quarter peal at Talgarth, Breconshire, as Glasbury bells are nearly unringable. There was a pleasant surprise for him at the end of the quarter when the ringers presented him with a ringer's tie. Despite a couple of bad operations in recent years, he handled the tenor in a masterly manner.

Mr. William A. Stote, of Coventry, has now rung in 2,500 different towers, each having a ring of five or more bells.

The number of changes rung in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Beaconsfield on May 2nd was 5,024.

Calling attention that May 18th was the birthday of Mr. Benjamin S. Thompson, of Lowestoft, Mr. George H. Cross mentions that on May 18th, 1913, a peal was rung at Salle, Norfolk, as a birthday compliment to him. Of that peal of 46 years ago there are only two survivors—Mr. Cross and Mr. Thompson. Others who participated were Frederick W. Middleton, Geo. S. Soame, Geo. Howchin, John May, Frank J. Howchin and George May.

A band of 18 boys from Bristol Cathedral School are being trained to ring the recently-installed ring of eight at Bristol Cathedral. On Ascension Day, a complete band representing the school rang for the first time together. Watched by the headmaster of the school, seven schoolboys and a member of the teaching staff rang a service touch of call-changes for the school's Ascension Day service. Practices are held on Friday nights from 7.45 till 9 o'clock, and all look forward to the first quarter peal by an all-Cathedral band.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Welling is not the first ringer to receive the royal Maundy money. Mr. W. J. Arnold informs us that Mr. Frank L. Whitman, of the St. Albans Cathedral band, received it in 1957, when Her Majesty distributed it here. Unfortunately, he was ill in hospital at the time, so a special presentation was made to him in the ward. This was about the last thrill he had, as he passed away about a month later.

The band who rang the peal at Dunkerton would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. Butt for their hospitality afterwards. The peal was rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to them, but could not be rung on the proper date (February) and so had to be postponed until now.

Bells will be heard prior to the evening service to be broadcast on Sunday, June 7th, at 7.45 p.m. in the West and Midland Home Services, from the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bathwick, Somerset. The service will be conducted by the Rector (Preb. J. du B. Lance); the captain of the ringers is Mr. P. R. Stubbs.

Miss Rita M. Webb's 21st birthday party at Warmley, Glos, was an occasion attended by many ringers, including the band who rang in a peal in honour of the day. Our correspondent writes: 'A few of us do "remember" enjoying ourselves very much.'

Mr. W. Dyer, who has been the Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, since the resignation of Mr. W. T. Pates in 1936, has resigned from that position because of a forthcoming move to a less accessible part of the town. However, it is hoped that he will still be a regular member of the band. The new Ringing Master is Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, formerly of Saltwood, Kent.

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SALISBURY GUILD FESTIVAL AT DEVIZES

The festival and 76th annual meeting was held at Devizes on April 25th. The members were welcomed in the Town Hall by the Mayor (Cclr. W. F. Alexander), who said: 'We are proud of our ancient borough and its towers, and of those who use them,' and mentioned especially those members who had journeyed from the far reaches of the diocese, the coastline of Dorset, Lyme Regis and Poole.

The A.G.M. followed. The Master of the Guild (Canon C. C. Cox) presided, supported by Mr. L. A. Wilson (vice-president), Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. S. Slatford, assistant hon. secretary. After prayers, the business commenced, with apologies from the Rev. R. A. Wells, Canon A. W. Markby (vice-president), Messrs. T. A. Palmer, P. Harding, L. Hitchins, G. H. Harding, J. S. Weeks and C. F. Andrews (hon. auditors), Mrs. Hibberd (hon. life member), Messrs. Alan Macdonald, J. I. P. Davis and H. Prout (now moved to Mansfield).

The Master in his remarks reminded the meeting that the last time the festival was held in Devizes was in May, 1912, when lunch was taken at the cost of 2s., with 1s. paid by the Guild, and reduced fares by railway journey for members.

Arising from the minutes, the hon. secretary reported the peal board recording a peal ring in honour of the Rev. F. L. Edwards would be dedicated at Kington Magna on May 9th.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The hon. secretary then gave a report of the work of the Guild for the past year, recording the passing of the following members: Rev. A. S. Bryant, Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (chairman, Dorchester Branch), Messrs. F. Crudge and W. Light (Dorchester Branch), S. Francis, J. Francis, T. Merrett and H. G. Giddings (Devizes Branch), V. G. Stock and M. Light (Wimborne Branch), Joe Parsons (N. Dorset), A. W. Angel, H. L. M. Melksham. The secretary gave a report of the work carried out by these members, and reminded those present to take up the work so ably carried out by them. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect and honour.

Continuing, the secretary stated that ringing members numbered 1,069, honorary members 16, associates 12 and life ringing members elected during the year 20. Altogether this meant a drop of 35; he suggested this could be improved upon. Nineteen peals were rung, including Stedman Cinques 1, Belgrave Surprise M. 1 and Aldenham Surprise M. 1 (both firsts for the Guild), Cambridge S.M. 2, Yorkshire S.M. 1, London S.M. 2, Lincolnshire S.M. 1, Stedman T. 2, Grandsire T. 1, Plain Bob M. 1, Minor three methods 1, Cambridge Minor 1, Plain Bob Minor 2, Doubles two methods 1, Grandsire D. 1. All peal booking fees had been received.

The statement of accounts, which had been circulated, showed a balance in hand, being current account £89 2s. 9d., deposit account £34 10s. 10d., total £123 13s. 7d. The 'Edwards Memorial Fund' showed a balance in hand of £161 17s. 5d. This was deemed satisfactory, and together with the report was unanimously adopted, with thanks to the hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Mayor of Devizes then took the chair for the election of the Master, the officers being as follows: President, the Earl of Shaftesbury; Master, Canon C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, W. C. West; assistant hon. secretary, F. S. Slatford; hon. auditors, C. F. Andrews and J. S. Weeks. One vacancy on the committee was filled by Mr. H. Abrahams. Members for the Central Council were Messrs. W. C. West, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris and J. T. Barrett.

BRANCHES TO ACT ON SURVEY

The secretary then gave a brief report on the Central Council Survey, which proved there was a shortage of instructors and that members of ability could not always hand their knowledge on to those willing to learn. A considerable time was spent on this matter, and it was assented to that copies of the forms should be returned to the Branches to act upon in due course.

It was carried unanimously 'That this Guild views with concern the practice of publishing expressions of personal grievances in the correspondence columns of "The Ringing World," and requests the Editor to exercise more care to preserve a Christian spirit between personalities in the Exercise.' This was in support of the Guild of Clerical Ringers. It was decided the general committee should deal with the revision of the Guild Office, and to pass on such to the Branches for approval. Grants of money were made to Salisbury (St. Martin's) £5 5s., Askerswell £4 4s., Chilton £3 3s., Mildenhall £3 3s.

The Guild festival service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. S. Dabbs). The address was given by Canon C. A. Plaxton (the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wilts), the full choir being in attendance. Canon Blair (Vicar of Southbroom) read the lessons. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the Lyme Regis ringers. Tea was later served in the Town Hall after which thanks were expressed to all concerned, especially to Mr. A. T. Weeks (chairman of the Devizes Branch), who had arranged the details of the meeting. The number attending the tea and meeting, although it was an extremely wet day, was 120.

W. C. W.

CROMHALL'S NEW BELL DEDICATED

The dedication of the new fourth bell at Cromhall on May 9th was almost unique in ringing history. As the Ven. the Archdeacon of Gloucester said several times in the address which followed the act of dedication: 'This is Alec Allan's day.' How many living clergy have worked not only to get a ring of bells for their church, but also to teach a band of ringers to handle them on other bells so that they could be rung by a local band at the dedication in 1948? And then there was the bitter sadness of hearing soon after his retirement of the cracking of the pre-Reformation fourth.

But on May 9th a new bell was dedicated, cast by Taylors, with the inscription 'To the Glory of God. A. D. H. Allan (Rector, 1929-1951) who inspired this Peal. R.P.M./J.G. Ch.W. W.F.B., Rector. 1958.'

The church was full, and the choir and the six clergy participating were led into it by Frank Skidmore, the Association Master. There were also present no less than six of the vice-presidents of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

After an excellent tea, a meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held, with the Master presiding. Eight new members were elected, and it was decided to have an outing on July 4th.

Very good use was made of five bells before the service and of the six after dedication, and it was generally agreed by the visitors and the local band that Taylors have made a good job. The ringing room also has been redecorated by the builders in blue and cream. May all who ring the new bell, or hear it, pause to remember him after whom it is named, and say as he did: 'Again, O Lord, we bless Thy Name.' C. R.

ACTIVITIES IN KENT

Lewisham District

The magnificently-restored Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, and its ancient tower, which alone survived the holocaust of 1940, was the scene of the Lewisham District's quarterly meeting. Representatives from 15 towers, numbering just over 50 in all, enjoyed everything but the weather!

The Vicar (Canon W. Murray-Wilton), though incommode by a leg injury, paid a brief visit during tea and welcomed the company to Bromley. Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president) replied, thanking the Vicar for his genial remarks and wishing him an early and complete recovery.

The Curate (Rev. L. Hoyle) officiated at the service, with the Rev. R. Torrens as organist. The collection was allocated to the church rebuilding fund.

Mr. E. A. Barnett presided at the business meeting, when one practising member was elected and the election of three non-resident members ratified.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) submitted a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Margate on Easter Monday, and moved its adoption. Miss M. R. Andrews (Bexley) seconded.

Crayford was selected for the next meeting on July 25th. The invitation of the Northern District of the Surrey Association to hold the annual combined meeting at Beddington on October 10th was warmly accepted. Members' attention was called to the proposed special meeting at Willesborough on June 20th. News of organisation of combined practices, of revived activity at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, and reorganisation at Beckenham was very welcome.

Joint Meeting At Ospringe

Blessed with a fine, warm day, the combined meeting of the Canterbury District and the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild was a very happy occasion at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Ospringe. With hop gardens on three sides of the churchyard, and approached along the winding Water Lane, the church is in an ideal setting. Some 110 ringers and friends were present, and after ringing during the afternoon, all attended service in the somewhat cooler church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. M. G. Gilbert), assisted by the Vicar of Lynsted (Rev. V. C. Puplett), a ringer. Mr. F. A. Poulteney was the efficient organist.

A proper ringers' tea had been prepared in the Church Room by Mrs. E. T. Eades and Mrs. F. C. Farnworth, and in spite of the fact that several turned up who had not notified, there was enough for all. At the Canterbury District meeting, Mr. J. A. Russell welcomed the Ladies' Guild, and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell in her reply said they appreciated being allowed to join in with the District. For the Canterbury District, four new practising members were elected and one honorary member. St. Laurence's, Thanet, was nominated as the place of the next quarterly meeting. For a by-meeting previous, Whitstable just got the edge of the vote over Teynham. The collection of £2 12s. was given to the church to be used at the Vicar's discretion.

B. J. L.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

About 20 ringers attended an evening meeting held at Graveley on May 2nd.

The secretary asked for names in the next few days of those attending the summer festival at Hertford on June 13th.

J. S.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

THE A.G.M. of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton, on April 18th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m. The Guild service followed and was taken by the Vicar (Canon F. S. Herbert). Tea followed, and about 55 enjoyed a very good repast, prepared by ringers' wives and friends, which was much appreciated.

The business meeting followed, and the president (Mr. F. W. Perrens) opened the proceeding by calling for apologies. The election of officers followed, and were: President, Mr. F. W. Perrens; vice-presidents, Canon H. A. Hayden and the Rev. J. H. Dingley (additional); hon. secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward; hon. treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; Ringing Master, Mr. D. A. Carpenter; Northern Branch secretary, Mr. L. M. Callow; Southern Branch secretary, Mr. P. A. Oram; Hon. Auditor, Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

The hon. secretary in his report said he had visited quite a number of incumbents, but many more visits were necessary, particularly in the outlying districts, to make them aware of the Guild and its purpose. Branch meetings seemed to follow the same pattern and to visit the same towers—principally because teas were a difficulty. He hoped Branch secretaries would look into this and see if a better coverage could be arranged. He reported that Brailles, Rowington, Napton-on-the-Hill and Exhall had all been rehung in the past year. There was quite a number of silent towers, due to neglect in some cases, and in others the bells wanted rehanging. No progress could be made in this respect because of the Bishop's appeal for funds. He said the time had come either to split the Southern Branch in two or divide the work. He gave notice that the Guild subscription should be made 2s. 6d. for all, and not the three grades, as at present. He hoped that this would be discussed with a view to putting it into effect next year.

The treasurer, commenting on the financial side, said that funds were better than previous years, and membership was rising. After the new handbook had been paid for and a new supply of badges obtained, the funds would be appreciably lowered, but they would still be financially sound.

The Northern Branch secretary reported that attendance had been better than the previous year. The Dunchurch meeting had to be cancelled at short notice owing to the death of the Vicar. He said that teas provided by the local ringers were always popular and helped to improve attendances. Five-bell towers were not very popular.

The Southern Branch secretary reported that 12 meetings had been held, only two of which had been poorly attended. These were Alderminster and Ilmington. Whitnash had rung their first peal with their own band and conductor. Studley were doing very well, and Napton-on-the-Hill were looking for help. Brailles were ringing call-changes very well. He reported that Mr. Oram and Mr. Perkins would be sharing the Southern Branch work, and thought this would be very successful.

Twenty new members and three ratifications were duly elected and confirmed. Mr. W. Collett, of Warwick, the Rev. J. H. Dingley (Vicar

of Bulkington) and Mrs. Hinde, of Bulkington, were made life members of the Guild.

It was proposed that the annual dinner be proceeded with, and that it be left to the secretary to arrange.

Rugby was selected for the next meeting, and it was proposed that an approach be made to the Peterborough Guild to make it a joint affair. Another proposal was that meetings should be fixed for a year ahead. This is to be tried out.

It was reported that the Vicar of Lillington had made many recordings of bells in the diocese, and the secretary was asked to find out what use was being made of the recordings, to which he agreed. Guild badges were to be reduced to 2s. each.

The president, before closing the meeting, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the organist for accompanying the service, and the ladies for such a plentiful tea.

J. L. G. H.

WEDDING

MR. D. W. BEARD—MISS S. M. BARKER

On May 9th, Mr. David W. Beard, well known in ringing circles in Essex and Gloucestershire, was married to Miss Sally M. Barker at St. Peter's Church, Leckhampton, Glos, by the Rev. T. C. Deakin.

The bride, who is a ringer at Leckhampton, wore a full-length dress of ivory brocade and carried a bouquet of red and cream roses and lilies-of-the-valley. The bridesmaid was Miss Pat Eldridge and the best man Mr. Cyril A. Whratten.

During the reception, held at the Lansdown Hotel, Cheltenham, congratulatory telegrams were read from several ringing Societies with which the groom had been associated in the past. In the evening an excellent peal of Kent T.B. Major, conducted by the best man, was rung at Leckhampton by friends of the bride and bridegroom.

After a honeymoon in the West Country, Mr. and Mrs. Beard will make their home in Northampton.

MONMOUTHSHIRE NOTES

The peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Usk on May 3rd, is believed to be the first College Youth peal in the county; it was therefore a fitting climax to a successful meeting at Worcester that this should have been arranged by this year's Master (Wilfred Williams), since he did much of his early ringing in this county.

Peter Border made no bones about calling the peal at Usk on May 3rd, in spite of 7½ hours' calling the abortive attempt on the record at Loughborough the previous day. He rode his motor-cycle in the pouring rain from Coventry to complete a hectic 24 hours.

Rodney Meadows came from London to fulfil a nine-year ambition and Ralph Edwards drove from Birmingham to complete a trio of peals on Monmouthshire's best bells, namely Abergavenny, Ebbw Vale and Usk.

UNIVERSITIES' JOINT MEETING IN WILTSHIRE

Friendly relations between the University Societies of Bristol, Oxford and Reading were enhanced by a joint meeting in North Wiltshire on May 2nd. Over 30 ringers converged on Christ Church, Swindon, and ringing began promptly at 2 p.m. and ranged from rounds on ten to half a course of Cambridge Royal.

The Societies then moved on by a somewhat devious route to Rodbourne Cheney (6 bells), those without transport of their own getting a lift in the Bristol coach. It is to be regretted that the striking at this tower never aspired to any great heights, although various bands attempted most of the well-known Doubles and Minor methods, London being the most ambitious.

At Wootton Bassett (8 bells) some very enjoyable music was heard, doing justice to the bells. A course of London and, more appropriately, a course of Bristol Surprise Major were rung. Other ringing included Stedman and also another principle not often heard, Duffield.

Having spent an hour at each tower, little time was left for tea. This was rapidly consumed in Swindon.

The tour ended at Stratton St. Margaret, another 8-bell tower, but this time a ground floor ring. It is not possible to say with certainty what methods were rung here, since each band retired behind the wooden screen. The methods announced, however, included Double Norwich, Superlative, Oxford Bob Triples and Plain Bob Triples, the latter deserving a mention on account of its undeserved unpopularity.

The Master of the Bristol Society (Mr. Patrick Bird) concluded the proceedings by thanking everyone, especially the organiser, Mr. Brian Wyld, for making the meeting such a success.

M. J. A.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The 32 ringers who braved the downpour and went to Putney on April 25th for the Northern District quarterly meeting received a warm welcome from the local ringers. Their newly rehanging ring of eight was put to good use during the afternoon. Shortened Evensong with an address by the Vicar was followed by tea in the Church Hall. The meal, which had been prepared by the local ringers, proved to be a present from them. At the routine business meeting four new members were elected.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOUND CONTROL

Dear Sir,—There has been much correspondence recently on the noise nuisance of bells, both in 'The Ringing World' and the national press, besides the complaints one always hears about. Many ringers will at heart sympathise with the neighbouring public which suffers perhaps some three hours' ringing per week, with the occasional peal and meeting thrown in as an extra. The noise of bells at close quarters penetrating even the walls of one's home is intolerable, and to say that the church was there before the people were (while possibly true) is an indefensible attitude.

I should like to suggest, therefore, that much more serious attention be given to this problem. Bell-founding and hanging have been improved over the years with the application of scientific methods, yet very little advance has been made in the way the sound is allowed to emerge from the tower, and rings are still installed in belfries with crude louvres unchanged for centuries.

The aims should be—

(a) To arrange that the sound is carried up and out, away from the tower, instead of beating down into the churchyard or neighbouring houses as is usual. Also, to reduce the basic volume of sound to an agreeable level (depending, of course, on the locality).

(b) To install some really efficient sound insulation which can be turned 'on' and 'off' as desired. This may involve lining the belfry and sound-exit with sound-absorbing material, and a mechanical Venetian blind arrangement (say) operated from the ringing chamber. It would provide a challenge to some enterprising concern, experienced in acoustics, to design something suitable.

Of course, this would be expensive, but not compared with the value of the bells themselves, and is, I think, a reform long overdue.

The ringers would then be able to practise for as long as they please, and ring peals, etc., to their fill, without worry. And on Sundays the bells would ring out their message to a public the better disposed to listen to it.—Yours sincerely,

F. E. ROBERTS.

Reigate.

Dear Sir,—At Todmorden Parish Church there is a ring of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt. in E). Since they were hung in 1897 it has been recorded in the local minute book and by visiting ringers several times that the sound in the ringing room is too great for comfort. There is only a double thickness floor between the bells and the ringing room, which is 24ft. high, and this is lead-covered.

A few weeks ago we covered this floor with a layer of polyurethane foam of between 1½ and 1½ inches in thickness. The result is that now the sound has been reduced by a considerable degree. The foam is very light, easy to handle, and can be cut with a sharp knife.

This may be of interest to other towers whose bells are very noisy.—Yours faithfully,

PETER SCHOLFIELD.

Todmorden, Lancs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STANWELL'S CONDUCTOR

Dear Sir,—I noticed with admiration the peal of Doubles in 98 methods rung at Stanwell, printed in your journal of May 8th. Surely this must be unique for a ringer to ring two bells and call a peal in such a great number of methods. Their average age being only 17 years, I feel I must congratulate the whole band—especially the conductor. To remember the names of the various methods would beat me, let alone to ring them double-handed on tower- or handbells. I might know eight of the methods, the other 90 I would have to learn.—Yours sincerely,

L. TURNER.
Kempston, Beds.

TROUBLE AT SLOUGH

There is friction in the Slough area concerning a letter Mr. George Gilbert wrote to the 'Slough Observer' concerning the peal attempt at Langley which was halted by the Vicar, in which he upholds the newspaper report.

The Editor has received letters on this subject from Mr. Gilbert and Mr. F. T. Blagrove, the conductor when the peal attempt was halted. These are not being published, in view of the condemnation of 'The Ringing World's' letter page by the Guild of Clerical Ringers which received endorsement at the annual meetings of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Lancashire Association.

The Editor hopes that the breach of friendship in this area will be soon healed.

WEST RETFORD BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. Hobbs, regarding the inscription on the tenor—IESVS BE OVR SPEED 1619, probably this bell was cast by a travelling founder, for the same inscription can be found on the third at Carlisle Cathedral with the following addition: GEOR LEES, EDMUND WRIGHT, BELLFOUNDERS. WILL ORBEL. L.M. 1608. Presumably the L.M. stands for 'leading man.'

West Retford's fifth, dated 1620 and recast in 1884, appears to have been founded by Hugh Watts, of Leicester.

The fourth, by Thomas Hilton, of Wath, Yorks, in 1810, was by a founder who had a small foundry for about 33 years and who cast the tenor at Norton Cuckney, Notts, in the same year; but this bell was recast in 1914.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

IN WINCHESTER DIOCESE

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating the band who rang the first peals in the Channel Islands, I wonder if they realise that the Islands are in the Diocese of Winchester? Wouldn't it have been fitting, therefore, to have rung these peals for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, rather than invent some new high-faluting Society?—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

HANDBELL STRUCTURES

Dear Sir,—The following compositions are especial handbell structures, being '5-6 coursing' types:—

5,056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR.					5,376 LITTLE BOB MAJOR.		
23456	B	M	W	H	23456	W	M
65432	—	—	*	—*	52436	—*	3
36452	—	—	—	—	65324	—	2
65324	x	—	—	—	36452	—	—†
26354	—	—	—	—	46235	S	—
65243	x	—	—	—	34265	—	—
24653	—	—	—	—	Repeated 11 times with Singles at *, †, or at H at part-end, half-peal apart.		
52643	—	—	—	—			
24536	x	—	—	—			
32546	—	—	—	—			
43526	—	—	—	—	5040 Call one part		
32465	x	—	—	3*			

Repeated three times.
* Singles for Bobs half-peal apart, at any one of these positions.

42365 W M H
35426 — — S
23456 — —

Single at * or last H, half-peal apart.

5032 Call one part
43265 W B W

23456 — 2 —
Single at † half-peal away from this part.

Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, Herts. GEOFFREY DODDS.

THE EYE TENOR

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read that the tenor bell at Eye, Suffolk, is to be recast; it is hardly surprising to me. Before the 1914 war I rang there on a number of occasions, including two or three peals. The late W. C. Rumsey used to say that this bell had a nice note but was 'short of breath,' and that Fred Day, the bell-hanger, had always thought that there was a crack in the crown. This would account for it no doubt, and for the necessary recasting.

This brings me to my point. How many are left of Miles Graye's bells? Apart from such bells as the tenors of Lavenham and Stowmarket and the 11th at Ipswich, which we all know of, there must be quite a few of Graye's bells scattered about still. There are five at Bramford, one at Earl Soham and two in the tiny ring of five at Winston (the tenor here, 5 cwt., is a beauty). There must be many of these about, but no complete ring, perhaps.—Yours sincerely,

PETER LAFLIN.

Stockport.

A lot of hard work is being out in at Friskney, near Boston, to master change-ringing, and now five of the band, who are instructed by Mr. G. D. Burroughs, have secured their first quarter. Among the 'firsts' was Mr. B. Stockdale, the local captain, who is approaching 70 and has acquired new methods without a trace of apparent difficulty. A peal is the next objective.

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LETTERS—Continued**LITTLE HADHAM BELLS TO BE RESTORED**

Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure that I am able to release the news that the bells of Little Hadham Parish Church are to be completely restored by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Pending the removal of the bells by the founders, all ringing has been stopped, as stated in the Herts County Association report, due to the tower being unsafe and the bells being very deeply clapper-worn, not having been quarter turned, which means that the clappers have been striking in the same places for periods varying from 100 to 500 years.

Extensive repairs are to be carried out on the tower, and it is hoped to have the bells replaced and ringing again late in 1960. There are five bells in the tower of St. Cecilia's Church, the tenor weighing approximately 11½ cwt. The oldest bell in the tower is undoubtedly the third, which is thought to have been cast in the late 1400's. The second was cast by John Dyer in 1595. The fourth is dated 1623 and bears the mark of Robert Oldfield, the itinerant bell-founder who was probably casting in Hertford at that time. The tenor is dated 1693 and was cast by Philip Whightman. The treble, the latest addition, was cast in 1855 by C. and G. Mears, of London, and has an approximate weight of 5 cwt.

The bells are, at present, a mediocre ring, never having been tuned, and have, unfortunately, been the victims of a great deal of poor workmanship or 'bodging.' The local blacksmith has made his mark and is believed to have been responsible for the enormous wooden headstocks, which are clumsy, to say the least. Alfred Bowell was responsible for a great deal of cheap, unsatisfactory work carried out on the bells in 1939, at which time they were rehung in the old patched-up frame, but with new plain bearings.

Taylor (J. P. Fidler) inspected the bells prior to Bowell's work and stated that a new frame was required and that the bells definitely required quarter-turning. However, this excellent advice was ignored by the then rector, and the bells remained as before, with the result that there is now acute danger of cracking if the bells are rung any more without quarter-turning. The frame is also capable of a great deal of movement in all directions and is unsafe.

The bells will be lowered some 12 feet in the tower, which will reduce the length of rope used (now 70 feet) and also the amount of oscillation of the tower. As stated, the bells will have all new fittings, canon-retaining headstocks being fitted on the back four. The frame will be of cast iron with a steel foundation grillage, and the bells will run on ball-bearings.

The approximate cost of all work on the tower and bells will be in the region of £3,000 or more, which is a great deal of money for a small village to raise. The Church Council would be very grateful for any donations, which should be sent to the secretary at 1, Church End.

In concluding, I should like to thank all ringers, especially the lads from the School, who have helped me to maintain a band for service and practice ringing for nearly four years. Especially I should like to thank Alf Kent, to whom I will always be indebted for my introduction to the noble art.

The bells are all yours, Paul—look after them.—Yours faithfully,

ADRIAN C. WEDGWOOD.

Little Hadham, Herts.

AN OUTING IN EAST KENT

East Kent was the venue for a small party of ringers on tour on May 2nd.

The Vicar (Rev. A. H. Davies) made us welcome at the first tower, Hernhill; but our ringing was poor on the light eight, probably due to the early hour. At Boughton-under-Blean our stay was severely curtailed because of a local misunderstanding about meeting us. Chartham's six are of good tone and are heard best from the village green. The Gillett five at Thanington are a little odd-struck, in addition to their unusual tone, but go well. Mr. Unwin and the Rector were awaiting us at Hackington, and a course of London was managed on this difficult ring.

After the lunch break we rang at the sixes of Sturry and Littlebourne, and then the pleasant 19½ cwt. eight at Wingham. Our next call was Minster-in-Thanet, to ring for a double wedding on the heavy minor five at a new tower for most of the party. The wedding delayed our arrival at Ash-next-Sandwich, where a good eight hangs in the central tower.

Some of the party preferred tea to a pull at Bekesbourne, but all reunited at Goodnestone, and Wells Surprise was rung—Canon Raven and some of the local ringers met us here. Travelling on into the Kent coalfields, we visited Eythorne's five, which are rung from the porch. The ascent to Northbourne's central tower by iron ladder is somewhat unnerving for those who do not like heights. This six, by Bowell, hang diagonally in the tower, which was the 1,000th for Brian Bladon. Great Mongeham bells have been restored since the writer's last visit and are now rung from the ground floor. The last tower was Ringwould, and Mr. Harrison met us.

Our thanks to all those who helped towards the day's success; especially to Peter Bond, who drove some of the party round in his car.

I. H. O.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the meeting on May 9th at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, and the afternoon's ringing was followed by an excellent tea. The Rev. F. Lenton presided at the business meeting, and it was announced that the shield contest would be at Wortley on June 13th. Jubilee cards giving the names of towers in the Barnsley District are on sale from the secretary. Mr. Frank Brunt, in his vote of thanks specially mentioned Mr. John R. Brearley and the local company. The chairman in reply said he hoped to see the Society again at his tower.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

Visitors from as far afield as Leicester attended the monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society at Dronfield on May 2nd. A touch of Double Oxford Court Bob Major was rung which enabled many to realise the inferiority of the method to the popular Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day, some of the highlights being a touch of Bristol, an excellent course of London and a very musical touch of Stedman Triples.

The next meeting will be at Old Whittington on June 6th, when towers will compete for the Society's silver cup.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Honey 1, M. Jones 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY**MR. J. PALMER POWLS**

By the death in hospital on April 16th of Mr. J. Palmer Powls, after a long period of illness, Eastington, Yorks, lost an old ringer.

Although he only rang two peals he was, until failing health prevented him, a regular Sunday service ringer for many years. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1922, and a member of the Selby and District Society since its formation. He had held the position of churchwarden for eight years, and was a sidesman until the time of his death.

During the last war he lost two sons, and along with his wife erected a stained-glass window in Eastington Church in their memory.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (half-muffled) was rung by members of the Selby and District Society after the funeral.

L. M. W.

BELL-RINGERS' HYMN

(Tune A. & M. 47)

Words arranged by GEORGE F. ROOME

1. Hark! the bells are sweetly ringing,
Hung on high, they seem to say:
Come and worship Christ in heaven,
O ye children of the day.
2. As the bells convey their message
To God's children here below,
Let us haste and fall before Him,
On our knees before His throne.
3. When the bells are sweetly ringing
To the Saviour's name be praised,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In rejoicing let us raise.
4. Those who on the sick bed languish,
Hear the bells so sweet and clear;
That they too may join and worship
Jesus Christ their Saviour dear.
5. When the bells are deeply tolling
For a loved one passed away,
To God's presence, in His keeping,
And to rise that glorious day.
6. Joyful, solemn, is the pealing
Of the bells we join to ring,
At the sound of changing music,
Praising God our heavenly king.
7. Honour, glory, might and blessing,
To the Father and the Son;
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run. *Amen.*

BELL FEVER

I must go down to the tower again, to see what I can find,
And all I ask that the rest shall be in a similar state of mind,
And two peals in harmony, and birds of a feather,
And Dermott Roafe and Langton, too, screaming bobs together.

I must go down to the tower again, to see if there's a side,
For the call of the bells is a clear call, which may not be denied;
And all I ask is a false peal, and a call to order,
And to be accused of rigmarole by Peter Border.

J. R. C.

DORKING, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: E. G. Coward 1, A. Diserens 2, Helen M. Diserens 3, E. J. Munday 4, R. F. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

HALF PEALS

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Nov. 19th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Webb 1, Miss E. Oakeshott 2, A. Simpson 3, C. Catt 4, W. W. Rich 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Rung by Birmingham University Society.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On May 2nd, 2,880 Surprise Minor (720 each of London, Wells, York and Durham): Miss V. Horton 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, J. A. Anderson 3, G. R. Edwards 4, P. J. Rigby 5, R. G. Edwards 6. Part of a peal attempt for seven Surprise Minor, stopped owing to clock hammer coming loose! Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 540 Plain Bob Doubles and 720 Kent Treble Bob: Sylvia Sherwood 1, A. Tuck 2, Audrey Goodchild 3, Brenda Davidge 4, S. Russell 5, P. Sherwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Phillips 1, Mary Powell (first of Triples) 2, J. H. Gilbert 3, C. Kortright 4, W. P. Blake 5, D. Cobb (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, J. Lott 8. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. S. Dear 1, June Dear (first in method) 2, R. J. Castledine 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, L. Hughes 5, E. G. Buck 6, D. 'Sutcliffe' (first in method as cond.) 7, C. A. S. Harwood 8.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Susan Whetherly 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, A. F. Lee 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom (first in three methods as cond.) 5, D. J. Barnett 6.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Dixon (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Thomson (first quarter) 2, F. Ross 3, S. Dixon 4, S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. For Ascension Day.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tomkins 1, G. Clinton 2, J. Thomas (cond.) 3, J. Bedford 4, G. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Eric Boliver.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Hunt (first quarter) 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, Molly P. Smith 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Also on May 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. G. Hooper (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, Molly P. Smith 2, F. Skidmore 3, A. C. Baker 4, T. P. Edwards 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, J. F. Pedler 7, D. J. Hunt (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob by 2, 4, 6 and 7.

BRISTOL.—On May 3rd, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. C. Baldwin 1, M. J. Austin 2, M. T. Rothwell 3, R. Blackler 4, F. D. Mack 5, D. Heighton 6, P. J. Bird (cond.) 7, B. J. Wylde 8. First in the method by all. For industrial service by the U.B.S.C.R. Also on May 9th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. L. Barry (first of Cambridge) 1, E. J. Hinchins 2, Patricia Bourn 3, P. J. Bird 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, T. P. Edwards 6. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 St. Martin's, 300 Plain Bob): Elizabeth Jackson 1, Angela Grainger 2, D. Heighton 3, J. C. Baldwin 4, M. J. Austin (first as cond.) 5, R. Blackler 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURFORD, OXON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Dixon 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, Mrs. D. Pearce 3, C. J. Castell 4, P. G. Davies (cond.) 5, C. J. Hibbert 6, A. W. G. Sayers 7, T. Goddard 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Castell 1, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 2, Mrs. D. Pearce 3, P. G. Davies 4, A. W. G. Sayers 5, W. Dixon 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On May 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Morris (first away from tenor) 1, H. Hodgetts 2, Mrs. T. H. Norris 3, T. Clark 4, E. Ashby 5, C. Cook 6, J. Rootes 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. For the 21st anniversary service of W.V.S.

CAERLEON, MON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tarling 1, G. Marchant 2, J. F. T. F. James 3, J. D. Richards 4, A. M. J. Edwards 5, D. Pike (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 5 and 6. Rung for Confirmation service, also a birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

QUARTER PEALS

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Payne 1, Phyllis Gray 2, J. Edwards 3, A. Gibbs 4, R. G. Corby 5, R. L. Piron 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, D. Thompson 8. Rung for Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Fry, who are leaving for Marham, Norfolk.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, Miss L. Badcock 2, E. G. Swift 3, J. E. Camp 4, M. G. Swift (cond.) 5. First of Stedman Doubles by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Parsons 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss A. Amor 3, G. Harvey 4, D. Stainsby 5, W. Prockson 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. A welcome to ringers of 3 and 5.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On April 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, A. Beckwith (first in method) 5, E. Piper 6, G. J. Baker 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on May 4th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob): F. G. Oliver 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, R. Preston (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Barnes 4, H. J. Millatt 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Boyle 1, L. Walters 2, R. Gubb 3, F. Yeo 4, S. Sully (first 'inside') 5, C. Rooke 6, D. Jewell (first as cond.) 7, A. Smallridge 8. A belated birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Harbour, of Harrow.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Tate 1, Miss B. Jewell (first 'inside') 3, H. L. Parfrey 3, L. A. Jewell 4, S. G. King 5, Miss J. Parsons 6, C. J. Brown 7, F. Pike 8. Conducting shared by 3 and 7. For Evensong, and a farewell to the Rev. J. Tunwell, retiring after 24 years as incumbent.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints, on April 26th, 1,240 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. B. Stennitt 1, E. Walklate (15) 2, C. W. Walklate (15) 3, Mrs. G. A. Halls 4, C. W. Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, M. J. R. Blore (15) 7, A. E. Thompson 8, G. A. Halls 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. First of Cambridge Royal rung by a Sunday service band in Derby for 20 years.

EASTRINGTON, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor (Goole) 1, J. J. Taylor (Goole) 2, A. Mitchell (Eastrington) 3, J. Ingram (Eastrington) 4, A. H. Hawcroft (Eastrington) 5, L. M. Woodhead (Goole, cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. Palmer Powls (Eastrington).

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On April 14th, 2,160 Minor (720 of Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; 720 of Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight; 720 of Morning Star Treble Bob): P. G. K. Davies 1, E. Pimlott 2, M. J. J. Brierley 3, S. Hough (jun.) 4, W. H. Dowse 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6.

GOXHILL, Lincs.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. W. Crowder 1, V. Hepworth (first quarter) 2, G. Cooper (first quarter) 3, A. W. Hoodless 4, S. Bromfield 5, S. Neave (first as cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, grandparents of the third ringer.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Macbeth 1, Miss M. Bloyce (first 'inside') 2, D. Culham 3, E. Leggett (cond.) 4, B. Gibbons 5, D. Webber (first quarter) 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret J. Lovett 1, A. Clarke 2, C. R. Lovett 3, D. H. Buxton 4, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, R. W. Pipe 8. For Holy Communion.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, C. W. Pipe 2, Brenda Downing 3, C. R. Lovett 4, D. H. Buxton 5, E. G. Pearce 6, F. Willis Betts 7, R. Downing 8. For Matins.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Delamont 1, R. P. Selway 2, M. E. Turner (first as cond., aged 13) 3, S. W. White 4, W. E. Turner 5, E. C. Lester 6.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Adams 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, W. G. Hair 3, W. F. Woodward 4, W. Curzon 5, J. W. Cotton 6, P. W. Grice 7, H. Shaw 8. In memoriam Mrs. Mabel Hair, widow of Mr. Walter Hair, captain of the Netherseale ringers before the first world war, and mother of the ringer of 3.

NORTHAMPTON.—On April 12th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Billings 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, R. Finch 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. G. Chater 5, R. S. Roberts 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. V. Baker 8. Rung to open the 75th anniversary of the installation of the ring of eight bells in this church, given by Mr. William Tomes in 1884. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's): Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. S. Roberts 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, E. Billings 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, D. Rees (covering) 7. For morning service. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Eldridge 1, G. J. Neale 2, Miss P. Brown 3, G. F. Roome 4, R. A. Eldridge (first as cond.) 5, J. H. Bryan 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bryan.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAM.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Darch 1, I. John (first quarter) 2, F. Rowcell (cond.) 3, F. J. Thyer 4, W. Davies 5, G. Kerley 6, J. Evans 7, A. Nicholls (first quarter) 8. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. W. L. Lambert (steeplekeeper) and Mrs. Lambert.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. G. Ward 1, G. Cornick (14) (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. T. Cornick 6. A compliment to Mr. F. E. Reading on his 100th birthday.

PULBOW, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. C. Baldwin 1, Monica Horseman 2, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 3, F. C. Mogford 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman 6. First quarter of Cambridge on the bells.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Linda M. Southerden 2, M. Winter 3, C. H. Knowles 4, Judith Walker (first of Triples) 5, J. Small 6, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 7, S. Skinner 8. For Matins by a Sunday service band.

SEND, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. For Evensong.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, J. Carter 2, P. Davies 3, E. W. Rowe 4, J. Quick 5, C. C. Turner 6, C. C. Deem (first in method as cond.) 7, A. J. Down 8. For Ascension Day.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On May 3rd, at Immanuel Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, P. Wright 2, Miss S. Jackson 3, J. Cook 4, E. Talbot 5, W. Wilson 6, M. Williamson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Crook (15) 1, R. Spray (13) 2, D. Perkins 3, T. Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, K. Stone (15) 6. First quarter by a local band. For Evensong, and also as a compliment to D. Perkins and Miss J. Ashley on their engagement.

SWALCLIFFE, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Sayers (14, first quarter) 1, R. A. Reeves 2, C. C. Clarke 3, E. E. Pearson 4, E. T. P. Field 5, J. Gregory (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, W. Dowler 2, H. Rumens 3, R. J. Chapman 4, E. E. Holman 5, J. A. Hales 6, B. R. Downes 7, F. W. Sykes 8, A. J. N. Boyack 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For Evensong, and the christening of Mr. F. C. Maynard's granddaughter; also birthday compliment to John and Jennifer Hales.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Carson (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, M. H. Sinden 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

5,000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

In/5th	W	H	2345678
—	S	S	3247658
X			2437658
—	S		4325678
X			3245678
X			2435678
	A		5463278
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X			6543278
X		S	5643278
X			6453278
X			4563278
	—	3	3465278
	—	3	5364278
	S		4365278
X			3645278
X			6435278
	—	3	5634278
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X			5346278
X			3456278

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5,088 ADDERBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

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63254	2X			—
54263	X			—
32654	X			—
25346		1		—
46325	X			—
23645	X			—

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Handbell peal: Bob Major 1.

Agenda for the Central Council meeting, to be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 1st, in the 'Small Hall' of Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, published.

Notice of the attempt for 12,000 Treble Bob Major at Deane, June 4th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A meeting of Saxmundham District was held at Benhall and Saxmundham on May 2nd. The attendance at Benhall for ringing in the afternoon was very poor, and it was thanks to visitors that ringing was possible. Tea was taken at Saxmundham for the few, and a lady member of the Essex Association took charge of the teapot. There was an improved attendance at the service, when the Rector (Rev. Mr. Moyle) gave an interesting address.

5,040 SPLICED TRIPLES

By A. J. PITMAN, No. 2.

234567	College
267453	College
253746	London
246375	London
672534	Double Oxford
623745	St. Clement's
236745	London
642573	St. Clement's
426573	London
674352	Double Oxford
645723	Double Oxford
652437	St. Clement's
526437	D. Oxford
563274	St. Clement's
635274	D. Oxford
657342	St. Clement's
576342	D. Oxford
564723	St. Clement's
542637	St. Clement's
523476	St. Clement's
537264	St. Clement's
375264	College
364527	London
327456	College
356742	College
342675	London
273564	College
264357	College
257436	London
732645	
763524	
756432	
745263	
724356	
637524	St. Clement's
376524	London
623457	St. Clement's
236457	College
257643	London
243765	College
265374	London
572436	D. Oxford
523764	St. Clement's
235764	College
264573	London
472356	College
456237	London
437625	London
724563	
752346	
735624	
763452	
746235	
527346	St. Clement's
275346	College
246537	College
237654	College
254763	College
263475	London
372546	London
243657	London

Repeat five times omitting bob X in alternate parts.

MORE ABOUT WOOL

(With more apologies to the Wool Secretariat.)

'Twas down to three, our ringing band,
We held the ropes with shaking hand,
Our noses red our hands were blue,
Another gone, we're down to two.
Then up came he who could but boast:
'To wool I changed, I'm warm as toast!'
And now the belfry's extra full—
There is no substitute for WOOL. G. T.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 28th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Simpson 1, Miss D. Jacques 2, R. Gay 3, Miss E. Oakeshott 4, P. W. Webb 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Rung by Birmingham University Society. Also on May 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Helen M. Thacker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 3, M. C. Hughes 4, P. S. Bennett 5, J. K. Foot (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 5. For Evenson.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ormston-by-Ashbourne, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Shoulder of Mutton. Come and enjoy a ring in this delightful village.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 4356

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Stretham, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4371

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Bentley, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 4364

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6), Saturday, May 23rd, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4362

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Measham, on Saturday, May 23rd, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 4358

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chesham (6), Saturday, May 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4360

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Petworth, on Saturday, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4296

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Old Alresford, Saturday, May 23rd, Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 4365

ST. MARY CRAY GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.—Ringers' service, Sunday, May 24th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.15 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—P. G. Braund, Sec. 4347

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, May 30th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 p.m. 4394

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4388

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Barnby Dun, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. Stephenson, 25, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun, near Doncaster.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 4383

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Pleasley, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. C. Bowers, Cyffo, Terrace Lane, Pleasley, near Mansfield, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Longborough (near Moreton-in-Marsh), Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishop's Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, near Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 4396

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Warmley (6), Saturday, May 30th. Usual arrangements. Will all members endeavour to attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 4389

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Dinner 7.15 p.m. Names, please, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 4326

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th to T. E. Wood, 30, Venns Lane, Hereford. 4400

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Chetton, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before previous Wednesday to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 4384

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Wouldham, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. C. Sibun, 2, Private Road, Wouldham, near Rochester. 4368

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 30th, at Feltham. Ringing, 3 to 5 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Hall, followed by business meeting and further ringing till 8 p.m. Church near Feltham Station (S.R.). Nos. 117 and 237 buses from Hounslow, 90s from Hayes or Richmond. Gentlemen cordially invited. 4392

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th, at Biggleswade (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. B. Sims, 4, Banks Road, Biggleswade. 4386

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th. Horwich. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m., and business afterwards. All tower captains should attend.—Thornley, Sec. 4318

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Batley (8), Saturday, May 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Atkins, 65, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury. 4378

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Striking competition at St. Mary-de-Castro's, Leicester, Saturday, May 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., followed by general ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 26th, please, to Mr. J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 4382

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gaywood, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, 29th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 4373

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting at Whittlebury on Saturday, May 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 4399

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—East Knoyle, Saturday, May 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 26th. Hindon available in evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 4367

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Froxfield (6), Saturday, May 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by 27th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4390

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, Saturday, June 6th. Service, St. Mark's, 3.15 p.m., addressed by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, St. Mark's Vicarage, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing arrangements: The Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Thomas', 1 to 2.30; St. David's, 2 to 3; St. Mark's, 2 to 3.15; Heavitree, 6.15 to 7.15; Newton St. Cyres, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 4385

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Bailey, 8, West Road, South Ockendon. 4397

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, All Saints', Whitstable, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Palmer, 37, Clare Road, Whitstable. 4401

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by June 2nd to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4377

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bicker, near Donington, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 1st, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 4380

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Waddington (now augmented to six bells), Saturday, June 6th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4398

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Shenley, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 30th R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4387

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Advanced practice meeting, Kingston-on-Thames, 7 p.m., Saturday, June 6th. Surprise methods only will be rung.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4380

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Bob Triples: E. Blower 1, H. Worboys 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

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HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Naish 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, W. J. Gait (cond.) 3, Mrs. E. Ford 4, S. J. Orman 5, J. Brooks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. B. Carter, churchwarden and chorister, interred earlier in the day.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, A. Knight (first quarter) 3, W. Faires 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, L. G. Pryke 7, L. Offord 8.

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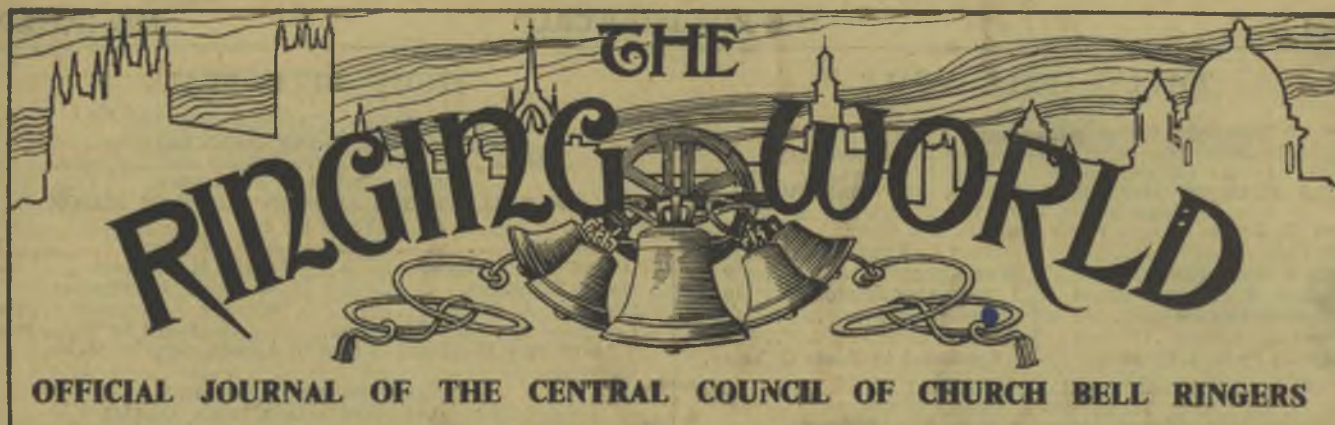
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SOUTHPORT

BREATH-TAKING seems to be the only word to express the cordiality accompanied by generous hospitality that made the 62nd meeting of the Central Council at Southport so memorable. Twenty-seven years have elapsed since the Council last visited Lancashire, when the meeting was held at Liverpool. There was complete co-operation by all who have an interest in those who ring bells to give them a really happy week-end. The representatives of the Guilds and Associations left Southport with a tremendous sense of uplift. The progress of ringing has been along a long and stony path. For the humblest of Church workers to receive the recognition accorded them at Southport was an inspiration.

There are so many facets that come to mind. The gathering had a sense of feeling that the Bishop of Liverpool, who played such a big part in the welcome, was just one of us. He knew through trials and tribulations while at Plymouth what most of our readers have passed through in learning the elementary principles of handling a bell. He spoke to us, giving that sense of vocation. During the week-end there were four occasions where Dr. Clifford Martin made personal contact with members of the Council. He preached at Christ Church on Whit Sunday and made a special reference to our visit; he was guest of honour at the dinner given by the Lancashire Association to members of the Council and told of his pupilage at Plymouth under Mr. Tom Myers; he celebrated at the Communion Service on Whit Tuesday, attended by over 100 members of the Council; finally he joined with the crippled Mayor of Southport in the official welcome that preceded the meeting.

When Mr. F. Dunkerley rose at the end of the Council meeting at Dublin and extended an invitation to visit Lancashire for the next meeting, few of the members realised what was in store. To many the immediate picture was the teeming populations of Liverpool and Manchester. It is doubtful if any member present visualised Southport, or the programme that was to follow. True, the magnificence of Liverpool Cathedral and its masterpiece of bell mechanism was included in one of the sights, and there was also ringing at Manchester; but tours were arranged away from industrialism and in country towers there was many a joyous ring.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, and Mr. Fred Dunkerley, the hon. secretary,

were the most genial of hosts. At the headquarters, Mr. Dunkerley's private secretary, Miss P. Grimm, and Mr. S. L. Parry were installed to attend to the visitors. Never before have the members of the Council and their ladies been entertained to dinner by an Association; it seemed as if the very generous impulses of Dublin were more than being repeated. The speeches were witty; the vice-president of the Council was at his brightest. Really, after the challenging comparisons between Great Yarmouth and Southport there must be a visit of the Council to the Queen of the East!

As to the business of the Council, it involved three sessions—an evening assembly being necessary after the members had been hospitably entertained to tea by the Corporation of Southport. 'The Ringing World' was the main theme of the morning session. Briefly, the turmoil in the printing industry might possibly add £1,000 a year to the cost of production of the journal. It was suggested that this could substantially be met by two means—a levy of sixpence a rope on peals rung, which was not accepted by the Council although the voting was very close, and a successful circulation drive. The latter would be defeated by an increase in the selling price. A ringing journal is not an economic proposition. It can only be run, as Mr. A. H. Pulling told the Council, as a hobby by everyone concerned with its production—committee, editor and accountant. The onus for increasing sales has been placed on the Guilds and Associations.

A very comprehensive report was submitted on the survey of Sunday ringing, involving a tremendous amount of detailed work. Particulars were furnished of 2,719 towers, and of these 14 per cent. are unringable. Bells are rung regularly in 40 per cent. of the towers, with 28 per cent. of these ringing call-changes only. Much attention is to be given to a closer contact between ringers and clergy—a booklet or leaflet is to be written on belfry organisation, recruitment, and the best methods of establishing a band where none at present is in existence. The main avenue for work must be the Associations. To this energetic committee there was later in the meeting given another responsibility—the work on courses in ringing. Much has been learnt from the Essex Association and Dillington House. One left Southport with the firm conviction that the drive for an improvement of Sunday ringing, the main purpose of our art, is not mere lip service; and the various affiliated bodies, by the personal example of their leaders, will ensure that the ringer is a faithful officer of the Church.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	C. MICHAEL ORME 7
TONY PRICE 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON 8
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS 3	BERT GOGLE 9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 10
WILLIAM S. DEASON 5	PHILIP MEHEW 11
MICHAEL J. PALMER 6	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 10
FRANK OSBALDISTON 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

TEN BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,

A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 48 cwt.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON 6
DENNIS RANDALL 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 7
ALAN ROGERS 3	STEWART F. KIMBER 8
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 5	RAYMOND G. BURTON .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.
Rung in honour of the consecration and enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Arthur Mervyn Stockwood, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Southwark.

BEDFORD.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Treble	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 2	S. E. DARMON (John's) .. 7
G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 8
*FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. 9
*D. J. ROAF (Trinity) 5	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.
* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal. First of Yorkshire Royal for the Guild.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	† ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
* K. PETER JONES 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 8
* GEOFFREY DAVIES 4	EDMUND MALIN 9
* CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5	† DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First on ten as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HUGH NEILL Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 2	† PETER H. LANGTON .. 6
* JANET K. SECKER 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7
† FRANCES A. SECKER .. 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

* First peal of Major. † First of London Surprise Major.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

* COLIN N. CHINNERY .. Treble	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 5
GEORGE TALBOT 2	† ROY COLLINS 6
JOHN KING 3	† E. JOHN WELLS 7
† JOAN A. SMITH 4	§ DAVID GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. § First peal.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	* J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	* HAROLD F. GIBSON .. 6
* J. IVOR SMITH 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
* DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD (3505).

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

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

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EMILY B. P. CHEAL .. Treble	STANLEY RAYFIELD 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	ALBERT DUNK 6
* RUTH A. HIGHLEY 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	JOHN CLARK Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of the treble and tenor. Also a thankoffering for the safe recovery of Diana Southam, a member of the local band.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

* PAUL MARTIN Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
† CHRISTOPHER L. POWDRILL .. 2	TERENCE I. ROPER 6
A. JAMES POYNOR 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First of Major.

Rung in connection with a thanksgiving week-end at St. Thomas.

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WITHERIDGE, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

GEORGE LUXTON Treble	GEORGE SKINNER 5	Tenor 25 cwt.
FREDERICK SANGWIN 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 6	
*SIDNEY SKINNER 3	FREDERICK WRE福德 7	
ARTHUR T. TRUMAN 4	THOMAS KINGDON Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.

* 75th peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., May 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 5	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
*ERNEST MORRIS 2	*†JOHN A. ACRES 6	
DEREK P. JONES 3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7	
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal on this bell. No bobs called.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 LAKENHAM IMPERIAL COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE P. ADAMS 4	ALLAN C. HAINES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method, which is:—

3 : 1 : 5 : 3 : 7 : 125 : 7 : 1.e. 127; bob 147; single 12347.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5024 GOUDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	VERNON GREEN 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Seaman on the birth of a son, Roger Martin.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., May 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

IAN TILLING Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

*PHILIP A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	DENNIS COOPER 6
*WALTER DAVIS 3	†GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 7
JOSEPH SAXTON 4	*ALBERT TURNER Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Plain Bob Major.

Arranged and rung to welcome Robert George Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hancock, born on May 7th, 1959.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

RICHARD A. JACKSON .. Treble	*DAVID T. DARBY 5
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT 2	*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 6
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

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

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth Goddard, and a welcome to Neil Hamilton Turner.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*HARRY HARPER Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*LESLIE L. WILLIS 2	GORDON H. LANE 6
*DONALD L. HOOPER 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
WILLIAM C. RHODES 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in the method.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*O. LESLIE WARNER Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
†DONALD A. KIRK 2	COLIN A. HOPPER 6
*TOM PAGE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
E. JOHN WELLS 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major. First of Major on the recast bells, and since 1927. The conductor's 60th Surrey tower for a peal.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN HILL 7
DAVID E. PARSONS 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

First peal in the method.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 cwt. in E.

Thurstans' J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 5
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JOSEPH SAXTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*MARTIN FELLOWS Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
*YVONNE EDWARDS 2	DEREK J. WATSON 6
HAROLD J. SHUCK 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	*JAMES HANDLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Guild.

EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58—16—34—38—34.16.78.

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob. Tipler's B 34/3.

Composition: Pitstow's traditional peal of Superlative.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*WENDY BIRD Treble	IVOR GOULTER 5
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 2	DAVID STAPLES 6
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7
REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY 4	DAVID BEACHAM Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
*First 8-bell peal. †50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. David W. Beard and Miss Sally Barker, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
ALAN J. FROST 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
GILES C. GALLEY 3	PETER BORDER 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of London Surprise Major in the county.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	*MARGARET E. BEAMISH .. 5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	*TOM CHAPMAN 6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER 4	*R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 74 lb. in D.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	†D. JOHN HUNT 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 2	JOHN H. GILBERT 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 7
*PHILIP N. TUBBS 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
*First peal in the method. †First of Surprise. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

Rung for Ascensiontide.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 6
ALBERT DISERENS 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
*ALAN SMITH Treble	†BRIAN KINGSTON 5
WILLIAM H. HARFORD .. 2	†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 6
*NIGEL LAMPING 3	WILLIAM DARE 7
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW 4	THOMAS YEOMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

*First peal. †First of Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

IVY ROE Treble	HAROLD STEVENSON .. 4
WILLIAM L. EXTON 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 5
DENNIS SIMPSON 3	*MARK W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

*25th peal, and has now 'circled the tower.'

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: 1,440 Grandsire, 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,080 April Day, 1,080 Reverse St. Bartholomew.

DEREK BRISCALL Treble	HARRY CALLWOOD 4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
ROBERT BARRATT 3	*NIGEL RYDER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

*First peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Newton, married at Chelford on April 25th, 1934.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

IAN A. RICHARDSON (12) Treble	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4
*PHILIP A. RICHARDSON (14) 2	LESLIE W. BACON 5
S. LESLIE BARLOW 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

*First peal 'inside.'

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Kingston, (4) Sandal, (5) Capel, (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and (7) Oxford Treble Bob.

M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. Treble	IVOR JENKINS 4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

*First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Norfolk Surprise, (2) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

WALTER ARNOLD Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 4
*MARIAN H. MILLS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
*IVAN COOPER 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

*Most methods to a peal.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Primrose, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne and Cambridge.

WILLIAM J. BRUNT Treble	THOMAS BIRD 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

STAUNTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being ten extents of Plain Bob, 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings) and one 240 Morris's. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *WILLIAM E. SPIERS... .. Treble CHARLES PHILLIPS 4
 *JOY SMITH 2 *W. DUDLEY WILSON 5
 REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3 †THOMAS BOURNE Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.
 G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble †CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4
 *PETER JONES 2 ERIC YOUNG 5
 ALBERT LAWTON 3 WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by ERIC YOUNG.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in three methods. First as conductor.
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. G. B. Frith and Norman Bennett (a former ringer).

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
 *MARY C. PAYNE 2 *DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 5
 *PETER A. SHARPE 3 LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
 FRANCES SECKER (Girton) Treble M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 4
 *A. GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 2 P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 5
 D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 3 J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

* First peal.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *RICHARD VERRIL .. Treble *STANLEY W. BROWN .. 4
 CECIL LONGHURST 2 †HERBERT W. WOOVEN .. 5
 *HARRY W. BROWN 3 ‡W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ First of Minor in the method.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN COATES .. Treble GEORGE CHALLANS 4
 JOHN H. BLUFF 2 HAROLD DENMAN 5
 VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 3 RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal at first attempt. First in the method for all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung on the eve of Ascension Day; also as a farewell to David Emmerson, a ringer at this church, who is joining Her Majesty's Navy.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 (Bath Branch.)

On Thurs., May 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

EDWARD F. CONNOCK .. Treble CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 4
 ALAN F. LEE 2 HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5
 GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 3 ALBERT F. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

First peal in seven methods of Doubles by all the band.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. Treble H. DAVID HOLLAND 4
 ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2 CYRIL RUSBY 5
 LEONARD GOODALL 3 IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association. The conductor's 100th peal, and 50th of Surprise.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: One each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANNE E. AMOR .. Treble CHARLES E. BLACK 4
 CECIL WADE 2 DAVID STAINSBY 5
 DEREK STAINSBY 3 JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung to mark the induction of the new Rector, Rev. A. Stainsby.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble JOHN H. BLUFF 4
 *RICHARD HOBBS 2 *HAROLD DENMAN 5
 GEORGE CHALLANS 3 LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* 25th peal together.

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EASTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three different extents of Kent T.B. and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. FRED TERRY Treble	†RONALD R. WARFORD .. 4
HORACE S. MORLEY 2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. 5
EDWARD PHILPOT 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in two methods.

In memoriam Mr. J. Palmer Powls, Eastington.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROY PANKHURST Treble	*†STANLEY JENNER 4
*MARGARET A. LADD 2	ROBERT COLLINS 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 3	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal. First in seven methods as conductor.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN K. SMITH Treble	*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
DAVID W. FRIEND 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First Surprise peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*BARRIE DOVE Treble	*ROBIN BROWN 4
ARNOLD COLE 2	FREDERICK SEAGER 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3	IRVIN SLACK Tenor

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

* First peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEALS

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

AND

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Guild of Undergraduates Union,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 12 in F.

*ALEX SIMPSON 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
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*PAUL W. WEBB 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells. First on handbells for the Society.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JEAN A. DARMON 1—2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5—6
*JOAN BERESFORD 3—4	JOHN R. MAYNE 7—8

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Wakefield 1, Patricia Wardle 2, C. Bray 3, C. Powdrill 4, A. Poynor 5, T. Roper 6, Rev. P. Blackman 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8. For Rogation Sunday Evensong. Also on May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Patricia Wardle 1, P. Martin 2, C. Powdrill 3, A. Poynor 4, Christine Wakefield 5, Rev. P. Blackman 6, R. Morris 7, G. Bray (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. Lovell 1, Mrs. A. B. Clarke 2, A. Wills 3, A. B. Clarke 4, C. L. Page 5, A. Pywell 6. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 5 and 6. For Confirmation service.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On May 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Cambridge Minor: J. Thornley 1, S. Wainley 2, T. Barker 3, B. A. Tomlinson 4, P. Crook 5, B. Threlfall (cond.) 6.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Longland 1, C. Brockwell 2, F. Atterwell 3, R. Jones 4, P. Jones 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Care (sen.), former ringer at this church.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary, on May 14th, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. Wilkins (first on 10 bells) 1, P. H. Pigg 2, D. Stubbings 3, A. R. Heppenstall 4, D. J. Roaf 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, G. Pratt (first on 10 bells) 8, J. R. Taylor 9, H. F. Brown 10. A welcome to the new Vicar before his induction service, also as a birthday compliment to P. H. Pigg and E. G. Hibbins.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On May 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Vardy 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, J. W. Rose 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, A. J. Slade 5, F. B. Stedman 6, H. J. Ford (cond.) 7, J. G. Corinck (first quarter) 8. A welcome to the Rector.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, R. Jarvis (cond.) 2, S. Pulker 3, B. Morley 4, J. Harris 5, A. Leech 6, J. Benfield 7, C. Tompkins 8. For Confirmation service.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On May 17th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, G. Parsons 2, G. Harvey 3, W. Prockson 4, H. Andrews 5, H. Clark 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Peett 8. Rung for Whitsun festival.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. C. Chaplin 1, F. V. Gant 2, T. East 3, J. Carrot 4, T. Grainger 5, C. Deem 6, L. S. Woods (cond.) 7, A. Gargrave 8. For morning service.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lawson (first quarter) 1, W. Wall 2, J. C. Ford 3, V. Forshaw 4, N. M. Newby (cond.) 5, T. Metcalfe 6. A farewell to D. Lawson, who is leaving the district after national service.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Buchanan 1, B. K. Lunn 2, H. W. Jones 3, W. H. Wilson 4, D. Vokes 5, T. McMorran (cond.) 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, R. I. George 8. For the 21st birthday of the ringer of 5.

DUNHOLME, LINCs.—On May 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Smith 1, J. Godfrey (first quarter) 2, P. Burton (first quarter) 3, W. S. Smith (first as cond.) 4, B. W. Smith 5, D. Fox (first quarter) 6. For Choral Eucharist.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pimian 1, L. Bolt 2, W. Harding (first quarter) 3, G. West 4, C. Savage (first as cond.) 5, F. Snow 6. For Evensong.

HARPENDEN, HERTs.—On May 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Janet Godfrey 1, Amy Coburn 2, R. Newson 3, A. Day 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, J. D. Painter (cond.) 6, L. G. Coburn 7 (cover). For Whit Sunday.

HEILMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Yates 1, W. J. Chester 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. A second wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Shellard.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,340 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, D. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, D. Wright 6. A birthday compliment for the ringer of 2.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDs.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Tapley 1, W. Insley 2, H. B. Whitney 3, P. Newing 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, F. Plummer 6, M. Orme 7, R. Churchill 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Holmes, churchwarden.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Dowse 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, Margaret Mackay 3, B. F. L. Groves 4, F. Osbaldison (cond.) 5, A. Osbaldison 6. For the Rogation service.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robinson (cond.) 1, H. Turner 2, A. Best 3, P. Hamlin 4, S. Thompson (first 'inside') 5, S. Wills 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On May 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Dyer 1, R. Selway 2, M. Turner 3, S. White 4, J. Barrett 5, W. Turner (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1 and 3.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Jean M. Addicott 1, J. A. Pailing 2, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 3, A. N. Stubbs 4, R. S. Elliott 5, D. T. Darby 6. Also at St. Mary Magdalen, on May 1st, 1,259 Doubles (seven methods): R. W. Winstanley 1, J. G. Pusey 2, D. H. Niblett 3, R. A. Jackson 4, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. J. Hooper as Vicar.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, Mary Munt 2, F. Oakshott 3, Ethel Clear 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, Rev. C. Munt 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, B. Read 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with cover bell): R. R. Hobbs 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway 4, C. M. White 5, A. W. Fry (cond.) 6, H. J. Page 7. For Ascension Day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTs.—On May 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. P. Darvill 1, K. J. Darvill 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 4, R. W. Darvill 5, G. Penney 6, F. Ellis 7, M. D. Frost 8. First in method for 1 and 2. For Confirmation service.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringer 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, B. Aldridge 5, P. G. Braund (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on May 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob): S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringer (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge 6. For Matins.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. A. Hodge (first of Oxford Bob) 1, K. T. Clarke 2, C. Webb 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Holway 5, E. Summers 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKs.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): K. Ward (first quarter of Doubles) 1, Valerie Hoby 2, Janet Adamson 3, W. Birmingham 4, J. C. Birt (cond.) 5, D. Livingston 6. For the Whitsun festival and to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Sarah) to Audrey and Jeffery Birt. Also on May 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, W. F. Butler 2, E. J. Munday 3, F. R. Scott 4, Linda J. Kew 5, Pamela M. Jervis 6, D. K. Walters 7, A. J. Glass 8, W. Birmingham 9, D. Livingston 10. First of Stedman Caters for 5, 6, 7 and 10. For Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Smith 1, R. K. Stretton 2, Valerie Green 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, A. J. Poynor 5, P. Norman 6. For Civic service. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. M. Jelley 1, R. K. Stretton 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, R. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycott 6, E. J. Jelley 7, B. Smith (first on eight) 8. Rung to welcome the Archdeacon of Sheffield (a former vicar, who was instrumental in getting the bells rehung in 1950), who preached at Evensong. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Smith (first of Minor) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, E. Morris 3, C. L. Powdrill 4, R. K. Stretton 5, A. J. Poynor 6. For Ascension Day.

STAINES, MIDDLEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Williams (first quarter) 1, D. Pickett 2, M. Lane 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, E. Skipsey (first in method) 5, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 6. For a concert of sacred music.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFs.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Scriven 1, Mrs. B. M. Burton 2, S. Bellfield 3, R. Bickerton 4, J. G. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Howe 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Cale 1, P. Cale 2, C. Bowers 3, J. Ranford 4, F. Merrick (cond.) 5, J. Walker (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Lucy Yeld, buried that day.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Chester 1, M. Saunders 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, L. E. Wootton 4, G. Shellard 5, C. Hinton 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wootton.

TALGARTH, BRECONS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Smith 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, W. G. Smith 3, W. Chick 4, B. H. Davies 5, E. Pugh 6. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Pugh. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. James 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. Rung as a compliment and in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Powell.

TINGEWICK, BUCKs.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Spraggett 1, Miss D. Williams 2, A. E. R. Walker 3, F. W. Hutt 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Gay 1, Miss R. A. Barr 2, A. Simpson 3, W. W. Rich 4, P. W. Webb 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Rung on the Birmingham University Society's Tour, being the first quarter of Surprise for the Society.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Grant (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Trotter 2, A. T. Weeks 3, M. Bailey 4, W. Beaven 5, F. Nutland 6. A wedding compliment to Diana Daniells and Keith Cooper. The bride is the daughter of Mr. T. Daniells, captain of the tower, and Mrs. Daniells, who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary the same day.

WHITLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Truman (first quarter) 1, R. L. Payne 2, C. E. Truman 3, R. Hinton 4, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 5.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): D. Culham 1, Miss E. Cansdale 2, B. Gibbons 3, E. Leggett 4, A. Cansdale (cond.) 5, F. Warner (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate a lifetime of faithful service to the church by the late Mr. E. Eldred, interred this day.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Womack 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, C. Scott 3, R. Hobbs (cond.) 4, D. McNeil 5, D. Emmerson 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to David Emmerson, who is joining H.M. Royal Navy. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Womack (13. first quarter) 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, R. Hobbs (cond.) 3, Margaret Womack (first 'inside') 4, D. Jackson 5, D. McNeil 6. Rung before Sung Mass on Whit Sunday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Mansfield 1, L. A. Smith 2, C. E. Truman (first in method) 3, G. E. Green 4, F. C. Case 5, E. F. Eyden 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. In memoriam Mary Elizabeth Hoskin.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKs.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Morrison 1, Pamela M. Turner (first as cond.) 2, M. C. Hughes 3, P. S. Bennett (first of Doubles in method) 4, J. K. Foot 5, T. J. Lamb 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung of the christening of Simon James Lamb, son of tenor ringer.

WOITON UNDERWOOD, BUCKs.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewers 1, Miss M. Rand 2, L. J. Gregory (first as cond.) 3, L. R. Gregory (first quarter) 4, H. G. Rand 5, W. Ayris 6.

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New president of the Ladies' Guild is Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, who was elected to the office at Southport at Whitsun. With Mrs. Staniforth as president of the Ladies' Guild, and Peter, her husband, president of the Leicester Guild, old heads are being scratched to remember when husband and wife were respective presidents of their separate organisations.

Bath has been suggested for the next annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild.

The attempt by members of the Central Council to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major (silent) on Whit Monday broke down after 30 minutes.

Who was the young wife who told her husband that the bells would not be opened until he had finished the house decorations? Will there not be feverish activity to get the work completed by July 17th?

Extracts from the Oxford Diocesan Guild's comprehensive survey of Sunday ringing have been reproduced in the Oxford Diocesan magazine. The survey was a sermon theme at a recent meeting.

Miss Hilda Snowden and Mr. A. P. Cannon have both visited Liverpool Cathedral during Whitsun. Hilda rang the tenor (with a strapper) but thinks she could have managed it herself, while Pat was on the 11th, which was, on this occasion, a slow starter.

Scout Christopher Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Isleworth, has been chosen to represent West London in the Scout World Jamboree to be held in the Philippines in July and August this year. Christopher is a Sunday service ringer at Isleworth and was a member of the team that won the handbell cup of the London County Association.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The sympathy of all Oxford ringers is extended to the relatives of Mr. Frank Barratt. His tragic death in a motor-cycling accident has removed from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, a most promising ringer who had started conducting. The funeral was last Wednesday.

Emmanuel, Southport, on Whit Sunday provided Mr. E. H. Lewis with his 800th tower. His first was 60 years ago, at the end of 1900.

St. John's, Hanley, practice night is to be changed from Tuesday to Thursday, starting the first week in June.

In connection with the meeting of Masonic ringers on June 6th at Manchester, any brethren desirous of participating in a peal attempt in the morning are asked to communicate with Mr. P. Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

Mr. Peter Bond is shortly to be admitted as a lay reader in the Diocese of Rochester. We shall be having another lay readers' peal shortly.

The College Youths' band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Southwark Cathedral on May 9th would like to associate with it the names of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Lewis, whose golden wedding anniversary fell on April 29th. Mr. Lewis was Master of the Ancient Society in 1936 and 1937 and thus enjoyed the honour of presiding over the Society's tercentenary year.

Recordings of the bells of Painswick, Stinchcombe, Marshfield and Cirencester will be heard in 'The Faith in the South Cotswolds,' a magazine programme, on Sunday, June 7th, at 9.45 a.m. in the West Home Service, about the part played by the Christian Church in this area of the West Country. The programme is edited and presented by Martin Willson.

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BISHOP'S TRIBUTE TO RINGERS—MR. E. H. LEWIS' GIFT TO COUNCIL—DEDICATION SERVICES FORM — 'BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK': BIG INITIAL SALE — CRITICISM OF CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST RESENTED — COMMITTEE AND CO-OPTION POWERS DEFINED

THE 62nd annual meeting of the Council, held in the Palace Hotel, Southport, opened in the customary manner, with greetings from the host Association, the civic authorities and the Church. The Mayor of Southport (Cclr. R. Wood) arrived, accompanied by the Bishop of Liverpool, and was received by the president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith).

The Lancashire Association president said it was a pleasure to them to welcome the Central Council to Lancashire after an interval of 27 years, the last meeting being at Liverpool. 'We are proud to welcome the Central Council here and to make the necessary arrangements.'

In welcoming the Mayor of Southport, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith thanked the civic authorities at Southport for their great help.

The Mayor, in reply, said he had read with interest the reports of the various committees of the Council and tried to memorise some of the terms used in bellringing. He spent his early life in the country, where they looked forward to Sunday morning beginning with the ringing of church bells.

'SERMONS IN SOUND'

'I am glad to think that in these days, when music of the type you present is not generally popular, the call you give by the sermons in sound reminds us in these days, when the claim of the material seems to be drowning it, of our higher nature. I hope that your art and profession will succeed in this day and generation.'

The Bishop said that it was fitting that a welcome should be given by the Mayor and the Bishop, because bellringers served both Church and State and did it very well indeed. In the past the church bells in some towers had been under the control of the town and not the Church.

During the war church towers were put under the State and ringers were forbidden to ring, being held in readiness to ring in the event of invasion or other emergency. When the war was over it was appropriate that the ringers should send out a glad some peal giving thanks to God for deliverance and victory.

Bellringers, the Bishop went on, served to give expression of their deepest emotions of joy and sorrow. People returning from abroad appreciated above all the village church with its bells reminding them of the great events of the Church year.

Ringers were a band of good Church men and women who loved their Church and served it. Often the good service they were giving went unregarded, possibly because they were out of sight when they did their work. The wonderful service in Christ Church, when over 100 assembled to start the day with the service of Holy Communion, emphasised what he said, that they were good churchpeople rendering their service unto the Lord.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the president of the Council, thanked the Lancashire Association and the Mayor of Southport for 'a most wonderful welcome.' In thanking the Bishop for conducting the service that morning, the president said it was one of the most beautiful services of Holy Communion that the Council had been to.

GOLDEN WEDDING & PRESENTATION

The proceedings of the Council started with the president reading a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis conveying to the members of the Central Council his appreciation and thanks for their congratulations and good wishes on

the occasion of his wife's and his golden wedding.

Mr. Lewis, advancing to the platform, expressed his personal thanks for the kind message sent by Mr. Barnett on behalf of the Council on the day of happiness, April 29th. Their president had with him a weapon of some service in the shillelagh, presented to the Council last year. It was his wish, however, to present a weapon more suitable for their meetings and he had much pleasure in presenting to the president a gavel.

Receiving the gift, Mr. Sharpe thanked Mr. Lewis on behalf of the Council for his gift. The head was a delightful representation of a bell with a Doncaster head and other embellishments. It was inscribed 'E. H. L. 1930-57.'

THE ATTENDANCE

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, A. H. Pulling, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor and T. W. White.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Wing Commander J. S. Mason, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. D. Hoare, H. J. Sanger and Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. S. Fokett. Cambridge University Guild: Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. Allman, J. W. Clarke and A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. A. Mould and W. L. Robinson.

Devon Guild: Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. P. Border, J. G. Gipson, F. W. Lack and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin, L. S. Woods and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, T. Boreham, W. B. Kynaston and F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, G. S. Joyce, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. J. Lewis and W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and E. Edmondson.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody and Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. P. Crook, F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, P. A. Corby, A. E. Rowley and P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild: Mr. E. C. Birkett.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society: Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles and E. G. Orland.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. H. Hawkins.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. F. H. Bennett.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. P. N. Bond and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke and J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. B. G. Key and G. W. Hughes.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe, L. G. Brett and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett and H. Miles.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

North Wales Association: Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 55 Associations were affiliated to the Council, entitled to 153 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 184. There were two vacancies among representative members and three among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

The hon. secretary said that two applications had been received. The first was from the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association and the second was for the re-affiliation of the North Wales Association. The Standing

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Committee recommended that these two applications be granted.—Agreed on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Miss M. E. Snowdon, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, A. A. Hughes, C. W. Roberts, L. Stillwell, A. Walker, J. Willis, Mrs. J. G. Steeples, Messrs. S. G. Coles, F. Ainsley, W. N. Park, J. E. Hobbs, C. A. Bassett, J. Bray, T. H. Taffender, F. W. Goodfellow, J. R. Mayne, N. J. Golden, W. Butler, Dr. D. H. Niblett, W. C. West, R. St. C. Wilson, G. H. Cross, F. J. Cullum, R. Overy, T. G. Myers and the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

New members presented to the president were Messrs. D. Hoare, H. Windsor, J. L. S. Glanvill, L. S. Woods, C. H. Hawkins, J. W. Blythe, G. McKay and D. H. B. Millward.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended that Mrs. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman be re-elected honorary members, and Mr. H. L. Roper be added to the list of honorary members.

The president said Mr. Roper had done invaluable work in compiling the index of 'The Ringing World' and other statistical work for the Council.

This was adopted on the propositions of Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. E. A. Barnett respectively.

LOSSES OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The Council stood in remembrance of the following members and former members of the Council, whose deaths had been reported:

Messrs. L. J. Butler (Essex Association), John L. Morris (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Henry Dew (Chester Diocesan Guild), Percy J. Johnson (Yorkshire Association), Herbert Knight (Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), who had died since the last meeting. Also the following, whose deaths had not been previously reported to the Council: Messrs. William Bedwell (Kent County Association), Samuel James Hughes (Dudley and District Guild), H. H. Palaiet (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Richard Stredwick (Sussex County Association), Arthur Smith (Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. J. B. Frith (North Staffs Association).

TRIBUTES

Mr. J. H. Crampion, in a tribute to Mr. L. J. Butler, of the Essex Association, said he was one of the most lovable of men whom he had met, and held active offices in the Essex Association for many years.

Mr. Peter W. Bond of Mr. John L. Morris: 'One of our younger ringers and composers of outstanding ability.'

Mr. J. P. Fidler of Mr. Henry Dew: 'He did a lot of teaching and will be missed at Bishop's Stortford.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis of Mr. Dew: 'When I first came to Lancashire I rang with him. He had great zeal in teaching beginners.'

Mr. D. Millward of Mr. Dew: 'He trained the first band at St. Matthew's, Borthwick.'

Mr. L. W. G. Morris of Mr. Percy J. Johnson: 'He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1901 and was a member of the Council for

46 years. He was most forthright. If members did not agree with his views they respected them.'

Mr. F. J. Smallwood of Mr. P. J. Johnson: 'We all knew of his obsession of these gatherings of discovering red herrings. We shall miss his stentorian tones and his great sincerity. He was a Cockney, born at Bethnal Green, and I always referred to him as the Cockney Yorkshireman.'

Mr. B. G. Key of Mr. Herbert Knight: 'A fine ringer and a Christian who was always in his place on Sunday mornings for 42 years.'

Mr. R. S. Anderson of the Rev. J. B. Frith: 'Most devoted to ringing in North Staffordshire.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis of the Rev. J. B. Frith: 'A personal loss. At Charterhouse he succeeded me as head monitor of my House. He did not take up ringing early in life.'

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that the minutes had been printed in 'The Ringing World' and circulated to all members. He proposed their adoption; Mr. W. Ayre seconded.—Agreed.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY

Mr. E. A. Barnett reported:—

The past year has been a particularly busy one, and among the non-routine matters which have arisen the following seem worthy of mention:—

Form of Dedication Service.—Fairly frequent inquiries are made as to whether the Council publishes a form of service suitable for use at the opening of new or recast rings of bells. I have asked the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow if, in consultation with other clerical members of the Council, he would draw up something suitable of which copies could be run off and issued gratis. I understand he has this in hand.

Barron Bell Trust.—A copy of the Trust Deed was obtained from the Charity Commission for information purposes.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award.—At the suggestion of Mr. A. Rigby, of Chorley, and with the support of the secretary of the Training Committee of the Army Cadet Force Association, correspondence was initiated with the secretary of the Award on the possibility of including ringing in the 'Pursuits' Section. In consultation with M. W. G. Wilson, suggested standards for the first, second and third series of tests were compiled and forwarded. The outcome is not at present known.

Boy Scouts' Badge.—Mr. R. I. Shepherd, of Staines, asked if the Boy Scouts' Association could be persuaded to introduce a ringers' badge corresponding to that of the Girl Guides. The Association informed us that such a badge is being incorporated in a list of new badges to be introduced this year and that details will be sent when published.

Gramophone Record of Five Spliced Surprise Major Methods on Handbells.—Discussions were begun and are proceeding, through Mr. C. W. Woolley, one of the band at Bushey, who made this historic record over 20 years ago, on the possibility of a re-issue. The matrix has, miraculously, been preserved by the Decca Company, according to information received from the original recording engineer.

Composition of Extent of Grandsire Caters.—Mr. W. H. Hewett kindly lent a leaflet containing this curious composition by James

Hewett (no relation). Some photostat copies were made and one handed over to the library, which does not possess an original.

Mr. Woolley reports that the work of revising the 'Stedman' book has continued, but that he would welcome some help and advice at the present stage. If any member (or other ringer) would like to assist I should be pleased to put him in touch with Mr. Woolley.

During the year I was able to meet enthusiasts from South Africa and America, and have continued an occasional correspondence with ringers in Australia. These contacts are very pleasurable and are, I think, welcomed by those concerned.

Thanks are due yet again to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers; also to Mr. W. N. Park for preparing the accounts of 'The Ringing World.'

Finally, my gratitude to all who sent copies of reports and other publications.

The hon. secretary said that since the report was written he had received notification from the secretary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award that a church bellringers' test would be included.

Mr. C. W. Pipe expressed his views against a set form of dedication service, 'I like to hear something different,' he said.

Mr. J. P. Fidler: 'As one who has attended a few thousand dedication services, I must agree with Mr. Pipe. . . . I do not think it is necessary for the Council to go to the expense of a special form. Each parish has its own form.'

The President: 'Many years ago the Council did draw up a specimen form of service. There are still a few of these in the library.'

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow thought it was probably worth while. The idea, he said, was not to produce a stereotyped form which everybody used, but to produce an indication. The form would have elasticity as one of its main features.

Mr. A. E. Lock asked if the secretary had acquired any knowledge of the Barron Bell Trust that he could pass on.

The hon. secretary said if any member desired to know the terms they could get in touch with him. He knew the name of the present trustee.

The report was adopted.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

The report of the trustees stated that during the year the machine had been demonstrated three times. In July to Mr. Gordon Thwaites, who had undertaken the repair of the Woodhouse machine; in November, 1958, to Southampton University Guild; in February, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keifer, of Ithica, New York, U.S.A.. Mr. Keifer with Dr. Robert Walker had produced an electronic change ringer at Cornell University, about which an article appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

On the last occasion an electrical fault was causing two bells to strike together when ringing 12. The demonstrator does not anticipate much difficulty in putting this right. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Douglas Hughes for demonstrating the machine.

Mrs. Staniforth said that arrangements were made the previous night for a demonstration in September.

The report was adopted.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.**REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN**

Mr. F. W. Perrens reported:—

First and foremost I must record the deep debt of gratitude the Exercise owes to Mr. Frederick Sharpe for his work as our librarian since 1953. Our thanks are also due to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe for managing the sales section of the library during the first half of this year.

Taking into consideration the fact that no new publications were issued by the Council this year, sales have been about normal, with 'Village Bells' easily the 'best seller,' 'Change Ringing on Handbells' second and 'Doubles Methods' third.

By far the greatest demand for what we have not got is for a collection of Minor methods and we have also had a number of requests for a book on tune ringing on handbells. Towards the end of the year 'Change Ringing on Handbells' was reprinted and 1,000 copies added to our stock.

In July I was able to collect the books presented to the library by Mrs. W. D. Turner. These included ten volumes of 'London Ringers and Ringing' and two volumes on 'Surprise Major Methods,' all of which are beautifully written and illustrated by J. A. Trollope. We tender our sincere thanks to Mrs. Turner for these valuable books.

We tender a most hearty 'thank you' also to the following: Mr. E. C. Shepherd for a copy for the library and 150 copies for sale of 'A Handbook of Grandsire Caters.' Mr. F. T. Blagrove for a copy each of 'Campanalogia—Little and Alliance Doubles Methods,' 'Campanalogia—Surprise Methods, 1821-1850,' 'Campanalogia—Triples Methods,' and also for having a dilapidated copy of W. Sottan-stall's 'Elements of Campanalogia' rebound. Mr. F. E. Dukes for copies of 'The Irish Bell News.' Mr. J. Segar for copies of 'Blue Line System.'

Where there are more than two copies of any book in the library printed since 1850 I recommend that they be offered for sale. Previously authority was given to dispose of copies in excess of three.

Quite a large number of orders have already been received for the 'Beginners' Handbook,' which we hope will be on sale early in 1959.

Finally, I most heartily thank Mr. R. F. B. Speed for his willing co-operation and for managing the sales section of the library during the latter half of the year in such an efficient manner. We are indeed grateful to him and his wife for housing such a large stock of publications.

During the year the library sold 1,158 books. Best sellers were 'Village Bells' 243; 'Handbell Ringing' 137; 'Doubles Methods' 123; 'Preservation of Bells' 114.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, in moving the adoption of the report, called attention to the request to dispose of more than two copies of any book in the library. Mr. Speed had already sold 3,250 copies of the 'Beginners' Handbook.

The Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted and the librarian be given power to dispose of copies in excess of two. Also that the Council record their thanks to Mr. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. Speed for their work during the year.

The report was adopted.

BROADCASTING AND TV FEATURES

The report of the Broadcasting and Television Committee, of which Mr. H. J. Sanger is convenor, stated:—

Our report this year must begin with mention of the excellent coverage given the visit of the Central Council to Ireland by Radio Eireann. Among other things, the President of the Council (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) gave a short talk on the visit of the Council and answered questions put by Mr. John Ross, of Radio Eireann. Mr. Barnett gave a review of his visit and commented on the bells of Ireland, the standard of ringing, and the terrific enthusiasm of the Irish ringers. There were other mentions of the visit during the weekend programmes, including an interview with Mr. J. Atkinson in 'City Feature.'

CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS

We are very pleased to be able to include news of considerable progress in the North Region with the B.B.C. We have had a very friendly exchange of letters with the Religious Director in which the subject of bell broadcasts has been well ventilated, and at his request we have submitted a list of towers in the area suitable for broadcasting.

In the Midlands, a programme based on the Bull Ring and changing Birmingham included a chat on St. Martin's bells between John Pinfold and Frank E. Haynes. There are also signs of a revival of interest in ringing in this area by the B.B.C.

In the East, the casting of three of the bells for Great Yarmouth Parish Church was the subject of a broadcast item from the White-chapel Bell Foundry. This was of additional interest in that it was within a week of being the centenary of the casting of Big Ben there. In response to their request, the B.B.C. were supplied with a short list of East Anglian towers suitable for broadcasting.

REGRETTED DENIAL

From the London area the most notable event was the rededication of St. Clement Danes', Strand. After the considerable publicity given this event, it was a very great disappointment to all ringers to be denied the pre-service ringing, which was of a very high standard.

In the West we have co-operated very fully with the Religious Director in selecting towers for the winter series of The Faith in the West. Whilst the period of ringing heard from each tower was short, it was well presented and gave many rural ringers the opportunity to show what they are capable of.

From Northern Ireland we are happy to report continued excellent co-operation with the B.B.C.

We hear from Mr. Fred Dukes of a number of broadcasts of bells by Radio Eireann during the year in addition to those mentioned above. These included the bells of Christ Church and St. Patrick's Cathedrals, Dublin, and St. George's, Dublin.

RINGING QUITE FAIR

The standard of Sunday service ringing heard in broadcasts has as usual varied considerably, but in the main has been quite fair. A general improvement would, however, be very welcome. The Christmas broadcast has again been the subject of comment in 'The Ringing World' by an anonymous critic. We consider this to be in poor taste; the whole spirit of the broad-

cast is the presentation of the bells, giving forth the Christmas message of goodwill. The thing we do regret is the very short period on the air given each tower. We hope to discuss this point with the B.B.C. and suggest some ways of making improvements. After some correspondence, we have been able to arrange the issue of advance information of programmes from A.B.C. Television to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

'THE ARCHERS'

A listener to the B.B.C. programme 'The Archers' has written to tell us that he noticed a technical error in the New Year broadcast of Ambridge bells, and had pointed this out in a letter to the B.B.C. We feel that if more ringers were as observant as this and took the trouble to point out similar mistakes to the producers concerned, only good would result.

Finally, and perhaps not precisely within our sphere, a delightful film, 'Bachelor of Hearts,' a skit on life in Cambridge, has as a background for a considerable part of its run the bells of St. Andrew's. Quite a number of other bells also are heard in it, some probably faked with tubular bells.

Moving the adoption, Mr. H. Sanger called attention to the excellent leading article by Preb. Martin Wilson.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow seconded.

Mr. J. W. Blythe asked how the list of East Anglia towers supplied to the B.B.C. was selected.

Mr. Sanger: A list of towers has been submitted and they are extremely brief. It has not been our policy to publish it.

CRITICISM OF CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Mr. G. W. Pipe disagreed that the criticism of the Christmas broadcast was poor taste. He thought it was a good thing. It was there was any poor ringing, people should know.

Mr. Sanger: The paragraph refers to the Christmas message of goodwill. The towers were a general selection and the ringers did their best. We thought it was poor taste for an anonymous critic to offer his criticism in the way it was offered.

Mr. F. E. Dukes said a few years ago they had up before them the question of anonymous letters, and now they had anonymous criticism of the ringing on Christmas Day. What he would like to know was who was the critic and who appointed him? The criticism reminded him of a little boy who stood behind a tree and threw mud at people dressed in their Sunday best. He thought the Council should deplore this criticism. Criticism should be published openly and by someone who knew what he was talking about.

A member: I say that any criticism which is anonymous is no criticism.

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS

The hon. secretary said that under their constitution they should have two auditors. They were Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrens. Mr. Perrens was now an officer of the Council. The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. Harold Pitstow be asked to become the second auditor. He moved this and Mr. Perrens seconded. This was agreed to.

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POWERS OF CO-OPTION REPORT

Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. W. B. Cartwright reported:—

At the Dublin meeting we were instructed to consider the question of co-option powers and to report on the necessity or otherwise for altering the Council's rules. It will be recalled that the legality of co-opting a member to 'The Ringing World' Committee in pursuance of powers purporting to have been given in 1951 was challenged on the grounds that the rules as amended in 1955 made reference to co-option to the Standing Committee only, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright expressed the view that the action taken in 1951 was, in fact, ultra vires.

had been taken on one or two previous occasions. Thus the Peals Collection Committee in 1945 was granted power to co-opt additional members, and the committee reported in 1946 that they had co-opted Mr. C. W. Woolley, and in 1947 Mr. E. A. Barnett. Therefore, if the action of 'The Ringing World' Committee was ultra vires, then these appointments were also wrong.

The point to be considered, therefore, is as to whether or not the rules should be altered to give committees (apart from the Standing Committee) power to co-opt.

One objection to the practice is that a committee can maintain its strength or add to its numbers by this means without the matter coming before the Council in the normal way. As the rules do not lay down the number of members of any committee except the Standing Committee, it is open to the Council at any meeting to appoint additional members to committees. It would appear that there is nothing to stop a committee from going outside its ranks to obtain advice or information on a particular point. If a committee desires to avail itself of the services of a member of the Council who is not on that committee there is no reason why it should not do so, and should it subsequently wish to add that member to its ranks, permission could be sought at the next Council meeting. This procedure has been followed on a number of occasions in recent years.

Our view is, therefore, that no real need exists for committees generally to be given co-option powers, and our recommendation is that, apart from the Standing Committee, who have the power to co-opt under Rule 11 (ii), committees should not be given co-option powers. If this is agreed no amendment to the Rules is required.

The hon. secretary said, in short, they felt that no change in the rules was necessary. In other words, the Standing Committee would retain its powers to co-opt up to two members but other members would not have power to co-opt. There was nothing to stop a committee going outside its ranks to obtain information and advice. He moved the adoption of the report. Mr. Cartwright seconded.

Mr. W. G. Wilson congratulated Messrs. Barnett and Cartwright in writing a report and saying what he said last year at Dublin. He was very pleased that they had come round to the right way of dealing with it.

Mr. Cartwright: 'I don't think we have come round in any way.'

The report was adopted.

(To be continued)

RECORD LENGTH FAILURE

We are informed that the attempt for a peal of 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major at Over, Cheshire, on May 23rd, failed after 5,920 changes had been rung because of a broken rope. A further attempt will be made in the near future.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S HOSPITALITY

Council Entertained To Dinner

THE eve of the Central Council meeting was made memorable by the dinner given by the Lancashire Association at the Palace Hotel, Southport. The president of the Association (the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith) and the secretary (Mr. Fred Dunkerley) welcomed the company of 220 members and lady friends. Included in the guests were the Bishop of Liverpool (the Rt. Rev. Clifford Martin), the president of the Council and Mrs. Sharpe, the vice-president, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Lewis and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. H. Barnett) and Mrs. Barnett. The gathering and hospitality were amongst the happiest in the annals of the Exercise. The president, who presided, gave the toast of 'The Queen.'

The president of the Council in proposing 'The Church and the Exercise' said the toast was most appropriate for such a happy occasion. The Church existed solely as a means of spreading the Gospel of Christ and as a means of obtaining salvation of souls. They all had their duty to do, not only in the belfry but to bring the knowledge of God to those with whom they came in contact.

THE SATURDAY MEETINGS

The Exercise came in in bringing the knowledge of God to their fellow men. Every Saturday afternoon up and down the length and breadth of the country there were some 20 or 30 gatherings of ringers—first to ring, then to attend a church service and afterwards to sit down to the fellowship of a meal. It combined everything they needed in exercise, fellowship and service to God, and they proclaimed the Gospel of Christ in a way that at times must make people think.

The best results in their belfries was when the clergy took an active interest in the ringers, and this applied to their Diocese, where the Bishop was a ringer. This was a great asset to any Diocese. They also had another clergyman as the president of their Association, and he always thought it was better to have a clergyman at the head of their Diocesan Guild than a layman.

As he travelled around the countryside he saw many different churches. He had examined the bells in 2,000 churches and seen 2,000 incumbents and heard their story and also the stories of 2,000 captains of ringers. Sometimes one was able to pour oil on troubled waters. To-day they saw a far greater interest in the Church than in his early days, because he had lived through the period of the Church going into decay and was witnessing its revival because greater interest was being taken in spiritual things now than 10 or 15 years ago. Their secretary was a example of a fine layman and a member of the Exercise and they appreciated what he had done for their Association, the Exercise and the Central Council. (Applause.)

The Bishop of Liverpool, in his reply, said he did not want them to put much emphasis on his ringing. 'I can just about ring in rounds. I know all the trials and troubles and the humiliation of getting your bell to stand. I know what happens when your bell comes down on you, and I have been rescued once or twice.'

THE BISHOP'S BELL

The Bishop recounted that he learned to handle a bell at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, under Mr. Tom Myers. When the news came through that he was leaving they pushed him through and he received his certificate of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. At one tower he rang at they asked him which bell he would take. He replied 'No. 5.' After he had rung they put up a little tablet inscribed 'The Bishop's Bell.'

The Church was not like the building at the corner of the street but consisted of all of them who were admitted by baptism. They were all the great family of God and if people would only get that idea into their minds the Church would be stronger than it was to-day.

The job of the Church was not just to keep the machinery of it going or the Exercise going; the job was to make its message known far and wide. 'You ringers have to see that the message is known widely; let the bells be heard. Our task is to help people to understand what it is all about. It is because people did not know that they got the wrong end of the scale about their religion and look at it from the popular Press.'

RINGING PROGRESSING

Proposing the toast of 'Our Guests,' Mr. Fred Dunkerley said they would all have recognised by now what a human bishop they had. He was loved by all in Lancashire.

It was a great pleasure to the Lancashire Association to have the visit of the Central Council; their last visit was 27 years ago and they were all deeply conscious of the honour, and they were doing their best to make the visitors happy while they were there.

'Make no mistake, the art of campanology is rising to a greater height than ever before. This is evident in Spliced Surprise. In that direction I would like to mention the name of Pitman. He is a very unassuming man but it is due to his skill that we have progressed.'

Mr. Dunkerley concluded by expressing the hope that the Council would return to Lancashire in the not too distant future.

ARCHBISHOP'S INTEREST

The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, who replied, said he would like to give the Bishop full marks for his extremely fine article in 'The Ringing World.' He recalled the interest of the two Archbishops in ringing, how the Archbishop of York said that gramophone bells were the invention of the devil, and how the Archbishop of Canterbury insisted on visiting the ringers in the belfry and saying 'Thank you' to them.

Among the stories told by the Vicar of Great Yarmouth was of a certain public house in the West Country known as 'The Cock.' A certain diocesan bishop stayed there a night and they were so thrilled by his visit that they asked the Bishop if they could change the name of the inn and call it after him.

The Bishop agreed, and when he next passed the inn he noticed the newly-painted sign 'The Bishop of So-and-So' and then underneath 'This is the old Cock.' He thanked the Lancashire Association for a memorable week-end with its unsurpassed hospitality.

On the Tuesday morning the Bishop of Liverpool was the celebrant at Holy Communion in Christ Church, which was attended by about 100 members of the Council. Assisting in the service were the Revs. R. D. St. J. Smith and A. G. G. Thurlow.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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

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Yorkshire Association's Healthier Financial Position

THE annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place in glorious weather at Selby Abbey on May 9th, and attracted a large attendance representative of each of the four Districts. The fine ring of bells was at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening, and methods rung ranged from Grandsire Caters to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

A brief service was held in the Abbey at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the Association to Selby and spoke in appreciative terms of the services rendered by the ringers to the Church.

Following tea at the Hawdon Institute the business meeting was held, when the chair was taken by Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, supported by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, hon. general secretary, Mr. G. Benfield, hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. E. Critchley, hon. peal secretary. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G. S. Lee, B. Sutton, P. Birkett and H. Chant.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, arranging the service and providing facilities for the meeting was moved by the general secretary, who spoke of the warm welcome the Association always received at Selby, and the arrangements made for their convenience and comfort merited their greatest thanks. Mr. J. Gibson seconded, and the motion was carried with applause. A similar vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent arrangements made and to the ladies who had so kindly officiated at the tea tables was accorded on the motion of Mr. L. M. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. E. Hudson.

128 NEW MEMBERS

In presenting the 83rd annual report, the president drew attention to a welcome increase in membership—128 new members having been admitted during the year which included 89 resident members. The increased subscription rate had had the desired effect, and had been loyally accepted by the great majority of members, resulting in the hon. treasurer's accounts being the best he has been able to report for many years. A word of warning was given, however, that although the accounts showed a bigger balance, there were certain heavy printing expenses looming ahead.

The past year has been unfortunately marked by the death of old and valued members in the persons of Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. J. Hardcastle, Mr. J. Stott and Mr. W. Allwood. Mr. Johnson joined the Association in 1901, and had throughout his ringing career been a staunch and loyal supporter of it, having held the offices of general secretary (16 years) and vice-president (25 years) with distinction. He had also represented Yorkshire ringers on the Central Council for no less than 46 years, being one of the longest serving members of that body. The death of Mr. J. Hardcastle, of Bradford, severed the last link in a ringing family which commenced in the 18th century, for both his father and grandfather were prominent ringers, the former being for many years the conductor at Bradford Parish Church—now the Cathedral. He was in his 88th year and had been a member of the Bradford Cathedral company for 60 years and secretary of the company for 40 years. He would perhaps be best remembered for his great work in connection with the restoration of the Cathedral bells in 1921—acknowledged by common consent to be one of the finest rings of ten in existence.

Mr. Hardcastle was one of the party which toured Australia in 1934 under the organisation of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, and took part in the one and only 12-bell peal ever rung on the Australian Continent, this being Grandsire

Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Victoria, conducted by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The death of Mr. J. Stott, of Thirsk, removed a stalwart who had rung at his parish church for over 60 years. He was a great churchman and his example to and encouragement of young ringers ensured a band was maintained at Thirsk during his long connection with the belfry. Although not resident in the county, Mr. W. Allwood was an active member in the Southern District, and had taken part in many peals in that area.

The peal secretary's report showed that 140 peals had been rung during the year—124 on tower bells and 16 on handbells, and the conducting was shared by 39 conductors. Thirty-eight members had rung their first peal and three members their first handbell peal. Glasgow Surprise Major, Gainsborough Surprise Major and Dorchester Surprise Major figured in the lists for the first time. Mr. W. Barton had passed his 300th peal and Mr. R. H. Dove had reached his 100th peal for the Association during the year.

The balance sheet recorded a gain for the year of £52 6s. 10d. The report concludes by expressing thanks to the principal officers, District officers and all who have given liberally of their time to the welfare of the Association during the past year. The report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Miss M. E. Wilkinson.

GENERAL SECRETARY FOR 21 YEARS

The president announced that the general secretary had now completed 21 years' tenure of office, and he felt conscious, as he was sure they all did, of the very great debt of gratitude the Association owed to Mr. Morris for the very faithful and able service he had rendered over such a long period. Mr. Morris had often expressed his desire to relinquish the office, but appreciating that the Association had not yet completely emerged from a difficult phase through which it was passing, had indicated his willingness to once again accept nomination, as he felt that at the moment it would be an unfair burden to place on the shoulders of a new and inexperienced successor.

The committee had been pleased to accept the offer and had unanimously decided that Mr. Morris should be their nominee. On the motion of Mr. S. H. Steel, seconded by Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, Mr. Morris was unanimously re-elected to serve for the next triennial period. Mr. W. E. Critchley was also unanimously re-elected peal secretary coupled with thanks for the exacting work the office demanded, requiring not only skill but close attention to detail.

For the next meeting, due on September 19th, Mr. W. Barton extended a kind invitation to visit Pudsey, where the bells had been recast and rehung since the Association's last visit. This was seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock and unanimously accepted. The president reminded members that the Snowdon dinner this year would be held at York on October 24th by kind invitation of the York Minster Society, when the committee hoped to once more rely on the loyal support of the general membership and so ensure its success.

On the motion of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley, the following out-county members were elected: Mrs. R. M. Cook, Mrs. E. Silcock, Messrs. N. Tompkins, M. Phipps and M. S. Birdsall. This concluded the business, following which further ringing was enjoyed on the Abbey bells.

LETTERS

LAYMAN'S APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—During a recent (unsuccessful) peal attempt by the local band at Folkestone, a visitor unexpectedly called at the Vicarage and presented the following poem which he had written while listening to the bells. The second line is as originally written.

'Ringing from those mighty bells
Praises which forever tells
Peace of mind for all within
Casting off the cloak of sin;
House of beauty unsurpassed
Built by men of craft to last
Through the centuries of time
Ravaged but by Nature's clime:
Let the bells ring loud and clear,
Thank the Lord that you are here,
Enter in His house divine;
Peace be unto thee and thine.'

In view of the recent correspondence about bells it is pleasant to know that there are still a few 'laymen' who appreciate our efforts.—
Yours faithfully,
Folkestone.

J. R. HOUGH.

RINGERS RECEIVING MAUNDY MONEY

Dear Sir,—Mr. John H. Conquest, a ringer at Leighton Buzzard Parish Church, and Mr. Tom Scott, an old Hertfordshire ringer, both received the Royal Maundy money from Queen Elizabeth II in St. Albans Abbey in 1957.—
Yours sincerely,
H. B. WHITNEY.
Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.

PUTNEY RINGERS' OUTING

On May 9th Putney ringers and their friends set out for their annual outing, blessed by their usual fine weather.

The first stop was at the pleasant six at Bearstead, near Maidstone, a fine ring for its great age. At Charing (6) the bells, unfortunately, were not in keeping with the splendid church. In the fine Norman tower at New Romney (8) the bells go well, but the tenor seems to be very flat. This anti-clockwise ring especially delighted our Kingston friends! We then struck across Romney Marsh to Lydd (8), where the bells, the welcome and the church were all of the highest order. At Rye (8), after tea, we enjoyed the rehanging ring at this magnificent church. Then came the pleasant six at the small church at Beckley. The last stop was made at Rolvenden (8), a good octave but one which, unfortunately, seems to be rarely used.

Ringing, to suit all abilities, ranged from rounds to Surprise.
A. C.

FIFTY YEARS AGO FROM 'THE BELL NEWS'

May 29th, 1909

Peals recorded: Grandsire Caters 1, London Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Double Norwich 2, Treble Bob Major 5, Bob Major 2, Stedman Triples 5, Grandsire Triples 5, Minor 4, Doubles 1. Total 27.

In course peals of Double Norwich Major by Joseph W. Parker occupies two and a half pages.

In a letter, R. A. Daniel has this to say: "Campanology" is a Double Bastard. Originally it was "Campanalogy," which Mr. Hall will probably admit to be a trifle less barbarous. But in neither form has it ever, among sensible people, been used to express the exercise of ringing. It has been observed that it would be as reasonable to call dung "Stercology" or to describe a butcher as a "Carnologist." As for "Bellology" I thank heaven I have never heard of this term before, and I hope never to hear of it again.

In these days of fancy names, 'anyone any bright ideas?'

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK BARRETT

With deep regret we report the tragic death of Mr. Frank Barrett, a well-known ringer of St. Aldate's, Oxford. He was killed in a motorcycle accident on May 15th.

Frank had been a ringer at St. Aldate's since his father, the late Albert Barrett, first started to teach him to ring some six or seven years ago. He learnt quickly and soon became a most able and skilled ringer. At the time of his death he had rung 97 peals and had been trying in the last few weeks to bring this up to the round 100 before his 18th birthday—an event which was celebrated by the ringing of a peal by some of his friends at Garsington on April 18th.

'His death is all the more tragic to us,' writes Mr. J. Venn (tower captain), 'as he had been helping to decorate the ringing chamber of our tower after the rehangings of the bells and before the rededication of the bells, and was looking forward to calling the first peal on them—the first to be rung at St. Aldate's for very many years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his mother and brother in their sad bereavement.'

MR. GEORGE BAKER

We regret to learn that Mr. George Baker, formerly of Brighton, and recently living with his daughter in New Zealand, passed away in his sleep on May 14th in his 92nd year.

While at Christchurch he was visited twice by Mr. Sloan, the secretary of the Christchurch Cathedral ringers. He also had the pleasure of taking tea with Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, and was thrilled to be able to see and handle the late Mr. Jas. S. Wilde's beautiful set of handbells, which he bequeathed to Christchurch Cathedral.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan are now on their way to England to attend the Oxford ringing festival.

MRS. L. A. WHITE

With deep regret we record the passing of Mrs. Lilian Ada White (nee Willson), which occurred on May 11th after a long illness. She was the eldest of four daughters of the late William Willson, of Leicester.

In her younger days she was not only a brilliant pianist (A.R.C.M.) but a talented ringer, having rung some 30 or 40 peals for the old Midland Counties Association, one of which—Kent T.B. Major—she conducted. The methods she rang included all the standard methods and the better-known Surprise, but the outstanding performance was to be included in the first ladies' peal ever rung. This was on July 20th, 1912, when she rang the third at Christ Church, Cubitt Town. She was also in the first peal of Surprise by an entire Leicester band—Superlative, at St. John-the-Divine's, where in later years her father gave the two treble bells to make them one of the finest rings of ten in the Midlands.

At the end of 1915 she married the late T. Henry Hardy, also a very fine ringer and singer, and the present writer was 'best man' for that occasion. Harry was badly knocked about in the first Great War, and died suddenly in 1922, just before the first peal on the newly-augmented 12 at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was due to be rung. He was to have taken part in this, but instead it was rung half-muffled to his memory, his father-in-law, William Willson, taking his place. They had one son, Ronald Willson Hardy, who is now a school teacher in Leicester. Many years later Lilian married Mr. Bert White, but owing to failing health was not able to take an active part in ringing, although her interest in the art remained.

E. M.

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BIRTH

BIRT.—On May 7th, 1959, at Old Windsor Hospital, to Audrey and Jeffery Birt, a daughter, Elizabeth Sarah—a sister for Nigel Graham. 4402

DEATH

WHITE.—On May 11th, 1959, at the Leicester Infirmary, Lilian Ada, eldest daughter of the late William Willson, aged 66 years, a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and participant in the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town. 4438

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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Summer tour, to be held from July 12th to 22nd, in Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, cycling and youth hostelling. Will anyone who is interested please contact as soon as possible Miss M. Ross, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester, 14. 4407

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Tour, July 25th to August 15th: Shrewsbury, Bristol, Stratford-on-Avon—second notice. Will members and anyone interested please contact Miss Carol Eustace, 26, Vicarage Road, Rugby, for details. 4435

GREAT YARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH.—Civic Charter thanksgiving and blessing of bells by the Dean of Norwich prior to their hanging in tower, Sunday, June 21st, at 3 p.m. (Ringing opening October 31st.) All welcome. 4442

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, May 30th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 p.m. 4394

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30th Service 4.30 p.m. 4400

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Warehorne (6), Saturday May 30th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. T. H. 4433

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Wouldham, Saturday, May 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4368

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 30th, at Feltham, Ringing, 3 to 5 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Hall, followed by business meeting and further ringing till 8 p.m. Church near Feltham Station (S.R.). Nos. 117 and 237 buses from Hounslow, 90b from Hayes or Richmond. Gentlemen cordially invited. 4392

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th, at Biggleswade (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4386

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, June 1st, 7 p.m. 4413

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, June 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 4417

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Dean on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Please do not fail to notify me by Wednesday if tea required. Owing to poor bus service, will those with spare car seats and those needing transport please contact me as soon as possible.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec., 8, Bowhill, Bedford (Bedford 61835). 4437

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bishop's Itchington, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. The bells of Burton Dassett will also be available from 6 to 8 p.m. 4405

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, Saturday, June 6th. Service, St. Mark's, 3.15 p.m., addressed by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, St. Mark's Vicarage, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing arrangements: The Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Thomas', 1 to 2.30; St. David's, 2 to 3; St. Mark's, 2 to 3.15; Heavitree, 6.15 to 7.15; Newton St. Cyres, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 4385

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Saturday, June 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 3rd, to Mr. R. A. Gofton, 18, Elmwood Road, Whitley Bay, Northumberland. 4431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston (6), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4430

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Bailey, 8, West Road, South Ockendon. 4397

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by June 3rd Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4428

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden, Saturday, June 6th, 5.30 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4419

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, All Saints', Whitstable, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Palmer, 37, Clare Road, Whitstable. 4401

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by June 2nd to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4377

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bicker, near Donington, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 1st, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 4380

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Ibstock, Leics, Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 4th to Mrs. A. E. Rowley, 3, Penistone Street, Ibstock, Leics. 4423

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, June 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4408

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea kindly provided by Vicar and Ladies' Committee.—John F. Turner. 4436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4436

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Waddington (now augmented to six bells), Saturday, June 6th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4398

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Hertford County Association at All Saints', Harrow Weald, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at St. John's, Stanmore.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4418

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Marchington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 3rd, to W. H. Appleby, The Rise, Marchington, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4439

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Shenley, on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 30th R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4387

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Summer meeting at Witney (8) on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Prayers 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 4th to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney. 4415

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Hazelbeech, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4425

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yetminster, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Visitors welcome. Please notify by June 3rd R. N. Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 4403

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bratton (6), Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchens, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wils. 4406

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Old Whittington, 3 p.m., Saturday, June 6th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 4416

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Rougham (6) on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome, but names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Dis. Sec., 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds. 4421

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Advanced practice meeting, Kingston-on-Thames, 7 p.m., Saturday, June 6th. Surprise methods only will be rung.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4380

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please.—I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 4427

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting at Christchurch on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available: Hinton Admiral (5), from 2.30 p.m.; Christchurch (12), from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. The Priory Restaurant, Christchurch. Meeting in belfry. Names for tea by June 4th to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lynton, Hants. 4404

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer festival at Hertford on Saturday, June 13th. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. John's Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Ringing at Great Hornead (6) 9.30 to 11 a.m.; Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Standon (6), 11 to 12.30; Much Hadham (8), 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Widford (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Hunsdon (8), 2 to 3.30; Ware (8), 2.30 to 4; Bengoe (8) and St. Andrew's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, 6 to 7.30; Bengoe and All Saints', 6.30; Hertingfordbury (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 4432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Felsted, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Boote House Café by arrangement only. Numbers must be sent by Wednesday, 10th, to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. Business meeting in Old Schoolroom. 4409

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held in the Guildford District on Saturday, June 13th. Service, Cranleigh, 3.30 p.m., addressed by the Archdeacon of Surrey. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 9th, to Mr. D. A. Kirk, 30, The Drive, Cranleigh. Ringing arrangements: Haslemere, 10.30 to 11.30; Witley, 11 to 12; Godalming, 11.15 to 12.30; Hascombe, 1.30 to 2.30; Dunsfold, 1.30 to 2.30; Ewhurst, 2 to 3.15; Cranleigh, 2.30 to 3.30. Service and tea: Bramley, 5.45 to 7; Wonsersh, 5.45 to 7; Shalford, 6.30 to 7.30; Albury, 7.30 to 9; Shere, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 4420

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Llantwit-Major, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by June 8th.—J. S. King. 4422

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Newton, near Folkingham, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Folkingham bells available in the evening.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4440

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, June 13th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 4424

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 4412

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ellesmere, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Whitehead, 2, Beech House, Ellesmere. No names no tea. 4434

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Bunney (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, June 11th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 4414

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 4411

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Chelmsford, Saturday, October 10th, 1959. Further details later.—F. V. G. 4441

QUARTER PEALS

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper 1, J. Murphy 2, E. Whiting 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, J. W. Allen 5. For St. George's Day.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire and 1,020 Plain Bob, with 1, 2 leading): Christine Meade (13) 1, Carole Lewis (14) 2, S. Rush (14, first quarter) 3, Mrs. F. D. Belson 4, N. Belson 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, Brenda Stainthorpe (15) 8. Longest length by 1 and 2. For Confirmation service.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. N. Norris 2, C. Cook 3, H. Hodgetts 4, T. Ashby 5, J. Rootes 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Cobb 8. For Whit Sunday Evensong.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Chase Bob Doubles: A. Hawkes (first quarter) 1, J. V. Temple (first in method) 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, P. D. Warren 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Halling (first in method) 6.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On May 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Duesbury 1, Miss A. Pryke 2, I. Cooper 3, J. Felgate 4, W. Rouse 5, W. Felgate 6, S. Leach 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Martin's, All Saints and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): C. E. Hill 1, W. T. Hill 2, R. G. Jones 3, H. Turner (cond.) 4, H. J. Olivier 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones.

KILBURN, N.W.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Bradburn (first quarter) 1, Audrey Barker 2, Gillian Poplewell 3, Ruth How 4, J. Clark-Maxwell 5, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie P. Colegrove 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. P. Powell), who is to become Rector of St. Laurence's Church, Lighthorne, Warwick. Rung by the Sunday service band.

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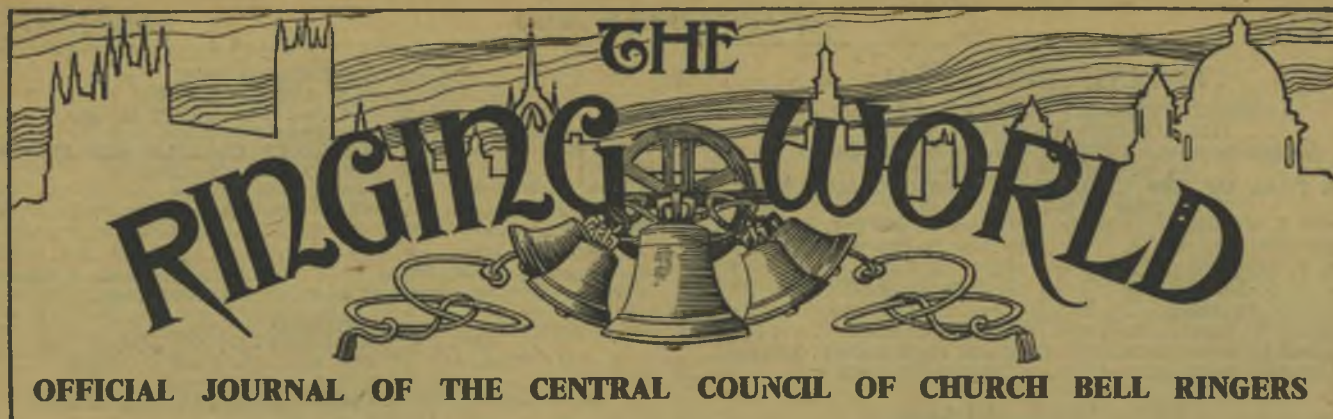
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'THE RINGING WORLD'

THIS week we publish *in extenso* the debate at the Central Council meeting concerning 'The Ringing World.' Last year the journal succeeded in keeping its 'head above water' with a profit of £436, of which £275 was represented by donations. It is known that this year the costs will increase—it might mean a rise of £1,000—and the question before the Council was how this additional money was to be raised. Some might say the easiest procedure is an increase in the price of the journal, but this is contrary to the wishes of the Committee. When the selling price of the journal was increased from 4d. to 6d. in 1955 there was an eventual loss of circulation of 8 per cent. Since then we have been steadily climbing and are about 350 copies short of the highest sale.

Is there room for expansion of sales? The Committee and the Council confidently think that there is. The Sunday Service Survey gives the number of bell-ringers in the United Kingdom as 41,700, and of these 5,620 now purchase the journal. It must be remembered that a very large number of ringers are only interested in their own church ringing for Sunday services and their own practices. They are outside the fellowship of the Guilds and Associations; they know nothing of the great family of ringers. There are also the call-change ringers of the West Country, and while an occasional article of their festivals is published, and some read the journal, the majority are not readers. Nevertheless, it should be possible to increase the sales substantially, and this the elected representatives of the Guilds and Associations have promised to do.

We would, however, give this warning: if production costs rise by £1,000, this in itself is no solution. With high costs of distribution, the maximum benefit from each new subscriber will not exceed 10s. a year. Alternative means of raising revenue will be necessary. It will be recalled that at the Bournemouth Council meeting an appeal was made to those who rang peals or quarter peals to make a voluntary donation. This has been observed by many who ring quarter peals but few who ring peals. Revenue from these two sources is not increasing, although there are far more peals and quarter peals rung today than in recent years. Many Associations are only able to publish their reports by imposing a levy on peals, and it was thought by 51 members of the Council that this was the most practical method of raising funds. From peals alone it was stated that this would raise £400, although on last

year's peal return it would be over £600. We would put this proposition to peal ringers—pay 6d. a peal or make everybody pay 8s. 6d. a year extra for their journal (a 2d. increase is the minimum if costs rise by £1,000). The choice is with you—and there are relatively few peal ringers who ring more than 17 peals a year. To quarter peal ringers we would say please send a contribution. There is no obligation to publish as records of quarters are not kept by the Council. We make a point of giving priority in publicity to those who send a contribution.

Guilds and Associations will note that a per capita levy of 6d. per member was defeated. Many organisations support their journals in this way, but we are not advocating this. We would call the attention of Guild and Branch secretaries to the fact that income from notices of meetings, etc., dropped last year from £556 to £537. We do not want to increase our charges, as notices are definitely news to many ringers; this can be met by a more liberal support. We also feel that we should have many more personal announcements, viz.: births, engagements, marriages and deaths. These could be very substantially increased.

May we reiterate that no one should ring his first peal or quarter peal without receiving a personal copy of the journal. Some towers follow this—the majority ignore the request. This is a means of circulation building which is very valuable. We should like to think that every ringer who rings a peal is a subscriber to the journal. Repeatedly we get cases of well-known ringers failing to renew their subscription and then apologetically writing after a period of two or three months with the current subscription.

Ringing, apart from its service to the Church, is a hobby. We have officials, members of the Council and Guild officers who devote hours of their time to promoting the affairs of the Exercise. Their reward is the wonderful fellowship engendered. The same remark applies to those associated with the official side of the journal. They do not value their service in pounds, shillings and pence. Not all the work is pleasant; at times it is very tedious to ensure a smooth production week by week. Every reader can help by following one or other of the suggestions made. In 1945 'The Ringing World' cost £1,306 to produce; now it is about £6,000. True, it is a larger and better paper, but it has not gone on the Editor's salary. Why is all this work done? Because we feel that the journal is essential if ringers are to form a large corporate family in the service of the Church.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	*DENNIS C. BOWEN .. 7
ALBERT DISERENS .. 2	†TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 8
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Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE ROYAL

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*DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBRY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First of Royal in the method.

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On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 GAINSBOROUGH BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

JOHN H. J. MUDD .. Treble	*GEOFFREY M. HARVEY .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 4	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 9
JAMES WALLMAN .. 5	JOHN W. EUSTON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal on ten. Believed to be the first peal of Royal in the method—treble to 6th place only—sometimes known as Medium Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. 2	CYRIL VALENTINE .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY .. 7
DENIS MADDOCK .. 4	CECIL RADDON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

The ringer of the fourth has now 'completed the circle.'

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Treble	IVAN COOPER .. 5
MARIAN H. MILLS .. 2	EDWARD B. SMITH .. 6
PERCY W. MILLS .. 3	LEONARD E. SHARP .. 7
HEATHER STEWART .. 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in the method by all except the treble ringer.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	CHARLES COLES .. 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
FRANK A. BARRETT .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method (No. 256, Collection of Plain Major Methods).

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LEEDS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

MRS. A. DISERENS .. Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 6
*DENNIS C. BOWEN .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*FRANCES NEWMAN .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE .. 5
†WALTER H. RAXTER .. 2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 6
‡SHEILA KEYTE .. 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 7
§GORDON T. BROWN .. 4	LEONARD MILLS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Major. † 75th peal. ‡ First on eight bells. § First of Major 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ERNEST F. SALMONS .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW Treble	*BENJAMIN B. TYRRELL .. 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	A. ROY WITHYMAN.. .. 6
FRANK TAYLOR 3	JOHN G. AMES.. .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT.. 4	MAURICE BENNETT Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

* First peal and first attempt.

A farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. Canon M. H. R. Synge), on his appointment as Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
*MARTIN FAULKES Treble	MICHAEL VERNON 5
†GEORGE E. VERNON .. 2	JOHN VERNON 6
‡A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
†JAMES A. HILL 4	MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Major. † First touch of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 cwt. in G.

*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER Treble	RICHARD HOBBS 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	*HAROLD STEVENSON .. 7
GRACE BURCHNALL 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* 25th peal together.

Rung as a compliment to Lavina Hulford and Roger Mumford, both ringers at this church, whose marriage took place in this church on May 9th, 1959.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*EILEEN WILSON Treble	†B. JOHN HODGETTS.. .. 5
†PATRICIA M. HARPER .. 2	GEORGE H. PEERS, SEN.. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE.. .. 3	‡NORMAN W. ATTAWAY .. 7
GRAHAM T. BALL 4	§GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN.. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Major and away from the treble. § First in the method. First of Major on the recast bells.

Rung in honour of the christening of Rosemary Ann, first grandchild of the Vicar (Rev. Alfred Jones) and Mrs. Jones.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE THODAY Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
D. KIRBY 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 6
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 3	†DERMOT ROAF 7
*ARTHUR HASLOP 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	MICHAEL J. PALMER 5
ALAN J. FROST 2	WILLIAM T. COOK 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON.. .. 7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN.. .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

C. MICHAEL ORME Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	MICHAEL J. PALMER 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON.. .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
*ERNEST R. NORTON.. .. Treble	CECIL F. MOGFORD 5
MARJORIE LEGG.. .. 2	†SIDNEY G. SMITH 6
THOMAS HARRISON 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7
ROBERT BRICE 4	JACK K. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.'

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
FREDERICK S. SMITH .. Treble	JAMES E. GODMAN 5
*ALEX. R. WOODLEY .. 2	FRANK ABSOLOM 6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
JAMES P. BLOND 4	CLAUDE CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*FRANK STEAD Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
FRANK B. LUKIN 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 50th peal for the Lancashire Association. † 200th peal.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Lindsey Branch.)

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

*JAMES A. SUTHERLAND .. Treble	†RICHARD C. WARBURTON 5
*WILLIAM H. LONGBOTTOM 2	†FRANK KENNINGTON .. 6
*JOHN W. BURTON 3	GEORGE DOBBS.. .. 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 4	ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PASHLEY.

* First peal. † First in the method. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Leonard N. Alley, on being ordained a priest.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

MARION ARCHER Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN .. 2	CYRIL RUSBY 6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	*H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 7
BERTRAM J. LUCK 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* 100th peal.

Arranged for the visit of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman and Mr. B. J. Luck, of Canterbury.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	TOM CULLINGWORTH 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

First peal of Yorkshire Major on the bells.

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At Christ Church, Douglas.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING 5
*JEAN STEWART 2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY 6
GEOFFREY PEARSON 3	TOM CULLINGWORTH 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 3 Hours,
At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN S. MASON Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
*DOREEN D. DUTTON 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	JOHN CRAMPION 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Watch Tower.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT Treble	*RONALD APPLEWHITE 5
CHARLES N. LEA 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 6
ERIC N. HARRISON 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	GEORGE S. DEAS Tenor

Arranged by J. A. AINSWORTH.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Cdr. B. Jobson on his election as Mayor of Morpeth for a third term. During his first mayoralty, in 1951, Cdr. Jobson was largely instrumental in organising the appeal for the restoration of these bells.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY Treble	BASIL JONES 5
BARRIE HENDRY 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	ALAN J. BROWN 7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
FRANCIS A. WHITE Treble	CLAUDE CORDEROY 5
BRIAN WHITE 2	GEORGE W. BISHOP 6
FRANK WHITE 3	ALFRED H. WEBB 7
MICHAEL BISHOP 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

MRS. G. W. HUGHES Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES 5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 6
HOWARD HOWELL 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
*MARGARET L. PRITCHARD 4	GEORGE BRADBURY Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Triples and in the method.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN A. ELSMORE Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW 3	*HARRY GRIFFITHS 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	EDMUND A. MALIN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal in the method.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK Treble	*ROGER J. PALMER 5
*HESCIL B. G. HONEYBALL 2	STANLEY G. HONEYBALL 6
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT 3	ANTHONY R. MANN 7
PETER MAYLE 4	WALTER G. PERRY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

* First peal of Major. First of Major on tower bells as conductor.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Treble	RONALD BIRCH 5
*BRIAN HILL 2	†LESLIE SMITH 6
DENNIS HOLLAND 3	†TOM W. SENIOR 7
WILLIAM HOLLAND 4	BARRY HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Treble Bob.

Birthday compliments to the ringers of treble and seventh.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOAN GRAY Treble	*J. ANTHONY BENNETT 5
*JOHN D. CULLEY 2	*HERBERT T. FERRIS 6
*GEORGE LOCKE 3	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER 7
†ROYSTON BLACKLER 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW (C.C.C. No. 158).

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

HERSFHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON 6
*CATHERINE POWELL (15) 3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Mr. W. Simmonds has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Hereward, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
ROGER KING Treble EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
JOHN S. DEAN 2 GEOFFREY PARTING 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3 PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.
ALBERT SAUNDERS Treble *ALAN R. SYDER 4
PETER L. WOOD 2 WALTER ARNOLD 5
JOHN A. WARNER 3 *TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* 100th peal together.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
M. JOHN MARTIN Treble COLIN F. MCGILL 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 2 RALPH BIRD 5
ANDREW M. MACVE 3 JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court and two extents each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
*RUTH BLACKSHAW Treble BRIAN MILLS 4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG 2 †ALEC LARKIN 5
JOHN MEREDITH 3 FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal.

Rung for evening service, and to welcome Canon R. P. Tinsley as the new Rector of Holme Pierrepont.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 17 240's and eight 120's. Tenor 21 cwt.
FRANCIS C. TAYLOR Treble ALAN G. COOKE 4
LESLIE V. MORRELL 2 W. RONALD TRICKEY 5
DONALD SALTER 3 *GORDON WALFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. RONALD TRICKEY.

* 75th peal.

PETHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
JOHN R. COOPER Treble *NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 2 GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
ANDREW M. MACVE 3 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal in seven methods.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.
*JOHN F. WRIGHT Treble WALTER WESTON 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL 2 WILLIAM R. MARSH 5
EILEEN A. WALPOLE 3 JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor. Birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 5.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.
E. JACK THURLOW Treble EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4
JACK PILGRIM 2 PETER S. BEDFORD 5
C. JACK GIBSON 3 JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
PETER M. ADCOCK Treble WILLIAM CLOVER 4
THOMAS SPIGHT 2 EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
HENRY TOOKE 3 GEOFFREY DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DREW.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. W. Wilton.

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in G.
CHARLES L. PAGE Treble †ROBERT G. GARDNER 4
*JOHN L. MELVILLE 2 ROY W. SPENCER 5
FRED A. GINNS 3 RICHARD A. WEBSTER Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung to commemorate a Confirmation Service held in this church on May 14th.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 79, 75 and 58).

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*IVOR GOULTER Treble *DEREK PRICE 4
*MICHAEL G. SELBY 2 GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 5
*WILLIAM B. POMEROY 3 GERALD C. HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A.
*BRIAN SMITH Treble ERNEST MORRIS 4
†PAUL MARTIN 2 A. JAMES POYNOR 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3 RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Ten callings.) Tenor 7½ cwt.
*JOHN MOLAND Treble *ALEC CANTWELL 4
NORMAN LESLIE 2 DENIS LESLIE 5
MICHAEL EDNEY 3 *C. TOM TIMMS Tenor

Conducted by DENIS LESLIE.

* First peal. First as conductor.

OCKHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.
HAZEL STIRLAND Treble †SALLIE BUCHANAN 3
*ELISABETH LOVELAND 2 †JOHN KING 4
ROY COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by ROY COLLINS.

* First peal in two methods. † First of Doubles.
A 21st birthday compliment to Hazel Stirland.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM WATKIN Treble	HAROLD ROBERTS 4
ELIZABETH ROBERTS 2	ERIC YOUNG 5
ALBERT LAWTON 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal away from the tenor. First of Minor by all except the conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Jones.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

BARRY HOLLAND Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND 4
GEORGE R. HINER 2	*MICHAEL MEADOWS 5
DENIS HOLLAND 3	HARRY MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

* First peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*DAVID W. THRELFALL .. Treble	JOHN E. BROUGH 4
FRANK R. MORTON 2	†JOHN A. ADAMS 5
R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. 3	*WILFRED SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Plain Bob Doubles on the bells.

Rung for the christening of Christopher Francis, son of Mr. W. Kerr, secretary of the Crewe Branch, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

HAROLD DENMAN Treble	KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	DENNIS SMEDLEY 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Dennis Smedley, of Creswell.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Court, two of Kent T.B., two of Oxford T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 2	WALTER BAILEY 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	H. FRANK PIKE Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

JEAN HORTON Treble	E. JANE LANGTON 4
*C. R. CHAD COUSMAKER .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
MARIAN SKINNER 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal 'inside.'

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Chester, Carlisle, Stedman Slow Course, Stepney, Double Court, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARGARET A. BRUCE .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
H. FRANK PIKE 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	MRS. A. WARD 4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	ROGER MAHER 5
JOHN LUNHAM 3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY S. MILLS.

First peal as conductor. Mrs. A. Ward has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
*JAMES LINNELL 2	BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Surprise.

A 21st birthday compliment to Barry Saunders.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JAMES A. LORD Treble	§FRANK CHAMBERS 4
†C. WILLIAM HALL 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY 5
‡RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal with treble bob hunting. † 80th peal. ‡ 50th peal. § First in seven methods.

Rung with the best wishes of the band for the wedding of Maurice Nixon (a local ringer) and Grace Rushton, who were married this day.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

GORDON T. BROWN .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE 4
*JACQUELINE ROBERTS .. 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 5
SHEILA KEYTE 3	COLIN B. LONGMORE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, rung alternately.

Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 4
JOHN M. STALLARD 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5
*BRYN A. SHACKLETON .. 3	ALAN A. HILLIAR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal with the recast fifth bell.

Rung for the 36th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*PETER M. LUMLEY .. Treble	WILFRED LEE 4
JOAN M. DAWSON 2	ROGER J. LUMLEY 5
JOHN RHODES 3	PETER M. DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN RHODES.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Waddington, member of the above company; also birthday compliments to the treble and second ringers.

HALF PEAL

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On May 21st, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Lemare 1, M. Wilkinson 2, C. Reeves 3, R. Stephenson 4, R. Warlord 5, J. Woolford (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, R. Broadley 3, Ann Shiels 4, Dorothy Fletcher 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, Audrey Green 8. For Evensong on Ascension Day.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob), with 7, 6, 8 covering: Marion Butcher 1, C. E. Hayter 2, E. J. Phillips 3, J. H. Phillips 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, S. Cadle 6, S. D. Butcher 7, A. H. White 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Archibald Blakeley, chorister and bellringer, interred at Bengoe this day.

BOW, ES.—On May 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, D. E. Sibson 3, A. Gargrave 4, J. Fowler 5, M. Bland 6, F. V. Gant 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For Matins on Trinity Sunday.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper 1, J. Murphy 2, E. J. Whiting 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, J. W. Allen 5. For St. George's Day.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. Penfold 1, T. Padbury 2, W. Slaughter 3, G. Charlton 4, H. Parsons 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 2 and 4. For Matins.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On May 16th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): Miss C. Fernley 1, Miss E. M. Fearn 2, W. H. Dowse (cond.) 3, J. R. Kennet 4, J. Robinson 5, F. Osbaldiston 6. Rung for the admittance of Mr. J. S. Wherret and Mr. W. E. Colston as churchwardens, which service took place at Bakewell Parish Church this day.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kefford (first of Triples) 1, H. S. Hobden 2, R. W. Pankhurst 3, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 4, L. J. Baldock 5, W. J. Hayes 6, J. W. Curryer (first of Triples 'inside') 7, J. White (first quarter, first attempt) 8. Rung as part of the 100th anniversary celebrations.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Millham 1, G. Green 2, M. Edwards 3, P. Felton 4, D. A. Symond 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8. First quarter for treble, and 87th birthday compliment to G. Green.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Palmer (first of Triples) 1, H. Colcombe 2, J. King 3, Gwen May (first of Triples) 4, C. N. Chinnery (first of Triples 'inside') 5, J. Maybrey 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, D. George 8. For Evensong.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gooding 1, H. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, D. Murfet 4, G. Lucas 5, H. Foster (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung following the ordination by the Bishop of Ely of Mr. P. H. West, future curate of the parish. First ordination held in this 800 years' old church.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 26th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, R. Mills 2, J. Meredith 3, D. Armstrong and M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For evening service. Also on April 30th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, J. Meredith 2, D. Armstrong 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. Armstrong and F. Bradley. Rung for the induction of Canon R. P. Tinsley as Rector of Holme Pierrepont.

LONDON.—On May 24th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Harvey 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, H. Andrews 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, V. Green 5, L. Bullock 6, W. Wilson 7, M. Williamson 8. For Empire Day. Also at Southwark Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss H. Oakshett 1, B. Collison 2, R. Hinde 3, J. Cook 4, V. Green 5, W. Wilson 6, E. Talbot 7, P. Wright 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, M. Oakshett 10. For Evensong, also a welcome to B. Collison, Tunbridge Wells.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Maisie Vantom (cond.) 2, M. Winter 3, H. Humphrey 4, S. Boulden 5, A. J. Hicks 6, R. Swift 7, A. L. Terry 8. For the annual service of the Guides of the Romney Marsh branch. Also on May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Batchelor (first quarter) 1, Maisie Vantom 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, S. Boulden 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, R. Swift 6. For Mayoring Day.

MORTON, Lincs.—On May 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. E. Scott 1, Miss Eileen Walpole (first of Surprise) 2, C. Wade 3, L. C. Blanchard 4, F. Brighman 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. J. Cook and Miss M. Fowler, which took place prior to the ringing.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Eady 1, K. Walden 2, B. Care (cond.) 3, J. Inns (first quarter) 4, T. Deacon 5, C. Care (first quarter) 6. For Commonwealth Day.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, Mary Powell 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, J. Brain 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. Brimble, who passed peacefully away on May 18th, aged 92.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Phillips 1, F. Slatford 2, A. Knight 3, E. Hitchins 4, P. Harding 5, D. Knight 6, L. Hitchins 7, J. Case 8. For the festival of Ascension.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Priestley 1, D. Wright 2, Miss H. Pugh 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin (first in method as cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—On May 3rd, at New College, 1,265 Stedman Caters: J. H. R. Freeborn 1, Jean M. Addicott 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, D. R. Stoddard 4, R. A. Jackson 5, D. N. Niblett (cond.) 6, J. G. Pusey 7, D. T. Darby 8, R. J. Elliott 9, R. N. Pittman 10. Also on May 10th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Salter 1, N. I. Allnatt 2, J. H. Pailing 3, D. T. Darby 4, F. A. Barrett 5, S. J. Ivins 6, R. J. Elliott (first of Minor as cond.) 7. For evening service.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Tallis (jun.) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Judith M. Gwilt (first of Minor) 3, C. J. Goy (first quarter) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith M. Gwilt 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, P. S. Bennett 3, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, J. K. Foote (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Garvie 1, C. Sangwin 2, F. E. Day 3, W. G. Lavers 4, C. E. Taylor 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, O. J. Gittins 8. For the wedding of Miss Barbara Grace Lister, of Penlee Gardens, Stoke, Plymouth, to Major Anthony Brian Lowsley Peake, R.A.M.C., of Parsonage House, Hampstead Norris, Berks.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cooke 2, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 3, G. Hutchings 4, F. Taylor 5, E. Brice (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Walker 1, Linda M. Southerden 2, Felicity M. A. Rooke 3, M. Winter 4, Maisie Vantom 5, J. Small 6, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 7, S. Skinner 8. For Mayoring Day.

ST. PETER-IN-TANET, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6-8 covering): Mary Elsdon 1, Sonia Davies 2, Mary Taylor 3, Pauline Fennel 4, Mrs. N. Bridges (first as cond.) 5, Christine Cobbold 6, M. Holness 7, W. Bridges 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. First 'inside' by 3 and 7. For Confirmation service.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London and Cambridge): A. Saunders 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, S. Twitchett 3, T. Bird 4, A. R. Syder 5, T. Earle (cond.) 6. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob: Miss J. Scales 1, R. Harrison 2, A. Saunders 3, T. L. Stock 4, A. R. Syder 5, T. Earle (cond.) 6. For Whitsun Evensong and a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for service with the R.A.F. in Germany.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Willson 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 3, Patricia M. Harper 4, H. J. Dakin 5, H. Harper 6, E. Elton 7, G. H. Peers 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4. For Ascension Day service.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Smith 1, E. Griffiths 2, A. Greenough 3, R. Blond 4, N. Berry 5, E. Garrard 6, J. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Tame 8. Rung after Evensong as a token of appreciation to the Rector (the Rev. R. E. Mason), who is leaving Wallingford to take up a chaplaincy in Colchester.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rumens (cond.) 1, A. J. N. Bovack 3, R. Lumsden 4, F. W. Sykes 5, P. D. Chapman 6, D. Hewitt 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewers 1, Miss M. Rand 2, L. J. Gregory (first as cond.) 3, L. R. Gregory (first quarter) 4, H. G. Rand 5, W. Ayris 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HADLEIGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peter Laffin enquires about Miles Graye bells. The grand old ring at Hadleigh (Suffolk) owes much to this local founder, who cast the treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

In these days, when so many old bells are being subjected to retuning by modern methods, it is a treat to hear these 'old-fashioned' rings now and again. It is rather wonderful, I feel, that such rings, which have been built up over the years and added to by various founders, should be (to all except a very few highly-specialised ears) so well in tune, even though they lack—and is this a disadvantage?—the carefully-contrived hum of harmonies and over-tones which is a feature of modern tuning.

To get back to Hadleigh: these bells suffer by their position (Hadleigh-in-the-hole), but because of their Miles Graye trebles they are probably better, as a complete ring, than Lavenham's. I personally have my own opinion as to the merits of these two tenors, but I'm not starting any arguments!

There must be scores of other Miles Graye bells about in these parts: I believe the first removed from All Saints', Colchester, to Little Horkeley, Essex, are all by him.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN C. HYNARD.

Bures, Suffolk.

FIRST WOMAN PEAL RINGER

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on page 323 of your issue dated May 15th: for the purposes of official records I would like to point out that Miss A. White was the first woman to ring a peal on tower bells, Mrs. G. Williams being the first woman to ring a peal, this being on handbells.

Also, some few weeks ago a letter was sent by my old friend 'H. H. Atto.' Again for the purposes of official records, this good old 8-bell Caversham ringer's name is H. Hatto.—Yours sincerely,

W. HIBBERT.

Basingstoke, Hants.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION PEAL

Dear Sir,—On page 310 of 'The Ringing World' I noticed that a report is given of a peal by the Universities Association at the Church of St. Mary, Wisbech, Cambs. Wisbech is at least three miles from this church and has no 6-bell tower. The Church of St. Mary is at *Wisbech St. Mary*, a village of about one thousand population. I think that this report should be corrected before being recorded, and any later ringing at this tower should be also recorded as at Wisbech St. Mary.—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM J. MANN.

Elm, Wisbech.

P.S.—I think the tenor at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, weighs 27 cwt, 13 lb, and not 27 cwt, 113 lb, as stated.—G. J. M.

REASON FOR INTERNATIONAL RINGING ASSOCIATION

Mr. Felstead will be pleased to hear that the members of the Channel Islands expedition were well aware of the fact that the Islands form part of the Diocese of Winchester, and thus enjoy the protection of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

It is reported, however, that by the time the adventurers had all purchased their full quota of duty-free wines, spirits and tobacco, their financial circumstances were such as to prohibit the payment of two peal booking fees.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

BROOKLAND—A MINOR FIVE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peter Bond's letter re unusual 5-bell towers ('R.W.' May 15th) gives us interesting information, but I fear his reference to Brookland is incorrect (unless the bells have been retuned since he or myself were last there).

When I visited the tower last September and tested the bells with a tuning fork I found that it was not the tenor that was a semitone sharp, but the third was a semitone flat. Thus it can be seen that the bells are tuned to a minor key; the notes are approximately D, C, B flat, A and G. I must admit that none of the bells are completely in tune with each other, and hence possibly Mr. Bond's misconception that the tenor is a semitone sharp, which is quite understandable. I can hastily assure him that the only bell as much as a semitone out of tune is the third.

The tenor at Brookland is locally reputed to be 19 cwt. Its size would indicate it to weigh no more than about 11 cwt., although Dove puts it at 12½ cwt. However, it took the wind out of two of us to pull it up with the clapper on the right side, and setting it was a fine art (no pun intended!).

The only other tower that I can think of off hand in Kent which has five bells tuned in a minor key is that of Minster-in-Thanes (tenor 17 cwt.). St. Michael's, Maidstone, has a minor ring of six (middle six of a ring of eight), whilst Thannington (near Canterbury) has a semi-minor ring (notes G, F, E flat, D flat and C)—an old ring of three, augmented to five by the addition of two trebles, where two tenors were required—a real mix-up!—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Kennington, Ashford.

ANNUAL REPORTS AND THE SURVEY

Dear Sir,—One or two Associations have passed on to me a copy of their 1958 annual report in which they devote several pages to the Survey of Sunday service bands and ringing in their areas.

I shall be pleased to receive copies of other Association reports which devote considerable space to this work. Will secretaries who respond to this request please forward a copy of their annual report to me, and I will either return the report or remit the cost in due course.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,

Convener,

Sunday Service Ringing Committee.

17, Herringthorpe Grove.

Broom, Rotherham.

J. R. PRITCHARD'S 5,056 BOR MAJOR

Dear Sir,—It is pleasing to see the above peal still a popular composition since its publication in 1887, but I wonder how many present day conductors know of Mr. Pritchard's 5,056 which came out the following year and provides a wider scope both for calling and musical variety? In these days, when there is a desire to have the tenors parted for some of the peal, perhaps Mr. Pritchard's 1888 composition might appeal to some conductors who wish to try their luck in calling:—W In 3 H. W 2 H. W 3 H. W In 3 H. Three times repeated. S for B halfway and end.

They will find Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons and most of the 4-6-8 and 5-6-8 music.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

REDEDICATION

St. Mary's, Sellindge

The six bells of Sellindge, near Ashford, Kent (clearly seen from the A20 trunk road to the coast), were removed in February and were taken to the Whitechapel Foundry. There they were retuned, the fittings repaired and all put in good order. Meanwhile the bell frame, a rather unsatisfactory wooden structure, which had been strengthened with angle irons some time ago, was thoroughly tightened up. On their return the bells were rehung on ball-bearings and fitted with improved pulleys to give a straight rope fall.

On May 9th a large congregation of village people and some ringers came together for the rededication service, conducted by the Vicar. The Archdeacon of Maidstone performed the ceremony of rededication and gave an address.

After the service the bells were rung to rounds and changes, and it was agreed that there was a vast improvement in the sound and 'go' of this little ring (tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.).

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Parks, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were present and able to test their handiwork and to receive the congratulations.

Unfortunately, lack of funds prevented any work being done upon anchoring the frame to the tower or the provision of a rope guide, but perhaps these can be tackled in the not-too-distant future. P. S.

Wallingford Bells Restored

The bells of Wallingford, Berks, are once again in good going order and are now one of the best eighties in Berkshire and Oxfordshire. The frame (some of the timbers of Spanish chestnut are believed to be from the ancient castle) has been strengthened and tied, and all the bells rehung on ball-bearings, stainless crown staples and new fittings, and the circle greatly improved. The work has been carried out by Messrs. White, of Appleton.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. K. G. Spavins would like to know the name of the party visiting Woburn on June 13th from 6.30 to 7 p.m. He has unfortunately lost their letter.

The St. John's, Hillingdon, band rang a quarter peal of Grandire Caters at St. Clement Danes' on April 24th. They are probably the first local band to ring a quarter on the bells.

Five of the clappers of the bells of St. Michael and All Angels', Edenham, Lincs, have been rebushed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The removal, replacement and transport to and from Loughborough was undertaken by the tower captain, Mr. W. A. Holmes.

The Ringing Master at the Tewkesbury Branch meeting at Twynning was upset to find that a party of six had dashed off to ring a quarter at another tower. 'Never mind,' comments our correspondent, 'youth must have its ring.'

An unexpected visitor to Cape Town was Mr. Gerry Cartwright, of Croydon, who has been on transfer to Johannesburg for three months. Passing through Durban, he was given a ring at St. Paul's and taken to see the ten at St. Mary's, Greyville, by Mr. Cyril Chambers. A few days later at Cape Town he came along to a practice, at which a quarter peal was rung.

An unpleasant experience had the band who rang the first quarter peal on Bishop Latimer's Church bells since recasting. Coming down from the ringing chamber they found the door at the foot of the stairs locked from the outside. After 30 minutes, assistance was finally summoned by the chiming of a bell. The experience was somewhat peculiar and noisy because the stairway runs at the back of the organ.

MR. FRANK M. BRESSEY

With sorrow, the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers report the recent loss of one of its founder members in Mr. Frank M. Bressey, aged 79 years, who passed away on April 27th.

Mr. Bressey had proved himself to be a great friend to the Society. He emigrated from England in the early part of the century to the prairie provinces, and in 1908 moved further west to Vancouver. He had for some years prior to this rung at the parish church at Wanstead, Essex.

On arriving at Vancouver he very soon heard of the new ring of bells at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, and joined the band of 'The Old Country' ringers that were forming themselves around the late Mr. A. C. Limpus, who had persuaded the Church authorities to have an 'English' style ring of bells hung.

In 1911, on July 1st, Dominion Day, the first peal ever to be rung in Canada was accomplished, and at the personal authorisation of the late King George V this was designated a Coronation peal; a peal board in the ringing chamber bears testimony to this fact. The peal was Holt's Original of Grandsire.

The Society was proud to have as one of its members Mr. Bressey, who was the last surviving member of the first peal band, and that it was able to give him the great pleasure of ringing again for a short while although he had not been ringing for over ten years, the bells having hung silently for a considerable time.

At Mr. Bressey's suggestion, the Society last year had a plaque made and hung in the tower to commemorate the work of A. C. Limpus; and it is proposed to erect a tablet to the memory of Mr. Bressey later this year near this plaque.

OBITUARY**MR. ALFRED PEARCE**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Alfred Pearce, at Bristol, at the age of 89, on May 8th. He had been ringing regularly until about three years ago.

Alf started to ring at St. James', Bristol, at the age of 16, under the late Henry Porch, at that time a well-known conductor. His work took him from Bristol in his early twenties, and for some years he rang in different parts of the country, notably in London and Salisbury. He returned to Bristol, however, before the First World War, and for the past 45 years was a regular member of the band at St. James'.

A good striker, Alf was a safe and prolific peal ringer, especially on ten and 12; and though no record of the number of his peals exists they must be reckoned in hundreds, and he seldom missed Sunday ringing. Alf had a quiet and cheerful disposition with a fine sense of humour and was splendid company on any outing or social function. He leaves a son (the present tower captain at St. James') and two daughters.

The funeral service took place at St. James', where many of the local ringers were present, including Mr. Frank Skidmore, the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and officers of the Bristol City Branch, and the bells were rung open at the request of his family.

Interment followed at Canford Cemetery, where a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the graveside by Mr. F. G. Leaker, Mrs. Joan Gray, the Rev. Roy Bryant, Mr. E. J. Brown and Mr. A. M. Tyler, providing a fitting end to a fine ringing career.

A. B.

**FRANK A. BARRETT
AN APPRECIATION**

The death of 'young Frank,' as he was called, in a road accident on May 15th, shortly after his 18th birthday, came as a great shock to those who knew him. A native of Oxford and the son of a ringer, he became a proficient ringer himself at a very early age, ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques at the age of 14 and London Surprise Major when he was 15. He did not belie his early promise, and soon became one of those of whom it may be said that they can ring anything. He would undoubtedly have made a lasting name for himself had he lived, and it is true to say that ringing circles in Oxford have lost one who was certain in due course to become their leader.

His appearance of shy diffidence concealed from many a real strength of character, and it comes as a further tragedy that he should be taken from us just as he was on the threshold of the best years of his life. He was a quiet boy, never ruffled and always reliable; socially the best of companions. It is impossible to say in a brief notice exactly how much we shall all miss him personally, and our sympathy goes out to his mother and younger brother in their sad bereavement.

The funeral took place at St. Aldate's, the church he attended as a chorister and ringer. We shall not forget the way no blandishments could persuade him to neglect his duty to St. Aldate's as a Sunday service ringer, and it is strangely moving that the recently-restored bells were first heard at his funeral.

A muffled peal at Kidlington was lost after two hours' good ringing, but one was subsequently rung at Dorchester to his memory.

S. J.

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What should have been Alan Carveth's last peal as a bachelor when he was ringing the tenor to Bob Royal on Whit Saturday at Truro Cathedral came to an unfortunate end, after more than two-and-a-half hours' good ringing, through the bearings of the eighth running dry. It was nice to think, too, that at Evensong preceding the attempt we were asked to think, according to the Diocesan Prayer Cycle of the parish of Crantock and the incumbent, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, who is secretary of the Diocesan Guild.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight informs us that Mr. Alan Wrigby rang his first peal at Bathampton in 1948 and not with Mr. C. J. Gould at Chatham.

We are asked to state that the late Mr. Henry Dew trained the first band at St. Matthew's, Buckley, and not Borthwick as appeared on page 350.

Mr. Arthur Dixon, the tower captain at Heckington, Lincolnshire, has recently completed 50 years as a service ringer at St. Andrew's Church. His enthusiastic band hope he will be able to equal the 60 years achieved by his former colleague, Mr. John H. Clark.

The tune, 'God Bless the Prince of Wales,' which was withdrawn from the Hove Town Hall carillon upon the accession of King Edward VIII, has been reinstated. The carillon operates on two drums and plays one tune at 9 a.m. and another at 1 p.m. each day.

Mr. Ranald Clouston, whose engagement is announced this week, has just returned from Greece and Turkey, visiting Ephesus, Troy, Santa Sophia (Istanbul) and Athens. At Venice he saw the five bells in St. Mark's (tenor c. 1480), but the other bells are modern; they are rung electrically.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Brian Hill (14), who had his first lesson 14 months ago, and is the grandson of Mr. A. P. Knights, of Sheffield, rang his first peal—Kent Treble Bob Major—on May 23rd at Ecclesfield. The composition was the same as Mr. A. P. Knights' father conducted for his first peal 39 years ago. A social evening followed. There were congratulations to Brian and also birthday greetings to Mr. T. W. Senior and Mr. A. P. Knights. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. F. Udall, of Chelsea.

After a period of two years of 'chiming only,' a young band is being trained for service ringing at Whitchurch, Salop.

Included in the ringing for Mayoring Day at Rye were rounds by an 'all-ladies' band from Rye Grammar School.

Overheard in the hotel lounge at Southport after the Central Council meeting: 'If the bell-ringers can ring as well as they can talk they must be good.'

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast on Sunday, June 14th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service, from Margate Parish Church. The service will be conducted by the Curate (Rev. Howard Whyntie) and the preacher will be the Vicar (Canon S. A. Odom).

In connection with the peal at Grimsby, two 21st birthdays of members of the local band were honoured—Mr. D. J. Kennington's and Mrs. F. Kennington's. The company were pleased to note that Mr. George Dobbs had come out of retirement.

The Rev. Alan Butler, S.S.M., after two years in Bloemfontein, is returning to England. He joined Cape Town ringers for a practice on May 19th. Alan's ability to ring Kent after such a long time out of the belfry was unimpaired.

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‘RINGING WORLD’ NEEDS MORE REVENUE

PEAL LEVY NARROWLY DEFEATED — GUILDS AND ASSOCIATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CIRCULATION DRIVE — PER CAPITA LEVY ON ALL RINGERS HEAVILY DEFEATED

(Continued from page 352)

The report of ‘The Ringing World’ Committee, presented by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, stated:—

Your Committee are pleased to be able once more to report that your publication has again been able to pay its way, but *only* through the generosity of a small proportion of the large number of ringers.

The report of the Committee for 1956 drew the attention of the Council to the fact that the circulation for 1955 was 5,400, and although a resolution was adopted pledging further efforts to obtain more subscribers, the figure shows little improvement.

As compared with 1939, the cost of a morning newspaper has increased from one penny to 2½d. (150%), and circulation has not declined but improved. ‘The Ringing World’ now costs sixpence against threepence (100%), but 600 readers ceased taking the paper after the last change of price from 4d. to 6d., and whilst circulation has not fallen further, these readers have not resumed nor have they been replaced.

Your Committee has never relaxed its efforts to attract new subscribers, subject always to the available income.

Costs are kept to an absolute minimum, and it is doubtful if any other weekly publication is produced at less than ‘The Ringing World.’ Few, if any, quarter peals are submitted without a voluntary donation, but it is significant that peal ringers still lag a long way behind.

Some years ago each Association was invited to appoint one or more persons who would undertake the gathering and submission of news of local interest and further the sales of the paper. No reporters are employed and the Editor depends on every ringer for his copy. Several Association representatives are still doing excellent work in keeping ‘The Ringing World’ before members, but there are some areas of the country from which little or no news is ever received.

The Editor can make and has made available copies of the paper on sale or return for special Association occasions, and your Committee draw your attention to this facility.

It is only by the diligent and enthusiastic work of all ringers that the circulation and size of ‘The Ringing World’ can be increased, and we urgently appeal for the generous support and co-operation of all members of the Council and ask that they continue to keep before their Association the advantages of subscribing to the paper.

Your Committee again thank the Editor (Mr. T. W. White) and his staff for their work throughout the year, Mr. J. L. Jeater for looking after the accounts, Mr. Roper for compiling the index, Mr. C. K. Lewis for vetting and guidance in the matter of compositions, Mr. E. A. Barnett for close attention and help over many queries, and all who have in any way contributed to ‘The Ringing World’ either by literary or monetary contributions.

HIGHER PRODUCTION COSTS

Presenting the report, Mr. F. W. Smallwood said he regretted to tell them that there was trouble in the offing. The printers were seeking a shorter week and a substantial increase in wages. If what they were applying for was granted, they could look forward to an increase in the production costs of the paper of 25 per

cent. They did not know how they were going to meet the situation. If they had a circulation in the region of 10,000, which ‘The Ringing World’ ought to have, they would be quite happy.

Members of the Council would recall that they passed a resolution pledging support of the Committee. If they were satisfied that saturation point had been reached and it was hopeless to expect any increase above 5,400, one thing was inevitable—the cost of the paper would go up. He urged the Council to get down to business and get more people interested in the paper and secure more readers. One way was for every Association to encourage what they had advocated for some years, to appoint representatives to act as liaison officers with ‘The Ringing World,’ create interest in sales and send news to the paper.

Reference had been made to the enterprise and benefits of taking the paper as postal subscribers. It was from postal subscribers that they made more profit. They would have noticed that the number of postal subscribers went down last year and he hoped that figure would be substantially altered by this time next year. He moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher seconded.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he wondered if the Council really knew how ‘The Ringing World’ was produced. He remembered how the late Mr. Goldsmith talked to a friend and told him he was thinking about providing a paper for ringers. His friend told him that if he started a ringer paper he was bound to lose money. ‘The Bell News’ was supported by certain rich people. His friend told Mr. Goldsmith: ‘If you start the paper it must be purely and simply as a hobby. It was run as a hobby, and ‘The Ringing World’ was still being run as a hobby. Take the Committee—they did their work for nothing. Mr. Jeater, who sent out the receipts, did it practically for nothing, and Mr. White would not do the work he did if he was not doing it for a hobby. If people paid for ‘The Ringing World’ what it really cost its circulation would go down. The only thing they could hope for was that Mr. White would have good health for many years to come and the Committee continue to do their work for nothing, because if they attempted to put ‘The Ringing World’ on a business footing they would have trouble. It was only by getting people to work for nothing that it would go on.

PEALS AT 2s. A ROPE

Mr. C. W. Pipe said in his opinion the financial position could be easily put right. Guilds and Associations had had financial difficulties, and these had been partially met by levies. He thought they had all enjoyed too much for practically nothing. He advocated that they pay a recording fee of 6d. per rope in each peal submitted—not 6d. per head, as they had people ringing two bells these days. Many of them paid 6d. per rope to the Association, and that should be continued. Then they should also pay 1s. per rope to the Church. In others in each peal pay 2s.: sixpence per rope to the Association, another 6d. to ‘The Ringing World’ and one shilling to the local church.

Mr. A. D. Barker thought ‘The Ringing World’ Committee were making a rod for their own backs by selling the second copy at less than the advertised price.

Mr. F. E. Haynes considered it was unnecessary for multi-method peals of Doubles to occupy such a large space.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said they would be very happy if peal ringers would follow Mr. Pipe’s suggestion and would follow the example of quarter peal ringers, who made a very substantial contribution. Some years ago it was suggested a definite levy on the publication of peals, which comprised a fair proportion of each issue. It was then stated it was never known for a newspaper to pay for news. If peals were news quarter peals were equally news. They would very much welcome contributions from the ringers of peals rather than having to consider seriously making a charge for the publication of peals.

With reference to Mr. Haynes’ suggestion about dealing with peals of Doubles that took half a column to accommodate them, Mr. Anderson said the Committee would like some guidance from the Council as to whether they should insert a peal of Doubles in so many methods and leave it at that. If it conflicted with the Analysis Committee the conductor could send them full details.

Mr. John Freeman strongly opposed the suggestion of not printing the details. He was not interested in Spliced Doubles or Minor but he would certainly disparage any suggestion that Spliced Major should be so treated. He wanted to know the methods rung.

Mr. H. Miles said in 1953 or 1954 he proposed that with all peals there should be a definite publication fee. He said if ringers were prepared to pay for the publication of their peals in their local reports they should be prepared to pay for insertion in ‘The Ringing World,’ which had a very much wider circulation. He strongly supported Mr. Pipe’s suggestion.

Mr. Miles asked ‘The Ringing World’ Committee how the paper could interest ringers in the Truro Diocese where 95 per cent. of the ringers did not ring changes.

MORE GENERAL NEWS WANTED

Mr. Philip Gray emphasised the importance of circulation. The fact was that there were not 10,000 people interested in peals and quarter peals. Unless they had more news to interest non-peal ringers they would not increase circulation.

Mr. G. S. Joyce asked if a charge was made for peal reports how far would it go towards meeting the additional costs.

Mr. Peter Border thought the sum would be about £400.

Mr. Norman Chaddock thought one of the difficulties about postal subscribers was that people had to buy postal orders. Would it be possible for one person to collect 20 or 30 subscriptions each year and send them in?

Dr. D. Layton maintained that peals were news and that multi-method peals were also news.

Mr. D. Burnett said ‘The Ringing World’ always published the articles he submitted about the Truro Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Harry Sanger thought the answer was for the Council to vote sufficient funds to expand ‘The Ringing World’ so that it could publish all the news.

Mr. J. H. Crampin criticised a whole page being used to duplicate what appeared in the peal columns.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said the danger of putting a levy on peals would be that some would disappear and their records would be destroyed. In regard to Doubles peals, some years ago the Council made a very great drive to encourage

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Doubles and Minor ringers to ring more methods. Now they were condemning them for doing it. The logical result would be knocking out the names of methods; the next would be the omission of the names of the ringers, and after that one line in 'The Ringing World' would be sufficient for recording the peal. If any levy was made it should be made per capita on the Associations.

COPIES PASSED ROUND

Mr. Bernard Ashford commented that they would only deceive themselves if they thought the ringers were prepared to pay for something. 'The Ringing World' got into far more hands than the 5,500 who subscribed. In the north of Worcestershire they had an instruction tower and the practices were on a Friday. After the practice it was quite a common thing to see someone bring out a 'Ringing World,' and that particular paper would be read by about half-a-dozen people.

Mr. A. P. Cannon: As one who rings a few peals I am against a peal levy; I regard it as a tax on progress. If they wanted more money they should make the cost of the paper 1s. or 1s. 6d. I can't understand why nobody has suggested that.

Mr. A. J. Martin replied to Mr. Cannon that the only concrete suggestion was a levy on peals.

Mr. Joyce: What is the use of the paper if it is full up with peals? Peals will not increase circulation.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow said it seemed to him that the Council was not being positive enough. 'The Ringing World' was the responsibility of the Council and not the Committee. There was an implication that 'The Ringing World' Committee was not doing enough. They had got to take action and solve the problem, and it was the Associations that had to move and get things going. He proposed that the Council approach the Guilds and Associations, pointing out that 'The Ringing World' was of considerable concern to the Council, and asked them to take steps in every District to promote the sales of 'The Ringing World,' and to submit other suggestions to help the finances.

Mr. Pipe asked if a levy could be considered by the Associations.

Mr. Pitstow said it could come up.

Mr. P. A. Corby seconded Mr. Pitstow's amendment.

The Rev. John Scott felt many Associations would support a 6d. peal levy.

Mr. Pipe then moved and the Rev. John Scott seconded a further amendment approving of a 6d.-a-rope levy.

LEVY ON GUILDS SUGGESTED

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead moved and Mr. A. D. Barker seconded another amendment that a levy of 6d. a head be imposed on the Guilds and Associations. With 40,000 ringers in the country, said Mr. Felstead, that would produce £1,000.

This was strongly criticised. 'It would be a big mistake,' declared Mr. R. G. Blackman.

Mr. F. E. Dukes said in Ireland ringers were not interested in 'The Ringing World' although a few took the journal. If they put a levy on peals they would not send them to 'The Ringing World' but to the Peals Analysis Committee. If the Council imposed a levy of 6d.

a member, some Associations would withdraw from the Council.

Mr. W. Ayre: On behalf of the Peals Analysis Committee I would say we only deal with peals published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. G. W. Fletcher: I think some small Associations have difficulties in making ends meet. If you impose a 6d. levy they will turn round and say: 'Why, your "Ringing World" balance sheet shows net assets £4,522.'

The amendments were then put.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's of 6d. per capita levy had only 11 supporters and was heavily defeated.

Mr. C. W. Pipe's of a 6d. per rope levy for peals published was defeated by 68 votes to 51.

Mr. Pitstow's amendment, asking the Guilds and Associations to take action to promote sales, was carried without dissent. The report was then adopted.

FINANCES OF COUNCIL AND 'RINGING WORLD'**THE ACCOUNTS****THE CENTRAL COUNCIL**

The Central Council's Balance Sheet.—Sundry creditors £75 16s. 8d. (in 1957 £121), Payments in advance £1,040 0s. 6d. (£877), Clement Glenn Fund £784 12s. 2d. (£763), Provision for Income Tax £40 3s. 3d. (£18), Capital Accounts—'The Ringing World' £4,522 4s. 7d., General Fund £568 15s. 5d.; total £5,091 (£4,648). Total £7,031 12s. 7d. (£6,427).

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Publications Account.—Stock January 1st, 1958. £331 2s. 2d. (£278 10s.). Purchases 'Change Ringing on Handbells' £63 7s., 1,000 Switch Warning cards £3 15s., postages £9 15s. 10d., stationery and sundries £1 9s. 7d., trade discounts £2 5s. 7d., advertisement 'The Ringing World' £20, Balance to General Fund £13 5s. Total £445 0s. 2d.

Sale of publications £93 17s. 1d. (£123), sundry sales 7s. (£1), stock at December 31st, 1958. £350 15s. 3d. (£331). Total £445 0s. 2d.

General Fund Income and Expenditure Account.—To expenses, Biographies Committee £4 18s. 5d., Sunday Service Committee £18 17s. 8d., hon. secretary £10, stationery and printing £15 3s. 2d., postage £10 7s. 5d. telephone £2 5s. 1d., office and library equipment written off £6, insurances £1 16s., move of library £3 10s., wreath £2 2s., Mrs. J. G. Steeples £5 5s., typing £2 2s., cheque book 8s. 4d., sundry expenses £1 0s. 7d., excess of income over expenditure £5 19s. 4d. Total £89 15s.

By affiliation fees £76 10s., balance Publications Account £13 5s. Total £89 15s.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Balance Sheet.—Sundry creditors £73 19s. 7d. (£120), received in advance postal subscribers and notices £1,040 0s. 6d. (£876), provision for Income Tax £40 3s. 3d. (£1), Capital Ac-

PEAL BOARDS

Mr. J. W. Clarke (convener) said last year he reported that no record of an ancient peal board had been received for two years. The previous evening he received the record and photographs of two boards. They were February 28th, 1729 (Kettering), and March 10th, 1736 (Sibsey, Lines).

The Standing Committee recommended that the terms of reference of the activities of the Committee be increased to 1881, which marked the beginning of 'Bell News.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said in the 1870 publication of 'Church Bells' there appeared week by week copies of peal boards. Did the Committee know of these?

Mr. Clarke replied in the negative. He appealed for the co-operation of all ringers in regard to the extension of time.

The report was adopted, with the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

count £4,522 4s. 7d. (£4,086). Total £5,676 7s. 11d. (£5,083).

Goodwill, blocks, etc., £200 (£200), debtors £579 17s. 2d. (£822), investments at cost £3,600 (£2,600), cash £1,260 17s. 3d. (£1,412), amount due from Central Council £35 13s. 6d. (£49). Total £5,676 7s. 11d.

Profit and Loss Account.—To Woodbridge Press, Ltd., printing and blocks £4,018 13s. 6d. (£3,379), editorial office expenses £603 4s. 11d. (£595), postal subscribers £1,090 16s. 2d. (£1,089), Accounts Department £201 18s. 10d. (£212), miscellaneous expenses £23 1s. 9d. (£15), audit and accountancy fees £36 15s. (£37), Income Tax £46 2s. 3d. (£31), profit for year carried to balance sheet £436 19s. 10d. (£492). Total £6,457 12s. 3d. (£6,450).

By Rolls Publishing Co. £2,295 11s. 4d. (£2,258), postal subscribers £2,762 10s. 6d. (£2,846), donations £275 10s. 6d. (£281), advertisements £434 18s. 9d. (£417), notices £537 12s. 5d. (£556), sundry receipts £44 19s. 2d. (£27), interest received £106 9s. 7d. (£65). Total £6,457 12s. 3d. (£6,450).

The hon. secretary stated that 'The Ringing World' Account had been audited, but he regretted that owing to the illness of Mr. A. A. Hughes, the audit of the General Account had not been completed and that was subject to audit.

The accounts of 'The Ringing World' were very much the same as last year. Expenses had gone up by £700 largely due to the extra number of 20-page issues. On the income side there had been a slight drop from postal subscribers—a regrettable trend which he hoped would be reversed next year. Their policy of investing funds in Defence Bonds had provided a profit of £106.

His only comment on the balance sheet of 'The Ringing World' was that they did make a further investment of £1,000 in five per cent. Defence Bonds. Their profit was a matter of £436, which took into account £275 received in donations and £60 interest. It meant that only about £100 was surplus on the year's working. He moved the adoption of the accounts subject to audit of the General Fund.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood seconded.—Agreed.

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GOOD AND BAD PUBLICITY OF RINGING

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd (convener) and Mr. F. E. Dukes, stated:—

The year 1958 showed no lack of news items and reports concerning bell-ringing, and two notable events attracted the attention of newspapers to a more than ordinary degree.

The greatest publicity given to ringing in England was associated with the two attempts to ring the extent of Bob Major at Loughborough. An examination of press cuttings relating to the first of these attempts forces us to the conclusion that much of the notoriety attaching to the occasion was undesirable. The more responsible papers, and these included the Loughborough press, were guarded in their reports of this somewhat extraordinary affair, but the less delicate organs of the news world treated the matter with facetiousness and a certain vulgarity. The lesson of this was not lost on the ringers, and the second attempt and its unfortunate failure were treated with fitting restraint in all papers.

IRELAND'S GOOD TREATMENT

This year the Irish papers were greatly influenced by the Central Council meeting in Dublin and the carillon festival at Cobh, Co. Cork, both events occurring in the same week. The general secretary of the Irish Association, at the request of the Bord Fáilte Éireann, produced a beautifully-illustrated article on Irish Church Bells, and on May 4th the 'Irish Independent' in a half-page article, covered the arrival of the Council members. Reporters were clearly intrigued by the presence of the lady ringers, and one of the most delightful snapshots of the year showed Miss Greaves, Miss Yeo, Mrs. Olive Barnett, Miss Beamish and Mrs. Rogers as a very cheerful quintet.

The Cork papers fully covered the carillon festival. The Irish national papers were also interested, and the 'Irish Times' published a photograph of the brother of Dr. Staf Gebreurs playing on the carillon with Mr. Paul Taylor standing by. 'The Cork Diocesan Year Book' published a well-constructed article by A. F. Bogan, entitled 'Come at my Call,' the Armagh ringers and their 18th Century Society were noted in 'Armagh Guardian,' and the 'Evening Press' gave further information concerning Byrne's Foundry in Dublin.

In general, the Press throughout the whole of Ireland focused a great deal of attention on the Council's activities, including the tours in Northern and Southern Ireland. There seems little doubt as to the impact of this publicity for we are informed that there have already been inquiries from some quarters about the possibility of procuring change-ringing bells for a number of Irish churches.

Other news items and photographs have been numerous in 1958. Early in the year the Rotherham ringers were pictured ringing carols on handbells, and among other photographs were the Roving Ringers in East Anglia, the rededication of the bells of Bristol Cathedral, the annual meeting of the Kent County Association and the Railwaymen's Guild celebrating the 70th birthday of Mr. Frank Stenson. In the 'Birmingham Post and Gazette' the retirement into private life of Ald. A. Paddon Smith received considerable notice, and the accompanying photograph was excellent. The death of

Mr. John Thomas was given prominence in the Birmingham and Worcestershire papers. A considerable stir was caused when the 'Leicester Evening Mail' announced the 'decease' of Mr. Ernest Morris, and those who know our genial historian will appreciate the glee with which he was able to point out that the report of his demise was greatly exaggerated!

CONTROVERSIES

Two topics of a controversial nature are worth recording for the light they shed on the attitude of both Press and public to ringing affairs.

The first concerns an attack on the practice ringing at Knowle, Warwickshire, launched in the 'Solihull News' during December. The subsequent correspondence was overwhelmingly in favour of the bells and the ringers, and provided once again proof of public support for ringing wherever the ringing is conducted with moderation and restraint.

The second gives another warning of an even more insidious form of attack on the traditional art of bell-ringing. In November considerable publicity was given to the installation in the parishes of Ashley and Bagnall, Staffordshire, of electrical bell-ringing apparatus, and newspapers quoted the Chancellor of the Lichfield Diocese who much regretted the innovation. The Rector of Ashley's attempt to justify the installation on the grounds, first, that he had no ringers, and second, that bell-ringing was a dying art, was replied to in the 'Birmingham Post' by the secretary of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and by the convener of this Committee. In addition, Mr. E. H. Edge, in a careful letter to the 'Sentinel,' gave statistical proof of the flourishing state of ringing in the North Staffordshire area. There has been no reply to these arguments.

This is the second manifestation this year of the strange 'dying art' illusion. In an interview with the 'Evening News' in January last, Mr. George Chappell, aged 93, regretted the passing of ringers and ringing activities as he had known them in Hampshire, and the nostalgia accompanying the reminiscences was in all probability construed into pessimism by the reporter. The general tone of this interview is in sharp contrast to the vigorous optimism of another veteran, Mr. Hauley, of Whitnash, also 93, who sees a bright future for ringing, and is still interested in the teaching of beginners in the art.

A thoughtful and authoritative reply to Mr. Chappell's views was offered in the 'Evening News' of January 22nd by the founder of the College of Campanology. Mr. York-Bramble summarised the difficulties attending the recruiting of beginners in certain areas, but made it clear that this was no symptom of a decline in the art of ringing. The letter emphasised the importance of planned training.

Apart from the essays from Ireland, the full-scale articles to reach us this year have been less in number. A carefully-constructed survey of the history of Rotherham Parish Church Bells, by Norman Chaddock, appeared in the 'Phoenix Gazette' for November, and the article was illustrated with photographs of the bells and the ringers. An appreciation of change-ringing, by Philip A. Stables, appeared in the 'Weekly Scotsman.' On the other side

of the Atlantic the 'New York Times' drew attention to the growth of handbell ringing in the States, and from Kent, U.S.A., came an account of the Kent Bell Ringers' Guild and of progress in change-ringing on handbells. 'Overtones' continues to record maintained interest in handbell ringing, and this year makes significant mention of handbells rung 'within the framework of the conventional order of morning worship.'

The following ringing publications have come our way during 1958:—

Bell Handling and Control, The College of Campanology.
Campanologia, F. T. Blagrove.
False Course Heads, Segar.
The Cambridge University Guild History, Vol. II, 1929-1954, C. M. P. Johnson.
Ringing a Bell, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.
Handbook of Grandsire Caters, Edgar C. Shepherd.
Bellringers' Diary, W. Viggers and M. Hodgson.
Irish Bell News, edited by F. E. Dukes.
The Ringers' Magazine, edited by William Butler.
The Belfry, Maidstone District of Kent.
The Ringing Towers, New South Wales Association.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Shepherd asked members not to hesitate to send anything that reflected on ringing.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the report was adopted.

THE BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK

The report, signed by Miss M. R. Cross and other members, stated:—

As members of the Council are well aware, the work of this Committee is now completed with the publication of 'The Elementary Handbook for Beginners in the Art of Change Ringing.' We therefore ask the Council to disband the Committee.

Before we close this report we wish to express our gratitude to all those members of the Council and others who helped us in the production of the book; especially to the President, Mr. F. Sharpe, for providing the photographs, the secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, for much help and advice, Mr. A. A. Hughes for the loan of blocks, and to Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' for help in the actual production.

Miss Cross moved and Mr. W. G. Wilson seconded the adoption of the report.

The secretary said: The Standing Committee recommended that instead of disbanding the committee remain in being to revise in the light of any comment.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said 3,250 of the stock had gone in two months but they had not gone into the hands of 2,500 beginners by a long way. They must not revise until those people who purchased had got rid of their stock. The sale of 3,250 was phenomenal, and he was as pleased as the rest, but it would not continue at that rate for long. It might be that the remainder might last for six months. He did not think they ought to revise this year or next year. If they had a reprint they did not want a committee. They might wish to get second thoughts. The Council had too many moribund committees.

The report was adopted and the disbanding of the committee was agreed to.

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1958 A GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Mr. W. Ayre, as convener, presented the report, which stated:—

In submitting their report for 1958, the Committee have pleasure again in reporting an increase on the previous year, though the number rung on handbells has again decreased. The grand total of peals accepted is 2,512 (2,488) with 2,372 on tower bells (2,336) and 140 (152) on handbells.

The analysis breaks down as follows:—

	Tower	Hand
Maximus	24 (30)	1 —
Cinques	31 (21)	1 (3)
Royal	133 (99)	6 (14)
Caters	81 (83)	5 (8)
Major	894 (884)	32 (59)
Triples	218 (251)	11 (9)
Minor	689 (732)	40 (38)
Doubles	302 (236)	44 (21)
	2,372	140

No one has dislodged the Leicester Guild from the premier position, for they are once again head of the list with 181 peals. After that we have a general shuffle round—the Oxford Guild moving from 5th to 2nd place with 137; the Yorkshire Association has jumped into 3rd place, having scored 132. (Was it the Bath and Wells tour which did it?)

The first six places are as follows:—

Leicester G.	181
Oxford G.	137
Yorkshire A.	132
Lancashire A.	129
Norwich	114
Kent County	110

Several Associations only just managed to produce a peal.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

12,600 Doubles by the Oxford Guild, also multi-method peals of Minor and Doubles by the same Guild and the Derbyshire Association. Scientific Triples by the Middlesex Association.

There has been a greater variety of methods in Royal and Caters—20 of Royal and 5 of Caters, against 9 and 2 respectively in 1957.

We automatically remove from the Analysis any 'peal' which is later proved FALSE, irrespective of personal opinions expressed in print or otherwise.

'Peals' which have not been included in the Analysis are:—

- Double Grandsire Doubles—in whole pulls—by the Llandaff and Monmouth.
- 'Freak' handbell peal?—by the Cambridge University Guild—counted as one peal, not two.
- Minor in nine methods—Yorkshire Association—not acceptable, as ringer of 2nd was changed half-way.
- Saturn T.B. Doubles—non-Association—not acceptable.

There appears to be some difficulty regarding the correct publication of peals of Doubles, especially the multi-method ones (what an immense space some of them occupy—can we condense them?). The Committee simply count the names and call them methods, but we would call the attention of the ringers of such peals to the fact that really they are sometimes only variations, and suggest that they call them such (e.g.: say, seven six-scores Plain Bob/April Day, Old ———/variations).

Again recording our thanks to Mr. H. L. Roper for his valuable assistance.

Moving the adoption, Mr. Ayre said the peals of Major would have to be increased by one, as a peal rung on December 31st was not published until April. For the same reason peals of Minor would be increased by one. The handbell peals of Major would be de-

creased by one, because a freak handbell peal had been withdrawn. He apologised for excluding the peal of Double Grandsire Doubles. He was under the impression that it was rung in whole pull. It was not. He would like guidance on the peal rung at Histon, where the clappers were tied and the sound came from electrically-operated handbells. He would also like to add the name of Mr. H. L. Roper to the Committee.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

The hon. secretary: The Standing Committee recommend the adoption of the report with the addition of Mr. Roper to the Committee. With regard to the peal of Double Grandsire Doubles, the reference to it be deleted. The Committee recommend that the peal at Histon be not accepted as it contravened the rules, viz.: 'That every bell must sound during the peal at every change.'

Mr. A. P. Cannon considered that the peal of Scientific Triples did not get the recognition it deserved.

A member questioned the ruling of the Committee regarding the peal at Histon. He would vote against it.

Mr. A. D. Barker: Has the Committee included a certain peal of Plain Bob Major which was rung at Egham? There has been some correspondence about it.

Mr. W. Ayre: That is included.

Mr. Brian Threlfall said the Cambridge University handbell peal had been deleted from the Guild records.

Mr. Ayre: It is not included. It counts as one.

Mr. Barker pressed for the deletion of the Egham peal and asked Mr. Ayre if he was satisfied.

Mr. Ayre: Personally I am not satisfied, but the peal has not been withdrawn by the conductor.

Mr. F. I. Hairs said a conductor had not withdrawn a false peal of Surprise. Was that counted?

Mr. Ayre: The Surprise peal is out.

Mr. Peter Border urged that the peal at Histon be included. The bells heard outside the church would be a nuisance. His amendment was defeated.

The report, with the recommendation of the Standing Committee, was then adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE

The report by the Committee (Rev. K. W. H. Felstead as convener) stated:—

We regret that we have to inform the Council that our high hopes of quickly completing the Minor methods book did not materialise. The main 'stone of stumbling' has been in the completely new section on Spliced extents which, members will appreciate, is not an easy subject either to explain or write about so that it can be readily understood. We are grateful for the help of several ringers in response to our request in 'The Ringing World' for names of Alliance methods. These have proved most helpful in naming many of them and correcting others.

We have considered a request to include 'irregular' Minor methods in the book but, unless the Council instructs us otherwise, we have decided not to do so.

We have nothing further to report about the Triples methods book.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead moved and Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed said he had quite a number of applications for this Minor book. Most people were hoping that the old book would be reprinted. He had also had requests for a Surprise Major book.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said it would be very easy to have the Minor book reprinted and it would serve 75 per cent. of the ringers. When a book was being revised it did seem a pity not to make it as comprehensive as possible.

Mr. J. P. Fidler urged that a paragraph should be incorporated dealing with Spliced Surprise Minor. All that was required was the names of methods that would splice lead for lead.

Mr. G. E. Feirn supported the Committee that there was a demand not only for simple but other methods.

Mr. C. K. Lewis remarked that he was the culprit. Mr. Fidler had said he just wanted lead for lead of Spliced Surprise. He wanted to go further, and wanted to put in certain Doubles and Spliced methods. He hoped to deal with it by the end of the summer holidays. Spliced Minor was growing and was not the prerogative of Cheshire and Lincolnshire.

Mr. W. F. Moreton asked if irregular methods would be included. Their inclusion would make the book comprehensive.

Mr. Felstead: It would delay the book.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: It would extend publication another 12 months. Except for a small area, there was not a demand for irregular methods.

The report was adopted.

THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

NEW METHODS

Jan. 23	5,024	Hornsey S. Maj., Middlesex.
Feb. 10	5,024	Overseale S. Maj., Midland Counties.
13	5,120	Highgate S. Maj., Middlesex.
15	5,024	Wessex S. Maj., Oxford Dio.
20	5,088	Chiswick S. Maj., Middlesex.
Mar. 6	5,056	Hampshire S. Maj., Middlesex.
20	5,024	Monmouth S. Maj., Middlesex.
April 7	5,040	Macclesfield C. Bob Royal, Chester Dio.
10	5,184	Northwood S. Maj., Middlesex.
12	5,056	Kibworth S. Maj., Leicester.
23	5,120	Mancroft S. Maj., Norwich.
24	5,088	Ilkerton S. Maj., Derbyshire.
May 14	5,184	Coslany C. Maj., Norwich.
June 12	5,024	Wiltshire S. Maj., Middlesex.
26	5,152	Clacton S. Maj., Middlesex.
July 3	5,088	Xenia S. Maj., Derbyshire.
5	5,040	Scientific Triples, Middlesex.
30	5,184	Upton Imperial C. Maj., Norwich.
Aug. 15	5,088	Gloucestershire S. Maj., Oxford.
Sept. 20	5,024	Elveden S. Maj., Suffolk.
24	5,184	Debenham C. Maj., Norwich.
Oct. 7	5,184	Wealdstone Little S. Maj., Middlesex.
9	5,056	Kerry S. Maj., Derbyshire.
30	5,056	Fife S. Maj., Derbyshire.
30	5,088	Chelsea S. Maj., Middlesex.
Nov. 13	5,008	Goldhanger Coll. Bob Maj., Essex.
13	5,024	Ickenham S. Maj., Middlesex.
13	5,056	Nanpantan S. Maj., Derbyshire.
17	5,120	Southleigh S. Maj., Oxford Diocesan.
19	5,008	Childwall Coll. Bob Maj., Leicester.
27	5,376	Victoria S. Maj., Derbyshire.
27	5,120	Kilburn S. Maj., Middlesex.
Dec. 3	5,184	Taunton C. Bob Maj., Norwich.
8	5,040	Uplyme S. Royal, Leicester.
10	5,024	Earlham Coll. Bob Maj., Norwich.
27	5,152	Welwyn S. Maj., Hertford County.

The report was moved by Mrs. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Marshall and adopted.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.**BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE**

The report, which was signed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, stated:—

Of the total of those who, in the years of this Council's existence have been elected members, some 360, or 50 per cent., are now known to be deceased. Of this number, 280 have their records completed to the Council's requirements except where, in a few cases, we have reluctantly given up hope of obtaining a photograph. Among these latter are names of men very well known to a former generation, such as B. T. Copley, R. A. Daniell, J. C. Daubuz, John Aspinwall, Alfred Palmer, Rev. C. C. Parker, Harvey Reeves, W. H. Thompson and F. W. Quantok-Shuldharn.

Added to these we have 32 deceased past members (with records otherwise complete) whose photographs are known—or believed—to exist, but which we have not yet succeeded in collecting. In this group are pioneer characters also well known to a rapidly-passing generation—the late F. E. Dawe, the Rev. H. C. Courtney, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths, the Rev. N. E. Hope, George Longden, William Walmsley, etc.

We have also a small group, 16 in number, who are known to be deceased but who are otherwise unknown to us. Some of this group were members of the 1891 Council, and it includes such names as the late Rev. T. S. Curteis, C. E. Malim, J. Griffen, Rev. C. Barton, J. G. Buchanan, Freeman Ball and R. B. Blanchard. The last named in his time represented the Surrey Association, of which he was also the hon. secretary.

The remainder of about 100 persons (both past and present members) of whom we have no knowledge, excepting their names, creates a feeling of frustration in the minds of your Committee. Many of these were elected for short periods many years before our Committee was first set up, so probably long deceased before the end of the 1939 war, when our research was begun. Many happily are still with us; a few perhaps here, today, with our report in their hands.

The Biographies Committee again wish to offer thanks to many friends both in the Council and outside it who have cheerfully replied to their enquiries, which they know can usually only be answered by tedious and often un-rewarding research. Without this ready co-operation the measure of success which has attended the efforts of the Committee could not be achieved.

The report was moved by Mr. Hazelden and seconded by Mr. W. Viggers, who said a second cover for the Biographies was needed which would cost about £15. He paid tribute to the work of Mr. John Willis, who had written up 75 biographies.

The report was adopted and the expenditure of £15 on a cover approved.

THE PEAL COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. W. E. Critchley (convener) reported:—No communication has been received from Mr. C. W. Roberts, who was entrusted by the previous committee with the task of collecting the information for the projected collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques. The Committee is, therefore, unable to report any progress.

Mr. Critchley moved the adoption and said it was a negative report.

The Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted; that Mr. Critchley be instructed to proceed with the collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques; that the secretary write to Mr. C. W. Roberts and ask him to forward any peals of this collection to Mr. Critchley. Agreed.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

The report was presented by Mr. E. H. Lewis and stated: During 1958 the members of the Committee advised on bell restoration in 52 towers—a slight decrease on last year's number. The 52 towers were situated in 18 different counties.

Mr. J. W. Clarke dealt with 10 in Cheshire; Mr. F. E. Collins 7 in Hampshire, Kent and Surrey; Mr. J. Freeman 3 in Lincolnshire; Mr. E. H. Lewis 3 in Northants, Oxon and Scotland; Mr. W. Osborn 6 in the West Country; the Rev. J. G. M. Scott 1 in Devonshire; Mr. F. Sharpe 22 in Oxon, Northants, Bucks, Breconshire, Cardiganshire, Herts, Lancs, Norfolk and Staffs.

In 8 instances advice was given on recasting, 32 on rehanging, 20 on repairs, 2 on tower oscillation, 3 on sound control. In about 50 per cent. of the towers work had already been either put in hand or the order for the work placed.

As instructed at Dublin, the convener met the Dean of Gloucester, president of the Central Council for the Care of Churches. The meeting was most satisfactory, and a further meeting between the Dean, the bell-founders and the convener was arranged; but so far it has not been possible for them to meet. Meanwhile the secretary of the C.C.C.C. has suggested increasing the size of the proposed number to attend this meeting to include two more C.C.C.C. members and two more nominated by the Council. The members of the Towers and Belfries Committee would prefer the Dean's original proposal to stand, in view of the difficulties of arranging a suitable date and time and the long distances the members would have to travel—but should the occasion demand they seek authority to send two of their members as delegates.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded the adoption of the report.

The hon. secretary read a letter from the incumbent of a Hampshire parish expressing appreciation of the services of Mr. Collins.

The President said they would like Mr. Lewis to be the other representative at the meeting with the C.C.C.C. There was a proviso in the rules that expenses be paid for travelling.

The report was adopted.

ALTERATION TO RULES

Notice was given of an alteration to Rule II that reports of committees must be in the secretary's hands by March 31st. Previously it was 28 days before the meeting.

The hon. secretary moved and Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

Mr. W. Ayres: Will those who ring peals on December 31st please send them to 'The Ringing World' as soon as possible after that date.

The alteration was agreed to.

THE NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that two invitations had been received for the 1960 Council meeting—from the North Staffordshire Association at Stoke-on-Trent and from the Kent County Association.

Dr. Hatcher, in extending the invitation to Kent, said Whitsun, 1960, would be the 80th birthday of the foundation of the Kent County Association.

Mr. R. S. Anderson reminded the Council that they had never visited the North Staffordshire Association.

The voting was 75 for Kent and 49 for North Staffordshire.

THE MOTIONS**DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

The first motion considered was that of Mr. A. J. Pitman, seconded by Mr. G. I. Lewis:—
'That although true six-scores of Double Grandsire Doubles cannot be obtained without calls when the treble is behind as well as when it is on the front, in view of the fact that twelve-scores on the same principle as Pitman's twelve-scores of Grandsire Doubles have been obtained, Double Grandsire Doubles consisting of such twelve-scores shall be recognised by the Council.'

Mr. A. J. Pitman said he had put forward this 240 of Doubles Grandsire in the hope of encouraging young ringers to break away from ringing Grandsire Doubles. There was not a great deal of difference. He was afraid Double Grandsire had not been taken up because to get 120 they had to do bobs and singles with the treble behind. He had worked out 240 Double Grandsire so that they would not have to be troubled with the call of the treble behind. He hoped ringers would find it interesting and a break away from Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: If you look at the conditions of peals of Doubles in 3 (a) we have 12 scores known as Morris' and Pitman's. I submit it is superfluous as we are bound by a previous decision.

This opinion was accepted by the Council, and Mr. Pitman was thanked by the President for bringing his motion forward.

AUDIBLE BELLS ESSENTIAL

The second motion, on behalf of the Chester Diocesan Guild, read:—

'That in any record attempt the bells shall be clearly audible outside the tower or other building in which they are contained and that during such an attempt neither food nor drink shall be partaken of by any member of the band.'

Mr. J. W. Clarke said the motion was framed at the annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild after the abortive attempt to ring the extent on eight bells. He assured the Council that there was no suggestion of sour grapes behind it. The Cheshire ringers had some knowledge and reputation for ringing long lengths, but never had it been felt that nobody else should attempt it.

Ringling began in the 17th century, and in the 18th century it was the sport of gentry—they went cock fighting one night and ringing the next. They had it recorded in a Chester tower that the gentry rang for practice but never for service. Ringling was entirely divorced from the services of the Church.

In the next century, when more ordinary people took to ringing, the tower was considered to be apart from the Church. Ringers were in no way connected with the Church or thought of as officers of the Church. It was not until the end of the last century, by the formation of diocesan guilds and associations, that a change was made. It proceeded very slowly, and one of the objects was the recognition of ringers as officers of the Church. For three-quarters of a century Guilds and Associations had been fighting for that recognition to make belfries a part of the Church, and today the ringer was universally accepted as an officer of the Church.

If a ringer rang in a tower which was not consecrated, surely in the minds of everybody he was still a church bell-ringer. They could not separate the Church and ringing. Therefore they accepted the standard of behaviour now observed to be followed wherever the ringer might be.

They might have noticed in the report of the Literature and Press Committee that much of the notoriety was undesirable. They had tried to persuade the B.B.C. that ringing was some-

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thing serious and something of an art. The occasion to which he referred, the B.B.C. showed them as Church bell-ringers: this was how they behaved! Could they accept people as Church officers if at times they forgot how to behave? The television people had been trying that very day to persuade his seconder to give an account on television of this motion. He had been strong enough to refuse. 'Whenever we ring we must remember we are officers of the Church, and as such have a code of conduct to observe.'

Seconding the motion, Mr. A. J. Martin said he would like to stress that it was not a private members Bill but had been put forward by the Chester Diocesan Guild. They had a private interest; most of them knew they held certain record lengths. The motion was not put forward by people who participate in these lengths. The Chester's role was not like being a dog in the manger.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD HEAR

Why should the peal be heard? That was why the Central Council laid down that every change must sound in a peal. Only that afternoon they had thrown out a peal where the bells were not heard. Why did their elders insist on this? They wanted interested parties to hear the performance and assess it, because if a peal could not be heard, who was to contradict it? If not, they would need an umpire for every peal. The motion did not ask the bells to be heard a quarter of a mile away but outside the tower.

On the food question, many years ago the Central Council decreed that the ringers were not to be fed while ringing. Why? One might suggest that they were thinking about the public outside, and the inner man would cause them to give up the peal. He thought they had in mind when they passed the resolution that it would interfere with the standard of the performance. 'If you are eating you cannot concentrate on the ringing. You are marring the performance.'

Mr. E. W. Critchley said he was an interested party, and in the first part the motion had been very loosely worded. What did they mean by clearly audible? One had said he did not expect to hear the bells a quarter of a mile away. Going back four or five years, when he organised a peal at Loughborough, he remembered listening outside the tower. He believed that the Press mentioned people putting their ears to the tower to hear the bells.

Secondly, referring to food, Mr. Clark mentioned behaviour. 'I must say that to partake of food does not mean bad behaviour. . . . Personally I can see no objection to eating food. As it was said in "The Ringing World," it is not a test of something that requires long abstinence.'

Mr. J. P. Fidler said he was a member of the Chester Guild and it was a pity he was not at the meeting when the resolution was passed. He would have said: 'Don't believe the things you read in the Press,' because what they said after the first and second attempts was not the responsibility of the ringers. They all knew that prior to an attempt for a long length there must be a notice in 'The Ringing World.' In less than 12 hours of it being in 'The Ringing World,' their telephone was swamped by the Press, and they should not give them any encouragement. The result was if they did not encourage the Press they came in all the more. They knew that the average Press report dealing with ringers contained many 'clangours,' and the reports contained many funny statements. At 4 o'clock in the first attempt it was like being in a film studio. But nevertheless, don't blame the ringers.

On the question of audibility, they all knew the situation of the bell foundry tower. One could sit in his garden and listen to the bells.

On the question of eating, he thought it was a thing that would solve itself. He could not see anybody towards the end of a peal grabbing a sandwich; they were all too keen on the peal.

Mr. A. P. Cannon said he also was an interested party, and he agreed with Mr. Critchley. Regarding the first part, the bells were clearly audible. As they knew, they had a very competent member of the Exercise as umpire. That ruled out the bells being inaudible.

'As regards eating, I have had a certain amount of experience of eating in peals [laughter] and I have had my lesson, but I shall maintain there is no objection to taking some small subsistence quite suitable. If you cannot ring a bell with one hand you might just as well not start a peal. In any performance which demands physical fitness, which undoubtedly would be required for a 40,000 during which one was standing on one's feet, it would be very unfair not to expect a band to eat something.'

Regarding drink, he was against that. Of the publicity of the two peal attempts one could not believe a word in the papers. The last attempt, a fortnight ago, it was mentioned the oldest member was A. P. Cannon, aged 45. They copied it from last year's report.

Mr. Fred Dunkerley: Having been a member of a long-length band and having no axes to grind I think it is absolutely essential that the bells should be heard outside. As to the second part, the more they eat and the more they drink the less chance they have of getting the peal. I move that the Council accept the second part.

Mr. N. Harding: If we accept the first part, what about handbell peals?

Mr. N. Chaddock remarked that the first part was covered by Central Council rules. Dr. Layton: I think the point about handbell peals should be clearly stated.

The proposer and seconder agreed to the motion being amended to apply only to tower bells.

Mr. Frank Hawthorne, commenting on the Press, said not long ago a peal was said to have been rung at Thames Ditton which was not rung at all.

MENTAL APPROACH

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had a vested interest in the motion which was framed in 1958 after the two attempts. He felt that a lot of the trouble could have been avoided if the approach to the peal had been properly made. In an attempt for a long length very careful mental preparation was necessary. It needed a psychological approach and it needed eight men making the same psychological approach. He felt that they were not making the right approach. The trouble was putting in the food and drink. If they got eight men with the right approach they would not think about food and drink. It was the mental approach that was needed: there was too much emphasis on the physical.

Mr. P. J. Staniforth: As the umpire of these attempts . . .

A member: Are we holding an inquest or considering the motion?

Mr. Staniforth said it had been suggested that they were not conducting themselves properly and it was a reflection on the whole of the Exercise. There was nothing in the motion to suggest that the ringers were not conducting themselves properly. These matters should be left entirely to the ringers themselves and to their good faith.

A member: The Lord Bishop of Liverpool said last night: 'Let the bells ring out.' Today we are trying to close them up.

Mr. H. Sanger then seconded the motion moved by Mr. Dunkerley, 'That in tower bell peal record attempts the bells should be clearly audible outside the building in which they are contained, and the second part be deleted.'

This was carried, there being only three votes against.

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TIVERTON RINGERS' ACTIVITIES

The silver wedding of two popular members of St. Peter's, Tiverton, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. May, was celebrated on May 23rd. On the eve of that day, 1,260 Grandfire Triples was rung by V. N. Burrow 1, G. H. Hollis 2, W. Richards 3, G. Court 4, J. Kelland 5, J. Upton 6, W. H. Ware (conductor) 7, J. Rowsell 8.

On May 23rd the Society, with friends from Silverton and Mr. R. J. Bowden, of Bristol, rang for about one hour at each of the following towers: Sandford, St. Mary Down (where the walls of the tower will no longer hold the certificates won in the last four years), Lapford, Spreyton, Bow and Colebrooke. All these towers are well worth a visit.

The Society rang throughout the afternoon and evening of May 25th, under their captain (Mr. J. Upton) for Mayor Choosing Day.

W. H. W.

OUTINGS

ELLAND, YORKS

Elland ringers and their friends had a most enjoyable trip into Derbyshire on Whit Monday. It was a journey of wonderful scenery, the route being over Snake Pass to Ladybower Reservoir, where a stop was made for coffee.

Ringings and lunch took place at the plague village of Eyam. Afterwards there was ringing at Tideswell, where the coach was the cause of a traffic jam. Tea was partaken of at Matlock and was followed by ringing at the parish church and also at Dore.

KIRK ELLA AND SUTTON

Kirk Ella and Sutton-on-Hull ringers again united to hold their annual outing on Whit Monday. The first tower visited was Middleton-on-the-Wolds, with a pleasant ring of six, followed by Whitwell-on-the-Hill. Here the second of the six bells had a damaged wheel, and the general condition was poor, so a few Doubles on the five ringable bells was the only ringing possible. Lunch was a picnic in the grounds of ruined Kirkham Abbey. At Wetherby, the striking on this light ring of eight was disappointing.

After tea, the ringing on Tadcaster's heavier octave was much better, a touch of Stedman Triples being the best. The last tower was Hemingbrough, the best six bells of the day, which were rung to a variety of methods, including Double Court, Oswald Delight and London and Cambridge Surprise.

Splendid weather and the beautiful countryside helped to make an extremely enjoyable day: and those taking part would like to thank Mr. Kirk, who made all the arrangements.

J. S. R.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Evening practice meeting at Mildenhall, Thursday, June 11th, 7.30 p.m., and every second Thursday in each month. All ringers welcome.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4449

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, Saturday, June 6th. Service, St. Mark's, 3.15 p.m., addressed by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Ringing arrangements: The Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Thomas's, 1 to 2.30; St. David's, 2 to 3; St. Mark's, 2 to 3.15; Heavitree, 6.15 to 7.15; Newton St. Cyres, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 4385

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston (6), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4430

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4397

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst for Saturday, June 6th. *cancelled*. Tower unsafe.—Miss D. A. Colgate. 4488

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, All Saints', Whitstable, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 4401

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Ibstock, Leics, Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4423

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Hertford County Association at All Saints', Harrow Weald, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at St. John's, Stanmore.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4418

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Old Whittington, 3 p.m., Saturday, June 6th. 4416

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Rougham (6) on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome, but names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Dis. Sec., 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds. 4421

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Change of venue. Quarterly meeting, Warnham (8), Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. 4427

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT.—Shield contest, Saturday, June 13th, Wortley, near Sheffield. Entries to J. W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield. Fee 10s. Tea. Please notify not later than June 8th Mr. A. Francis, Park Gate, Wortley, Sheffield.—J. W. Buxton. 4460

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer festival at Hertford on Saturday, June 13th. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. John's Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Ringing at Great Hormead (6) 9.30 to 11 a.m.; Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Standon (6), 11 to 12.30; Much Hadham (8), 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Widford (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Hunsdon (8), 2 to 3.30; Ware (8), 2.30 to 4; Bengoe (8) and St. Andrew's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, 6 to 7.30; Bengoe and All Saints', 6.30; Hertingfordbury (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 4432

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Rise, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 11th to Mr. C. W. G. Nicholson, Hind's House, Park Farm, Rise. 4446

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 10th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 4471

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, June 13th, Hammerwood (5), 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the White Horse, Holt. Cowden (6) in evening. Names early.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4467

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Wilburton, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Mufet, Dis. Sec. 4447

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Felsted, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Boote House Café by arrangement only. Numbers must be sent by Wednesday, 10th, to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. Business meeting in Old Schoolroom. 4409

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, St. Briavels, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. M. Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 4481

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8) on Saturday, June 13th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 4454

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held in the Guildford District on Saturday, June 13th. Service, Cranleigh, 3.30 p.m., addressed by the Archdeacon of Surrey. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 9th, to Mr. D. A. Kirk, 30, The Drive, Cranleigh. Ringing arrangements: Haslemere, 10.30 to 11.30; Witley, 11 to 12; Godalming, 11.15 to 12.30; Hascombe, 1.30 to 2.30; Dunsfold, 1.30 to 2.30; Ewhurst, 2 to 3.15; Cranleigh, 2.30 to 3.30. Service and tea: Bramley, 5.45 to 7; Womersley, 5.45 to 7; Shalford, 6.30 to 7.30; Albury, 7.30 to 9; Shere, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 4420

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Llantwit-Major, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by June 8th. —J. S. King. 4422

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 13th. St. Andrew's, Clevedon. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Golden Slipper Café, Old Church Road. Business meeting to follow in Church. Names for tea by June 11th.—B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, 7. 4456

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Cartmel Priory, Saturday, June 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to H. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel, Lancs.—N. M. Newby. 4451

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Farnworth, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 10th, to Mr. K. E. Young, 44, Coroners Lane, Widnes.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 4461

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 13th, St. Chad's, Rochdale (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 4480

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Ormskirk (8), 2 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements (café nearby). 5 p.m. Christ Church, Aughton (8), 6 to 8 p.m.—M. E. Ridyard, L. Walmsley, Branch Secs. 4483

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Newton, near Folkeham, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Folkeham bells available in the evening.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4440

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 13th, St. Mary's, Barnes, 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.15. Further ringing 7.30 p.m., St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Mortlake.—Miss Powell, Tulse Hill (8190). 4473

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Joint meeting with the Railwaymen's Guild at Leicester, Saturday, June 13th. Ringing: St. Margaret's (12), 2.30 to 3.45; St. John's (10), 3.15 to 4.45;

Cathedral (12), 5 to 6.10; All Saints' (8), 5.30 to 6.30. Dinner at Co-op Restaurant, High Street, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Price 11s. each (payable on day), followed by very short business meeting and general get-together. Names for dinner, please, to J. A. Smith, 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester. Everyone welcome. 4457

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Wingrave, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 9th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4478

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Joint meeting with National Police Guild at Leicester, Saturday, June 13th. For details see notice for National Police Guild. 4458

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ellesmere, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Whitehead, 2, Beech House, Ellesmere. No names no tea. 4434

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Barnet, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. 4469

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4453

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Bunney (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, June 11th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 4414

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 4411

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Felpham (6), Saturday, June 13th, 3 o'clock. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 10th, to H. J. Peskett, Clonmere, Wyke Lane, Middleton-on-Sea, Bognor Regis. Tel. Middleton-on-Sea 2401. 4476

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Specially arranged for the 92nd birthday of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, 4, Boyes Hall Road, Willesborough, near Ashford.—C. T. H.

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Warwick, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Monday, June 15th, to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 4455

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Sibley, Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying by the previous Wednesday Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sibley. 4462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea by June 15th to Mr. W. J. Parker, May Cottage, Little Sandhurst, Camberley. 4472

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cattistock, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 17th, to G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 4465

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Michael's 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than June 17th to Mr. F. A. Sedgwick, 4, Vicar's Close, Lichfield. 4468

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Elveden, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 18th to G. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, Thetford. No names no tea.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4452

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual striking competition will take place at Esher on Saturday, June 20th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from Hon. Sec. Tea after the last team has competed, followed by results and a quarterly business meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea (non-competitors) by Tuesday previous to J. F. M. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4381

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Brighton, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Note change of venue. Tea in the Memorial Hall for those who notify by Wednesday, June 17th, Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4466

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 20th. All bells in the District available if required, also Defynock (6), 11.30 to 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s.), Bishop's Meadow Café, with meeting to follow.—Names for tea by June 13th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 4443

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 20th. Kildwick. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 16th, to Mr. J. Bracken, 7, Seedhill Terrace, Steeton, near Keighley. 15-minute bus service from Keighley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4463

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, North Stoneham, Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 17th, please, to Mr. R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh.—J. Hartless. 4474

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chad-desley Corbett (8), Saturday, June 20th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and

business. Names for tea by 17th, please, and note alteration of venue from Hartlebury, those bells being now at Loughborough.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4485

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Hope Parish Church, Flintshire, 'Open Day,' Saturday, June 20th. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names before June 17th to Mrs. Millington, Shordley, Hope, near Wrexham. 4486

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting and dinner this year will be held at Derby on Saturday, September 19th. Details later.—J. A. S. 4459

FIFTY YEARS AGO FROM 'THE BELL NEWS'

June 5th, 1909

Peals recorded.—Treble Bob Royal 1, Grand-sire Caters 1, London Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Double Norwich 2, Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Major 3, Stedman Triples 7, Grandsire Triples 6, Minor 5, Doubles 1. Total 34.

Handbell peals.—Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Minor 1.

Presentation to Canon Papillon upon resigning the Mastership of the Essex Association.

Record Length Notice

Dear Sir,—We give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 9,568 Spiced Surprise Major at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, June 13th, commencing at 1 p.m.

The composition is as published in your issue of May 15th.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Timperley, Altrincham.

OBITUARY

MR. ARCHIBALD BLAKELEY

A chorister at Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe, Herts, for 60 years and a bell-ringer for 40 years, Mr. Archibald Blakeley has passed away. He was a very active worker when the bells were recast as part of the village war memorial in 1951. After his funeral on May 25th an In Memoriam quarter peal was rung.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Latimer's Memorial Church, on May 24th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Maureen Woolley 1, Margaret Layton (first touch in method) 2, G. E. Fearn 3, R. G. Edwards 4, D. N. Layton (cond.) 5, J. A. Anderson 6, B. D. A. Woolley 7, H. Fearn 8. First quarter on the new bells.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Dixon 1, M. Hill 2, P. Gray 3, R. Brocklehurst 4, N. Buckland 5, W. Naylor (cond.) 6.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION NEAR 1,000 MEMBERS

THE annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. As the bells of the Cathedral were not available, owing to tower repairs, it was with some anxiety that the officers of the Association decided to carry on as usual. This decision was more than justified, for approximately 90 people enjoyed an excellent lunch and about 50 an equally excellent buffet tea. Once again, catering arrangements were in the hands of members of the South Eastern District, led by Messrs. Everest and Roast. Coffee and light refreshments were available from 10.15 a.m.

The service was conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford and the address was by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. As the service touch, two well-struck courses of Grand-sire Triples were rung at the south door of the Cathedral. Choosing as his text Exodus 28, verses 33-34, '... and bells of gold in between them round about,' the Archdeacon preached a most inspiring sermon, developing most ably the theme that worship has for centuries past been associated with bells and must for ever be so.

The annual meeting followed immediately after the service, in the Chapter House. In the chair was the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel). He extended a very cordial invitation to the many visitors present.

LARGE MEETINGS

All the Districts reported continued interest and large meetings, although superficially the Association appeared to have had a rather depressing year, with a drop in the balance and peal-ringing showing a marked decline. Membership was most encouraging, and 1959 should see the thousand ringing members total reached.

The Association recorded the passing of the following members: E. J. Butler, G. Carter, T. Davis, F. Dench, T. Evans, A. Fuller, Miss P. Goff, W. Little, J. Morris, J. G. Macdougall, G. W. Moss, W. Pennick, H. T. Pye, Mrs. Tudor Price, Mrs. C. Ruggles-Brise, W. Sear, B. H. Swinson, J. Thomas and W. Vale.

Many additions had been made to the library and the Association was grateful to the donors of various books and bindings. Sixty-four peals had been recorded, as compared with 122 in 1957; the leading conductor was J. E. G. Roast with a total of 15. Quarter peal ringing had again increased. The report was approved.

In presenting the accounts the treasurer drew attention to the drop in the balance of the General Account, which now stood at £133 10s. 5d.—a drop of £90 approximately. He said that 1958 had been an exceptionally heavy year financially, with many items of non-recurring expenditure. The committee were fully conscious of the situation, and 1959 must be regarded as a crisis year. With a balance of £226 17s. 4d. in the Bell Restoration Fund he considered that the finances of the Association were in a very satisfactory condition and that there was no real cause for alarm. The accounts were adopted.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

The Guild's first dinner was held at Wythenshawe on May 8th, followed by the annual meeting. The chairman (Mr. G. Hopkinson) welcomed members and their ringing friends, and expressed the hope that the dinner would become an annual event.

The following officers were elected for 1959-60: President, Mr. D. F. Ferguson; Ringing Master, Mr. D. W. James; secretary/treasurer, Miss P. I. Walker; hon. auditor, Mr. D. Taylor.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the retiring officers, and for arranging the dinner.

All the honorary officers were re-elected, and in the ballot for four C.C. representatives from five nominations the following were elected: Miss H. S. Snowden, Messrs. Crampion, Eves and Lufkin.

MISS SNOWDEN A LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT

The Essex Association is always conscious of the debt it owes to its older members, and as a mark of appreciation life membership was awarded Messrs. M. Baker (Hutton), S. Dace (Sible Hedingham), H. Jones (Harlow), C. Mann (Goldhanger), C. Rogers (Ingatstone), H. W. Smith (Dunmow), H. Warr (Great Waltham) and L. Wiseman (Sible Hedingham).

For many years Miss Hilda Snowden has been a well-known personality of the Essex Association. She represents the Association on the Central Council and for many years has been Master of the Northern District, the latter office which she has had to relinquish recently. Amid great applause the meeting supported the committee's recommendation that she should be elected a life vice-president of the Association.

At the conclusion of the meeting a comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the Master.

Lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall and the guests of the Association were the Provost and Archdeacon. There were the usual short speeches and anecdotes, the Archdeacon proving to be in grand form.

After lunch the members made their way to the various towers available, and what started off in a cloud of doubt and anxiety proved to be just another annual of the Essex Association—a grand day, some grand company and good bells.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' COUNTRY MEETING AT WORCESTER

This year's country meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held at Worcester on May 2nd. The London members departed from their custom of travelling by train to such meetings, the journey being undertaken by car in view of the unsuitability of train times. Not all travelled without incident, but at least everyone got there eventually.

Ringing in the morning was at Evesham, where the fine 12 in the well-known bell tower were put to good use. Lunch had been arranged at the Hop Market Hotel, in Worcester, where a company of over 60 sat down to an excellent meal. At the business meeting immediately following the lunch, the thanks of the Society were expressed to all who had made the arrangements for a successful and enjoyable meeting, especially the various tower captains, those who had organised the lunch, and the secretary. A suggestion was received that the Society should hold its country meeting at Chesterfield next year.

After lunch, the well-known bells of Worcester Cathedral were rung, also the ten at All Saints', Worcester. The obvious reluctance with which members prepared to start on their various journeys homewards in the evening was sufficient proof, if proof was needed, of the pleasures of the day and of how much members had enjoyed Worcester's hospitality.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On May 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, A. Beckwith 5, E. Piper 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to E. Piper.

Chester Diocesan Guild Annual Festival

ABOUT 150 members and friends were present at the Chester Guild's annual festival, held at Oxtou on May 9th.

At the service the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Whereat) preached, whilst the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) read the lesson. After the lesson a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung by J. W. Griffiths (Chester) 1-2, C. K. Lewis (Stockport) 3-4, J. Worth (Macclesfield) 5-6 and P. Laffin (Stockport) 7-8. Later the Wirral Handbell Ringers, under the leadership of Mr. A. J. Martin, rendered 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' (Bach).

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local ringers, assisted by other members from the Wirral Branch, and a very good tea was enjoyed by all.

The annual meeting followed tea, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. J. W. Clare). Apologies were received from the Lord Bishop, Rev. A. L. Minns, Mr. Sam Jones, Mr. W. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. L. Boumphrey, Mr. J. E. Bibby and Mrs. B. Harris.

The report recorded the death of the following members: Rev. Thomas Lever (Macclesfield), Arthur Allman (Barthomley), Alfred Barnes, William Cartwright (Alsager), John Cooke (Wirral), John H. Davenport (Stretton), Henry Dew (Chester), William Gayes (Macclesfield), Harold Jackson (Stockport), James A. Milner (Disley), Eric A. Webster (Wallasey), Joseph Westwood (Macclesfield), Charles Wood (Staley) and Ralph W. Wright (Tarvin).

The membership was 731 ringing, 17 life ringing and 9 honorary members, from 89 towers.

The financial affairs of the Guild were in a satisfactory state. A total of 101 peals was rung for the Guild in 1958. There were 20 first pealers and 27 conductors, two of whom called a peal for the first time. Mr. John Worth rang his 500th peal as conductor: he is the first member to do so.

Next year's festival was arranged for May 14th in the area of the Chester Branch.

The officers of the Guild were elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke; deputy Master, Mr. John Worth; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. O. Baker; hon. report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis; hon. peal recorder, Mrs. C. K. Lewis; hon. librarian, Mr. P. Laffin; hon. auditor, Mr. Sam Jones; representatives of the Central Council, Mr. W. Allman and Mr. A. J. Martin.

In recognition of his work as hon. secretary and treasurer to the Guild, the Rev. J. Kingdon was unanimously elected an hon. life member.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. R. Whereat for the use of his bells and Parish Hall and for conducting the service, the incumbents of the towers where ringing had taken place, the churchwardens, the organist and the Wirral Branch, who under the direction of Mr. A. J. Martin had catered so well.

Ringing was enjoyed at Oxtou, Bromborough, Port Sunlight and Bidston, and every Branch of the Guild was represented. H. O. B.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the West Lindsey Branch held on May 9th at Haxey, whose fine-toned bells form one of the heaviest rings of six in the county.

The Vicar (Rev. T. E. Rogers) conducted the Guild service and gave the address. An excellent tea was served by local ladies in the Church Hall.

At the meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker). Several new members were elected and final details were discussed of the proposed outing to Cambridge on June 27th.

Ringing in the evening took place on the bells of nearby Owston Ferry.

5,056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
3 6 4 5 2	1			2
2 3 5 6 4	2		1	2
2 5 6 3 4	1	—	2	2
3 2 5 4 6		—		2
3 5 4 2 6	1	—	2	2
2 4 5 3 6				2
3 2 4 6 5	2		2	2

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Contains all the 5678's and 6578's, and 2 or 3 always in 2nds place at course-ends.

The alternative calling may be used in any of the 14 courses of this composition, giving various qualities, and lengths of 5,024, 5,056, 5,088, and upwards to 5,440.

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In this peal the alternative calling was used in the 3rd, 4th and 10th courses, giving all the 678's and all the 6578's.

QUARTER PEALS

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Stenning (first quarter) 1, A. W. Stenning (first quarter) 2, A. Newman (first in method) 3, E. Jarrett (first quarter) 4, E. Nixor (cond.) 5, W. G. H. Luff (first quarter) 6. Run on the occasion of the enthronement of the new Lord Bishop of Southwark.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Plain 1, Margaret Fenton (first quarter) 2, Anne Stephens 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, T. Pritchard 2, M. Cotterill 3, Margaret Keene 4, T. Price 5, V. Deane 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, F. Garland 8.

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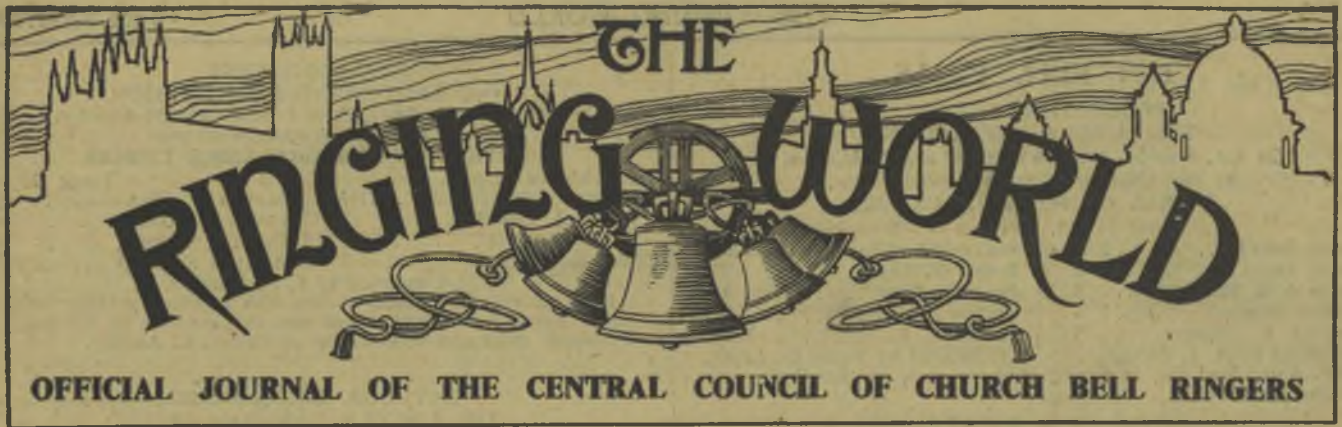
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THE CHALLENGE OF DECAY

THOSE who have conducted the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing entered into their task with all the enthusiasm of an ardent peal ringer. They induced 28 Associations to complete the questionnaire; and although the Survey does not include certain well-known Guilds, the fact that 71 per cent. of the towers in the British Isles have been covered enables a good general picture to be presented. The information is valuable; there is a basis to work on, and if the data is used aright there should be fewer silent towers.

Is ringing the decaying art that certain writers in the popular press make out? The Survey reveals that 46 per cent. of the towers are either not normally rung or are well undermanned. But when it is considered that 50 per cent. of the towers ring for at least 30 to 45 minutes before service, one is definitely heartened. Of course, there is a long way to go before there are no silent towers in the land, but there is a sufficient hard core of keen ringers, most of whom are churchpeople, to arrest the decay.

An article in a Liverpool paper, published after the Central Council meeting, states: 'Fine peals heard regularly by many earlier generations no longer respond to the tug of brawny arms on the bell ropes, for bell-ringing is not the popular practice it once was. Campanologists (as expert bell-ringers call themselves) fear that it will decline further unless more interest can be aroused. . . . "The old-fashioned bell-ringer, who could be relied upon to turn up week by week and who was an expert in the art, is vanishing and is extremely difficult to replace," said one parson.'

We certainly do not subscribe to that view. It cannot be said that with 2,512 peals rung last year—an increase on the previous year—ringing as an art is decaying. This is also supported by the large number of quarter peals, most of which are rung in the service of the Church. While it is true that in nearly half the towers in the country ringing for Sunday service is not what is desired, the fact that 39 per cent. of the towers have more than 1.5 members per rope indicates that many have a satisfactory num-

ber. Another thing is that more than half the bands have some school-age ringers.

While we admit we have a long way to go, let us have no more talk about this decaying art. Go to any meeting on a Saturday afternoon and you will find that the accent is on youth. Ringing appeals to youth where it is properly taught and where the necessary stimulus is provided by interest from the Church and with a wise and understanding leader in the tower. These two are essential for success, and despite the counter-attractions of this age the calling of our forefathers can still get its recruits.

Having said that, it does not mean that we as an Exercise are satisfied with the state of Sunday ringing. The Survey, which we publish this week, subjects the whole position to a microscopic examination. There are two immediate avenues for spade work: to get the parish priests of the land interested in ringing and rouse their desire to hear their bells giving the message of the Church; to see that every tower has a competent leader. The Central Council propose, with regard to the clergy, to publish a booklet setting out the position; and its wise distribution is a matter in which the help of the territorial Associations is necessary. We also need a better press in the Church newspapers—this spreading abroad of a 'decaying art' must be stopped. The finding of good instructors for every tower is not easy. Here it is necessary to go from Association to District level. The Survey forms should be studied in each District and individual action taken to solve the problems of the bad towers. It is impossible for those at the top level to deal with individual localities. If the enthusiasm of those who conducted and organised the Survey can be implanted in the Districts, then something can be done. Without it, their hours of labour will be in vain.

The position behoves that everyone who rings peals for enjoyment must be prepared to take his share in the big business of training. The proficiency achieved is a trust: it has to be passed on. One essential is the regular Sunday service ringing in his or her own tower—not spasmodic ringing in any tower or spending Sunday in an orgy of tower-grabbing. Seeking the co-operation of the clergy in recruitment is of little avail unless this example is given. Then there will be no question of ringers being accepted as true servants of the Church.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5411 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

RALPH BIRD Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON 6
IAN H. ORAM 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK 8
GEORGE FRANCIS 4	TREVOR A. CROSS 9
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Mr. Ralph Bird has, in ringing only ten peals on these bells, now 'circled the tower.'

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. LEACH .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH 6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 2	GORDON H. HARRISON .. 7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	ALAN G. FOSTER 8
E. MARION KEY 4	*BARNABAS G. KEY 9
BRIAN H. DAWSON 5	RONALD H. DOVE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* 25th peal together. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung by past and present members of St. Paul's band as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. W. Willis Price, M.A.), president of St. Paul's Society of Change Ringers, who is leaving the district.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. Treble	†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT 3	†KENNETH PARK 8
*SUSAN CHADDOCK 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 200th peal. † First of Stedman.

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

*DAVID COUPERTHWAIT .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES .. 5
A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 2	*CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 6
ANTHONY R. MANN .. 3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT .. 7
*MICHAEL J. TESTER .. 4	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. First peal of eights.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	*CYRIL RUSBY 5
*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 6
†EILEEN A. OSBORNE .. 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK 7
*MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal in these methods spliced. † First peal. The conductor's 250th peal. D. A. Chapman has now 'circled the tower.'

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
PHILIP A. CORBY 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
EDWIN BARNETT 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
WALTER J. LEMON 4	WILLIAM E. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

Rung as near as possible to the 60th anniversary (May 18th) of Edwin Barnett's first peal, which was also the first by the father of William E. Bond and elder brother of Herbert E. Audsley.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	†JOHN F. PEARSON 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	*†LOUIS WILLDERS 6
†PETER A. SHARP 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
†G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 50th peal together. † First of Rutland Surprise.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC PEPPER Treble	WILLIAM WILSON 5
JAMES DICKINSON 2	ALAN CAPSTICK 6
JOHN BAGNALL 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 7
LAWRENCE CLEMENT 4	ROLAND F. ECCLES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

First peal in the method as conductor. First in method for all except conductor.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*F. RICHARD VERRELL .. Treble	CECIL L. LONGHURST .. 5
†EDNA M. EVEREST 2	*†ROY D. BROWN 6
HARRY W. BROWN 3	W. A. RIDDINGTON .. 7
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.'

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.
FRED C. LYNE Treble	RICHARD C. WARBURTON .. 5
CLARENCE R. STEED .. 2	JOHN L. FINDON 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	FREDERICK KINCHIN .. 7
*PETER S. BENNETT .. 4	WILLIAM H. MALE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

* First peal on eight. The conductor has now called Holt's Original from all eight bells.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC N. HARRISON .. Treble	*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 5
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
GEORGE S. DEAS 3	CHARLES N. LEA 7
BRYAN PATTISON 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

*A. RONALD ASHBY Treble	D. JOSEPH GOODMAN 5
JOE HOBBS 2	EDWIN J. UPTON 6
WALTER AYRE 3	BRIAN M. BARKER 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Jane Lowdell, daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Lowdell, and Brian Seel, son of Sir George and Lady Seel, which took place previous to the peal. Also for the homecoming of Christopher John, grandson of the tenor ringer; and a birthday compliment to C. L. A.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,056 Superlative, 960 each Cambridge and Pudsey, 864 Bristol, 672 London and 576 Watford, with 149 changes of method.

DORIS E. COLGATE Treble	STANLEY JENNER 5
RALPH BIRD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN R. SMITH Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	PETER M. ADCOCK 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW 7
*BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal of Major.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ANDREW N. STUBBS Treble	DAVID T. DARBY 5
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung as a tribute to the memory of Frank A. Barrett. * Requiescat in Pace.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JOHN HAYES Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON 5
*PHYLLIS HACKNEY 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	CHARLES WARD 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	DENIS MADDOCK Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

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

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Yorkshire Association.)

On Fri., May 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MARGARET MILLS Treble	ELISABETH A. WARDILL .. 5
*CHRISTINE RODGERS .. 2	DAVID G. FRENCH 6
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 3	FRED FISHER 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment from Rotherham ringers to Mrs. N. Chaddock.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN WITH ST. NICHOLAS
AND ST. LEONARD AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DAVID HEIGHTON Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER 5
ANGELA GRAINGER 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 6
*JANE K. A. COOK 3	PATRICK J. BIRD 7
†MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.

Rung to mark the jubilee anniversary of the University of Bristol receiving its Charter (May 24th, 1909).

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROHILLA M. COOKE Treble	KENNETH LAWSON 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
FRED HODGSON 3	THOMAS M. COX 7
THOMAS COOKE 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Non-conducted.

First non-conducted peal by all except the third.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Treble	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 6
M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 7
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. House) 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5
*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
*IVOR JENKINS 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
*MARCUS P. BARTON... .. Treble	*MICHAEL R. ROSE 5
*JUDITH K. ESSEN 2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN 6
SUSAN JACKSON 3	*MARTYN HAWKES 7
*DEREK E. SIBSON 4	ROGER KEELEY Tenor

Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells since restoration and believed to be the first of Surprise on them.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. ARTHUR J. N. RANCE Treble	*RAYMOND K. RIVERS .. 5
ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. 2	WALTER HUNT 6
BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 3	ERIC T. LEE 7
MRS. HAROLD SMITH .. 4	HAROLD SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (C.C.C. 53). Conducted by HAROLD SMITH.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor. The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*J. YORKE PARKER Treble	ROGER J. PALMER 4
A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 2	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 5
CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Sylvia Palmer.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

*VALERIE M. EDGE Treble	DESMOND F. FERGUSON .. 4
LEO EVANS 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
HARRY EDGE 3	JOHN MEYRICK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

* First peal.

Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. E. Neads, and for the restoration of the tower and bells.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

Being seven 720's, each called differently.	
W. JOHN PHIPPEN Treble	*ROGER H. ABBOTT 4
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 5
ERNEST E. BRAY 3	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringer of the second has now rung Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. in G minor.

Being two extents of Stedman, one extent and 240 Morris' arrangement of Grandshire, five extents each of St. Martin's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob (four callings), five extents of St. Simon's Bob (five callings) and 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings).	
A. WILLIAM BIRD Treble	TERENCE G. PAGE 3
PETER KINDRED 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mitchell, of Pakefield, on the birth of a daughter, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. B. S. Thompson.

ADDINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*JAMES D. ARMITAGE .. Treble	*JOHN W. GIBSON 4
JEFFREY P. COOPER .. 2	WILLIAM DIXON 5
GILLIAN B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	*ALLAN WEAR Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN WEAR.

* First quarter peal of Minor.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 120's (ten callings) and eight 240's Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HONOR PRATT Treble	CHARLES ROUSE 4
LESLIE BARRY 2	OLIVER MILLS 5
HAROLD HOBBS 3	*DAVID HOLPIN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. First on the bells since the fourth has been recast.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

THOMAS TEMPLETON .. Treble	*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 4
ROLAND H. COOK 2	JOHN T. W. MORRIS .. 5
DENIS A. FRITH 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 25th peal together.

A compliment to Mr. J. E. Darby—an ardent Church worker—on his 50th birthday.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER WAKEFIELD .. Treble	DAVID STAPLES 4
ERIC SUTTON 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
CHARLES G. JONES .. 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

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

Rung on the eve of Trinity Sunday.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT 4
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
ALBERT DUNK 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 103, 58, 103, 48, 56, 34, 52).

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Treble	*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 4
†FREDERICK ROSS .. 2	RICHARD OLIVER 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

**CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., May 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two extents each of St. Clement's College Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.
*IAN A. RICHARDSON (12) *Treble* | GEORGE CHALLANS 4
S. LESLIE BARLOW 2 | LESLIE W. BACON 5
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 3 | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal in more than one method.

**ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.
FREDERICK WATSON *Treble* | RONALD RUSSEL 4
J. HARRY COOK 2 | ROLAND H. COOK 5
PERCY BALDOCK 3 | JOHN H. BLUFF *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Baldock, and for the 31st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Cook.

**BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-AD-VINCULA.*

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being two, 160's and one extent. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.
*VICTOR GRIFFIN *Treble* | *WALTER H. TRUEMAN 4
†LESLEY HAWES 2 | *†ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
*W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3 | §BRIAN BLADON *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Minor. § 25th peal together. § First of Minor in the method. Believed to be the first peal of London Minor for the Association.

**BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*THOMAS METCALF *Treble* | *FRANK ANDERTON 4
†JAMES DICKINSON 2 | *LAWRENCE CLEMENTS 5
†WILLIAM J. WILSON 3 | GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal in three methods. † First in three methods 'inside.'

**MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.
ALEC GAMMON *Treble* | *J. HENRY GARDNER 3
JOHN DREWITT 2 | ROY H. JONES 4
EDWARD VENN *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

* First peal of Doubles. 30th peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Paul and Mrs. Rimmer.

**NORTH PERROT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

*On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.
MICHAEL E. TURNER .. *Treble* | GORDON GAYLORD 4
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY 2 | †ALAN W. ROBINSON 5
ALBERT W. DYER 3 | *WILLIAM E. TURNER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 50th peal together. † First of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., April 16, 1959, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,
At 66, MELTON ROAD.*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor size 15 in C.
DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2 | *B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3—4
*ERNEST MORRIS 5—6

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 75th peal together.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., May 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At 66, MELTON ROAD.*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2 | JOHN ACRES 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS 3—4 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7—8
Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

**HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., May 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At 170, HEADSTONE LANE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.
THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2 | JOHN R. MAYNE 5—6
JOAN BERESFORD 3—4 | FRANK C. PRICE 7—8
JOHN HILL 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Little Bob Royal on handbells by all the band.

**LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., May 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
At the WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
DIANA J. PERRINS 1—2 | *JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4 | GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS .. 7—8
Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* 100th peal of Plain Bob Major on handbells.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
In the RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.
*MRS. J. RENDER 1—2 | JOHN POTTS 3—4
*ALAN SHEPPARD 5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* 25th peal together.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 31st, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary A. Webb 1, M. W. Ford 2, N. J. Hayne (first quarter, aged 14) 3, J. W. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. For Evensong.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Katharine T. Gorvin 1, Maureen L. Cheryman (first 'inside') 2, I. Forrest 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Spires 1, Miss J. Smith 2, L. Smith 3, R. Chew 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Hurbert (first quarter) 6. First in three methods for all except 5. For Evensong; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pearce 1, R. Peck 2, C. J. Gibson 3, J. Pilgrim 4, A. Pine 5, P. S. Bedford (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ogbourne 1, P. J. Bird 2, D. G. Yeo 3, J. Brain 4, G. Pullin (first quarter) 5, H. S. Gregory 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Jeanes 8. Rung for Trinity Sunday Old Cathedralians' service by Old Boys, teaching staff and a present pupil. Also on May 30th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mary Powell 1, D. J. Hunt 2, D. E. Cobb 3, R. J. Bowden 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, F. D. Mack 6, D. G. Yeo 7, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 8. For the annual service of the 'Friends of the Cathedral.'

CAPEL, SURREY.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Tullett 1, A. H. Winch 2, H. Penfold 3, G. Marriner 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First 360 of Oxford and Kent for treble ringer. Rung for the church fete.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancie Bragg 1, Edna Denyer 2, F. Cherryman 3, P. Sherwood 4, S. Russell 5, C. Denyer 6, E. Bragg (cond.) 7, J. Avenall 8. For a wedding.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob) with 7-8 covering: J. Hulme 1, Jill Mayes 2, Sheila Percival 3, J. Church 4, P. Tompkins 5, G. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dille 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evensong.

CLIFTON-UNDER-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and 900 Grandsire): Valerie P. Colegrove (first in four methods) 1, W. C. Budd 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, L. A. Whewall 4, T. J. Frodsham 5.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Hickling 1, Miss P. Shepherd 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, A. Simpson (cond.) 4, P. Simpson 5, W. Nichols 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. Chaplin, Vicar of this parish for 21 years.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bonsor (first quarter) 1, Gillian Tavener 2, Hilary Johnson 3, D. J. Marshall 4, H. M. Johnson 5, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. Also on April 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Negus 1, Gillian Tavener 2, Mary J. Marshall 3, M. J. Bailey 4, D. J. Marshall (13, first as cond.) 5, J. E. Goddard 6. For the Mothers' Union Deanery service, all the band being under 18. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth A. Negus 1, Mary J. Marshall 2, Frances Johnson 3, Gillian Tavener 4, H. M. Johnson 5, Hilary Johnson 6, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. J. Marshall 8. First on eight bells by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. First of Bob Triples by 5, 6, and 7.

DRONFIELD, YORKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Haslam (first quarter) 1, K. R. Goodall 2, G. N. Goodall 3, J. W. Sykes 4, A. Wilson 5, R. Bradbury 6, L. Goodall (cond.) 7, M. J. Allen (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Major ever rung by a local band.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, T. East 7, W. Corderoy 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Ivings 1, G. Peck 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, W. Ivings 5, H. Fuller 6, W. Paul 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. For Whit Sunday morning service.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On May 30th, at the Bell Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Grove (first quarter) 1, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 2, M. Selby 3, W. Pomeroy 4, A. Shorey 5, R. Selby 6, G. C. Hemming 7, S. Read 8. Rung on the 11th birthday of the treble ringer.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, E. A. Head 3, Miss B. Syrett 4, H. Fuller 5, L. J. Minns 6, J. Girt 7, L. E. Etheridge 8. Last quarter on the bells before being handed over to the bell-hangers.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, C. Wade 3, J. H. Musson 4, C. Wilkinson 5, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. H. Evans) on his retirement from the ministry.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On May 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, E. A. Head 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, Miss B. Syrett 4, W. Paul 5, H. Fuller 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, J. Paul 8. For Evensong.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints, Canterbury, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): D. Rees 1, T. M. Haines 2, R. S. Roberts (cond.) 3, G. F. Roome 4, J. C. Rainbow 5. For evening service.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLEX.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Smith 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, D. Shaw (cond.) 3, A. Corran 4, T. Durn 5, Miss W. Smith 6. First quarter by a resident band. For morning service.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Doreen Fairhead (14) 1, Evelyn Cansdale 2, E. Leggett 3, W. J. Brunt (first 'inside' on 10) 4, J. Morley 5, D. Whent 6, A. W. Cansdale 7, C. A. Andrews 8, G. W. Barnes 9, B. W. Fairhead (first on 10 as cond.) 10. First on ten bells for 1, 3, 6 and 9.

IVER, BUCKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Ozlesby 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, E. R. Wilkinson 4, Janet L. Adamson 5, A. D. Rivers 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, D. Livingstone 8.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Bird 1, P. J. Milton 2, A. Macve 3, C. J. McGill 4, H. M. Williamson 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 2, 3 and 4.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss N. Bond 1, Miss J. Posnett (first quarter) 2, K. Kirk (first as conductor) 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. Johnson 5, I. Goldthorpe 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. W. Sutton, also to celebrate the birth of a nephew to the ringer of 5.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, G. Marriner 3, G. P. T. Peters 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (first in method) 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, E. G. L. Coward 8. All the above are ex-Service men. Rung for Surrey County British Legion dedication service held that afternoon.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Higham 1, H. Pearson 2, Miss J. Moir (first quarter) 3, S. Walmsley 4, J. H. Owens 5, P. Barrard 6, A. Meadows (cond.) 7, L. Walmsley 8. For Matins. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Higham 1, Miss D. Crook 2, H. Pearson 3, J. H. Owens 4, A. Meadows 5, E. Sparks 6, L. Walmsley 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Rung to mark Commonwealth Youth Sunday and also the 30th anniversary of the installation of the present 10 bells.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on April 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Seymour 1, Mrs. A. R. Turley 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, Mrs. J. Hill 4, N. D. Dobinson 5, A. R. Turley 6, M. J. Palmer 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. C. Price 9, J. Hill 10. All the ringers belong to St. John's, Hillingdon.

MANCHESTER.—An Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Maddocks 1, E. M. Quinn 2, G. Rumney 3, B. Rumney 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, B. Bramhall (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Rumney. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. M. Bagshaw (first quarter) 1, J. Robinson 2, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 3, B. Rumney 4, E. M. Quinn 5, G. Rumney 6. For Whitsuntide.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright 1, W. Aley 2, C. W. Sams 3, A. A. Livings 4, G. Blake 5, B. G. Burton (cond.) 6. For evening service.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Wendy Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. King (captain).

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): C. Withel 1, J. Pusey 2, E. Venn 3, A. Stubbs 4, R. A. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. W. Winstanley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Barrett. Also at the Church of St. Aldate, on May 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Pearce 1, N. Chamberlain 2, E. Venn (cond.) 3, R. Allsworth 4, J. Venn 5, S. Henstead 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Barrett.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Pearce Higgins 1, J. Euston 2, J. Tomsett 3, D. Robinson 4, G. Harvey 5, A. Clayton (first of Triples) 6, W. Wilson 7, C. Mew (first quarter) 8. For Matins and as a mark of appreciation for the help given by Mr. Euston when the local band was exiled in Wandsworth.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Thomas 1, H. Dobbins 2, J. A. Hoare 3, E. Morris 4, A. Hannington 5, J. T. Williams 6, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 7, T. M. Roderick 8. On the occasion of the reconsecration of the church. Rung after unsuccessful peal attempt.

STANDON, HERTS.—On May 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Frost 1, Miss G. Graney 2, C. E. Hayter 3, F. Ellis 4, S. Huckle 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, J. Maple 3, J. Newell 4, Miss J. Horton (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6. For Trinity Sunday and to celebrate the birth of a second daughter to Jean and Peter Blackman, of Aylestone, Leics.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Mrs. A. Hales 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, Mrs. R. Rouse 5, I. Cooper 6. For Evensong.

THURMASTON, LEICS.—1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Smith 1, H. Matthewman 2, C. Lowe 3, E. F. Payne 4, D. Lowe (first as cond.) 5, S. Parker (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLEX.—On May 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Ann Muir 1, Elizabeth Hill Brown 2, W. A. Lewis 3, Dr. A. J. Muir 4, C. M. Bloomer 5, M. Hill Brown 6, Gillian Neal Smith 7, Dr. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,664 Plain Bob Major: T. J. Mikom (first of Major) 1, Monica Horseman 2, A. F. Lee 3, J. R. Hobbs (first of Major) 4, D. E. Cobb 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Hawkins 2, M. Hawkins 3, A. C. Rye 4, F. A. Rye 5, G. F. Ruck (cond.) 6, F. W. Lawrence 7, K. Reed 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to K. Reed on being posted abroad.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On May 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Prout 1, Freda Robinson 2, R. Lucas 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 2, H. Prout 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

At the Guildford District meeting at Shere on May 16th, during a break in the ringing, the company stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Thomas Ansell, who had recently passed away, aged 85 years. He had been captain of the Albury ringers.

Ringling was supervised by Mr. E. John Wells (District Master), the Rector (Rev. E. R. Hougham) conducted the service, and local ladies served tea.

New members elected were Miss Carol Piper (Cranleigh), John Askew, Richard Bywaters and Richard Ford (Shere). Evening ringing was at Albury.

UNIVERSITY OF READING SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the University of Reading Society of Change Ringers the following elections were made: Master, Miss Mollie Tilbury; secretary, Miss Janet Secker; treasurer, Mr. Peter Wilkinson; lay members, Miss Jennifer Davies and Mr. David Semple.

TRURO GUILD PRESIDENT MARRIED

Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and Miss Mary Cork were married on Whit Monday at Kenwyn Parish Church, Truro. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Vincent. A ceremonial archway of handbells held aloft by fellow chorister ringers greeted the bridal party as they left the church. There were over 200 guests at the reception, and later in the day a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on Kenwyn bells.

FROM READING TO SOUTH WALES

A party from Reading, travelling by Minibus, spent the Whitsun week-end in Wales, being joined en route by Dennis Bowen, of Northampton.

The first peal attempt—Pudsey—was scored on the magnificent octave at Ebbw Vale, but not without a crop of blisters. The excellent tea, provided by the local ladies, was more than acceptable.

Abergavenny was the headquarters for the next two nights and it was here that the party rang for morning service. Another peal attempt was made in the afternoon at Machen, but after about an hour of 4-spliced in a furnace-like ringing room the attempt came to grief. Visits were afterwards paid to Caerphilly and Pentre, and the hospitality at Tudor Edwards' house caused more than one dietary resolution to go to the winds. The journey up the Rhondda Valley, during which 1,500 feet were climbed in about 2½ miles, was memorable.

On Monday morning the last peal attempt was made at Blaenavon, but it was not to be, and London came to an untimely halt after an hour's ringing. On the homeward journey there was a short ring at Ruardean and also at Cricklade. Reading was reached about 10.15 p.m.

Thanks are specially accorded to Ron Diserens for his excellent arrangements and to Jack Munday, the amateur driver, who must have had not a few hair-raising moments over the week-end.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Old Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, G. F. Roome 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, R. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. For Confirmation service.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The quarterly meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch took place at Twynning on May 9th. It might have been the beautiful summerlike weather that attracted the visitors, or perhaps they had some foreknowledge of the excellent tea which the Twynning members and their good ladies always provide—or it might even have been just a new tower; but whatever it was, the Ringing Master (Mr. Trevor Newbury) was very pleased to welcome visitors from many 'foreign' parts — Birmingham, Smethwick, Wychbold, King's Lynn, Hereford and Welland.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Twynning.

At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Ringing Master, the main business was to fix the annual outing to Somerset on August 29th. Five new junior members were welcomed into the Branch. The Ringing Master referred to the progress which had been made in the Branch in method ringing by a few keen members, and expressed the hope that more members would attend the bi-monthly practices at Tewkesbury Abbey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

A warm welcome was accorded the Southern District, who held their second meeting of the year at Brooke. The Rector (Rev. Mr. Ives) and five members of the local company joined the Association. The Rector conducted a short service, during which he spoke on the recently restored church. The lesson was read by Mr. H. W. Barrett, Association Ringing Master, who has done much to form a band at Brooke. The next meeting will be held at Dickleburgh on September 5th. All who had helped towards the success of the meeting were thanked.

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Inspector Thomas Butler has retired from the Liverpool City Police after over 32 years' service. For the past three years he has been cashier to the Force. He has accepted an appointment in a solicitor's office—his previous employment before entering the Police. With retirement, it is probable that he will have more time for ringing.

Dr. J. E. Spice is shortly to leave Liverpool for Winchester College.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes are visiting America at the end of August and hope to attend the handbell festival at Ipswich, Mass. They were there two years ago.

Owing to Corpus Christi service, Slough ringers went to the call-change tower of Iver for their practice on May 28th and rang a quarter. Iver ringers' co-operation was much appreciated.

The peal at Crayford on May 23rd for the 60th anniversary of Mr. Edwin Barnett's first peal was his 264th on the bells and 175th with his son, Mr. E. A. Barnett. He has been a ringer at Crayford since 1895.

Mr. J. J. Webb, of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, sent an apology for his non-attendance at the Central Council meeting. Unfortunately his letter took about four days to arrive, and the hon. secretary had already left for Southport.

An order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for a new bell to replace the seventh of the ten at Preston. About nine months ago this bell developed a small crack on the lip, due to the clapper falling out and jamming between the bell and the frame. Its effect on the tone of the bells was most marked, and the bell has not been rung since. Ringing has been confined to various other combinations on the other nine bells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Boy Scout Movement is to have two badges for ringers—'Bell Ringer' for Scouts, and 'Senior Bell Ringer' for Senior Scouts. The new badges will not come into force until September 1st, and details of tests are expected to be published in August.

The ringer of the fifth in the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Pontypridd on May 5th was W. Harford and not W. Davies. Our correspondent sends his apologies to all concerned.

The band who rang the peal at Putney on May 30th would like to thank Mr. A. Clayton for having everything ready, and also for his kind hospitality afterwards.

Mr. G. N. Sloan, captain of Christchurch Cathedral band, New Zealand, and Mrs. Sloan are on their way to England and hope to be present at the Oxford Guild Festival.

At Capel Church fete on May 23rd, much-appreciated handbell ringing was given by Messrs. A. Harman, A. A. Winch, G. Marriner and A. E. Cheesman.

A feature article by Arthur Turner in the 'Liverpool Echo,' entitled 'Who will ring those bats out of the belfries?' states that the difficulty of finding ringers is likely to grow rather than decrease . . . Many fine rings of bells have not been rung in earnest for several years.

For the first time in the history of Orme School, Newcastle, Staffs, senior pupils rang for the annual commemoration of the school's founders and benefactors at St. Giles' Church on May 28th. The ringers were Dorothy White, Gillian Mason, Erica Rish, Clare Bickell and Shirley Price (all of St. Giles' band), Patricia Robinson (Wolstanton) and Christine Adkins (Alsager). The Dean of Lichfield, who preached, said school children of the diocese were paying for the restoration of the two western towers of Lichfield Cathedral.

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THE SURVEY OF SUNDAY RINGING

NEED FOR CLOSER CO-OPERATION AND BETTER TEACHING—DETAILS FROM 2,719 TOWERS—
32 PER CENT. TOWERS SILENT INCLUDING THOSE UNRINGABLE—POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION

Report Of The Committee

SECTION I. GENERAL

The Survey of Sunday Service Ringing initiated by the Council last year has been carried out, thanks to the industry of many individuals, Associations, and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Details of all the facts accumulated are set out in a later section of this report, and it is hoped that Council members will bring its contents to the notice of as many ringers, clergy and responsible churchpeople as possible.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the work of this committee has been the tremendous goodwill shown by Guilds and responsible ringers. There is a good correlation between the enthusiasm of Association activities and the condition of Sunday Service Ringing. This is a great encouragement for it implies that the Association is an effective channel for our efforts.

We feel justified in saying that much good has already been done by the Survey by the interest it has stimulated and the further opportunities it has given Association officials to obtain additional knowledge about ringing in their areas. As a direct result of the Survey, three large Associations are already taking active steps to bring about an improvement.

Replies indicate the tremendous value of the bells and their message to the Church, so at least we know that our efforts are worth while. But there is need for a positive and definite affirmation of why the bells are hung in towers, why they are rung for service and what part they play in the Church's life and witness. It does really matter that some bells are not rung on Sunday. Unless ringers, clergy and congregation all equally hold this conviction the driving force is lacking. The people who have most responsibility in demonstrating this are members of the Central Council, other leading members of the Exercise (especially Association officers) and leading clergy and laymen in each diocese. There is need for closer consultation and understanding between them. This is related to publicity through church newspapers, diocesan magazines and especially parish magazines, which is invaluable. Names of local Association officers should also be known to local newspapers so that the former may be contacted when ringing matters crop up.

We feel that an important purpose of an Association is the teaching of ringing. Ringing needs personal instruction of the best sort available. Few Associations are organised to do this beyond the rough and tumble of a Saturday afternoon meeting. There is need to get down to this problem in earnest. The scheme organised by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild is commended. It is asking its leading members to form a panel of instructors and affiliated towers (via the P.C.C.) to give financial help so that definite courses of instruction can be given (12 weeks in the first instance) in the tower.

Many feel that one of the most potent factors for success is leadership and adequate instruction. There is no doubt that absence of leadership of the right qualities is a major factor where Sunday service ringing is not what it should be. If established ringing organisations can somehow increase the output of leaders and tutors of the right qualities in the near future a great step towards progress will have been made.

Also very high on the list are those factors which summed up emphasise the need for closer relations with the family of the Church

and a greater and more obvious interest by the clergy. We must all do our part (more than hitherto) in fostering this interest. Efforts at closer relationship and better understanding with the clergy and church officials will nearly always bring a welcome response.

The question of recruitment has an important place in the main body of this report, and whilst there is overwhelming support for recruiting from within branches of church activity it must be remembered that many may be brought into the family of the church by way of the belfry. Whilst the advantages of obtaining recruits of quality (mental and physical) are apparent, the need to secure 'a balanced band' should not be overlooked. There are many advantages in having a good spread in age, occupation and social position, etc. Careful recruiting over a long period of time may do much to reduce the difficulties in regard to shift work, homework, seasonal work and military service, which at present figure so prominently in replies to this Survey. We must, so to speak, avoid having all our eggs in one basket, plan well ahead and above all, recruit whilst things are thriving, not wait for a collapse. Greater effort should be made personally to hand on a migrant ringer from one band to another.

Some emphasis has been placed on the value of social relationships between ringers outside the belfry, and we feel that these are important. Important, too, is the organisation and distribution of tasks connected with the belfry amongst the ringers—especially young ringers. The making of such contributions causes them to feel that they have 'a stake in the place,' and if more were done on these lines we should perhaps have less towers where bad-going bells and bad conditions hinder progress. It is also important that all are given the feeling that they are wanted.

There is also an obligation upon us as church members to see that our bells do ring out as part of the EVANGELICAL WITNESS OF OUR CHURCH. As one Diocesan Guild has pointed out:—

'The bells of any parish church are some of its best missionaries and publicity agents. The parish priest can be shut out or unwelcome, so can his parish visitors, but it is almost impossible to shut out the bells with their message and invitation to worship from any house within their sound.'

The committee believed from the outset that no matter as important as this should be discussed out of context of facts, as accurately as we could get them. This is indeed a golden rule of all investigation and discussion. Furthermore, we felt that we should hear the opinions of as many ringers all over the country as possible. We therefore devised a questionnaire form which was sent to territorial Associations, asking for certain basic facts about the bells, towers and ringers in their areas, and also inviting comment and opinions. It was not envisaged that the statistics collected from this Survey would cover every bell, tower and ringer in the British Isles—that would have been wishful thinking—but that facts could be collected from a sufficiently high proportion of towers in an area so that we could feel confident that in saying, for example, 22 per cent. of towers ring for more than 45 minutes on Sunday, we could not be far out in that statement. Greater accuracy seemed quite unnecessary and, in any case, unobtainable.

A. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE

The area of the British Isles is covered, for ringing purposes, by 42 territorial Associations. The 28 Associations who completed the questionnaire cover 71% of the towers in the British Isles, but the towers surveyed by the Associations comprised only another 71% of all in their areas (50.4% of all the towers in the British Isles). When one remembers that detailed public opinion forecasts are nowadays made from samples, information from 50% of the towers gives a very sound basis for discussion.

The response to our questionnaire was really excellent and, frankly, far exceeded expectations. We are tremendously grateful to all the many Associations, general secretaries, Branch secretaries, tower captains and, in quite a few cases, incumbents, who went to so much trouble to fill in yet another form in their lives. Indeed so much more was done in some Associations than we asked for that we are able to include a great deal more information and, especially, a wider range of opinions than we ever expected to have. This is particularly due to those ten Associations who sent into us the individual returns from towers in their areas. The individual tower returns came from 913 towers though, unfortunately, those from one Association arrived so late that they could not be included in the statistics; only the opinions are included.

Every word and every figure sent has been read and sorted, and we hope that our report fairly represents this vast amount of data. We have, too, received views in private correspondence, via letters to 'The Ringing World' and by word of mouth. For these we are most grateful and have also tried to give them due attention. To sum up the data and opinions from 2,719 towers in even a fairly short report is not easy.

B. STATISTICS

1. Towers in British Isles (Dove, 1956)	5,422
2. Towers in areas surveyed (Dove, 1956)	3,853
3. Towers surveyed in category 2	2,719
4. Towers unringable	14%
5. Towers ringable, but not normally rung	18%
6. Towers which are rung but well undermanned	28%
7. Towers which ring all their bells regularly	40%
8. Towers which ring for at least 45 minutes before service	22%
9. Towers which ring for at least 30 to 45 minutes before service	50%
10. Towers which ring for less than 30 minutes before service	15%
11. Towers with paid bands	12%
12. Towers ringing call-changes only	28%
13. Towers ringing call-changes and method	51%
14. Towers holding regular practices	56%
15. Bands having school-age members	54%
16. Bands with at least half the members belonging to the local Association	56%
17. Difficulty in recruiting	46%
18. Would welcome help	34%
19. With 1.5 or more members per rope	39%
20. With 1.0 to 1.5 members per rope	34%
21. With less than 1.0 members per rope	27%

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22. Average number of tower members per rope 1.228
 23. Estimated number of ringers in British Isles 41,700

4. *Proportion of towers unringable.*—This is probably an underestimate. Unringable towers tend to be 'under-surveyed' by Associations. In so far that this is an under-estimate, 6 and 7 will tend to be over-estimated. The proportion of unringable towers varies widely between Associations, reaching apparently the alarming figure of 47.8% in one Association.

5. *Proportion of towers ringable but not normally rung.*—This figure may also be slightly under-estimated since such towers tend to be left out. Taking 4 and 5 together, it appears that at least 32% of all towers are not rung regularly at all.

6. *Towers well undermanned.*—This is a hard category to define, and in practice means all those towers which are clearly not in categories 4, 5 or 7.

7. *Towers which ring all their bells regularly.*—A band that is capable of ringing all the bells in its tower regularly is really the least definition that one might accept of 'satisfactory service ringing' without specifying anything about quality.

8, 9 and 10. *Duration of ringing.*—These three together should add up to 6 and 7. In fact, most of the towers in category 5 also stated how long they ring, if they ring at all. The number of towers who state that they ring for as little as 10 or even 5 minutes before a service was a revelation.

11. *Paid bands.*—'Paid' was taken literally. It is quite obvious that in very few cases are ringers paid an amount that can be termed 'payment.' In most cases funds seemed to be used collectively for the band or tower. There was a noticeable tendency for paid bands to be more numerous in the North and least frequent amongst call-change ringers.

12. *Call-changes.*—As would be expected, call-change bands predominate in the South-west of England; about 75% of all towers in Devon and Cornwall ring call-changes only. From 25 to 30% seems to be a typical percentage in the 'change-ringing' areas.

14. *Practices.*—Regular practice' includes towers which only practise during the winter (mostly rural) and towers which combine for practice. Since apparently only 68% of all towers ring at all, 56% with a regular practice is a high proportion.

17. *Difficulty in recruiting.*—The validity of this figure is questionable since people's estimates of what constitutes difficulty in recruiting vary so much.

18. *Would welcome help.*—This is exactly half the towers who do ring at all.

22. *Tower members per rope.*—The number of ringers per rope in various towers varied between 0 and over 4 (several cases). The record was an 8-bell tower which claimed 38 members (this was vouched for by the Association secretary). In many cases the number of tower members included all beginners, and undoubtedly at times the figure was rather an optimistic one—a tower, for example, with eight bells and, allegedly, 16 members should be able to ring more than six bells on Sundays.

This sort of instance was not uncommon, and it is probable that the number of ringers tends to be over, rather than under, estimated.

23. *Estimated number of ringers in British Isles.*—This figure is calculated by multiplying the figure of 5,422 (see question 1) by 1.228 (see question 22).

For reasons stated under 22, and also because the Survey tended to be unrepresentative of unringable and unringed towers, the figure is probably an over-estimate. The figure may be contrasted with the 46,848 given in the Official Year Book of the Church of England for 1959 for the Provinces of York and Canterbury only (5,208 towers). Exactly what the Year Book figures mean is doubtful when one considers, for example, that the diocese of Sodor and Man, with no ringable rings, is credited with 23 ringers!

An account was taken of the number of towers which regularly ring all their bells at least once on Sunday, ring for 45 minutes or more before service, have a regular practice and have at least one school-age ringer in the band (as evidence of attitude towards recruiting). Only 16.6% of all change-ringing bands and 6.1% of all call-change only bands satisfied all these requirements together. The second requirement seemed to be the hardest to fulfil.

C. THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The replies from 913 towers and 18 Association secretaries produced 110 factors favourable to the maintenance of Sunday service ringing and 78 unfavourable factors. To be sure, many of these, though distinct, had a common basis, and some in the first category were merely the opposite of those in the latter, but the enormous variety here was undreamt of. This does stress the fact that the whole matter is by no means simple and the views of any one person, or even a committee of five, can easily be much too narrow and their experience too limited.

Before summarising these views, one or two general observations might be made. In the first place, from these comments one can immediately feel the tremendous difference in atmosphere between the tower where ringing is poor or non-existent and that where there is a healthy band. In the former case nothing but the difficulties are mentioned—the whole world seems to be against ringing—whereas in the latter case, though many similar circumstances must exist, the difficulties are hardly ever mentioned. A tower that is 'down' rarely has even any suggestions to offer of what might be done. This feeling of oppression and depression is obviously itself a very real bar to improvement.

The second point is that, overwhelmingly, the factors most often mentioned which are both favourable and unfavourable to Sunday service ringing are not concerned with either the technique of ringing or with Associations. The Central Council was only mentioned twice (once favourably and once not!) and 'The Ringing World' once. The general impression obtained of the ringing Exercise from these forms is vastly and wholly different from reading 'The Ringing World' or, indeed, of listening to the proceedings of the Central Council. Undoubtedly the greatest problem is how to get together and keep together a band of people to ring at all, and not what or how they ring. The problems are parochial and social rather than ringing ones.

The third general observation is that a very large number of the factors quoted are very general ones: patience, perseverance, lack of interest, and so forth. Whilst no one would deny that such qualities are desirable or undesirable, as the case may be, we would agree with the Association secretary who said: 'It was obvious from some of the replies that the problems confronting ringing were not clearly understood or analysed.' It was notable again that vague replies of this sort rarely came from flourishing towers.

In the following summary of opinions, the figures in parentheses after each opinion, comment or suggestion indicate the number of times it was mentioned.

Dealing first with the unfavourable factors and difficulties:—

There are the incontestable snags such as bells heavy-going and bad belfry conditions (42), a church devoid of parochial life (7), or only a small population or congregation to draw on (62). One Guild believes that no parish with a population of more than 1,000 should be incapable of raising a local band, but with fewer one's resources are limited.

The two most commonly mentioned of all difficulties were National Service (94) and moving from the district (103). Against this only (7) towers acknowledge the assistance of ringers moving into their districts. It does seem that moving from one district to another all too often ends a person's ringing career. This is specially so for country districts and young people. As one tower said: 'Young ringers have to leave the village to get jobs—especially the brighter ones.' In (24) instances, leaving a district to attend University was mentioned, though the (8) mentions of help from University Societies to some extent compensates.

Another very common difficulty is Sunday work and shift work (63) and, in country or seaside districts, seasonal work (8). Home work (40) and night school (38) certainly do prevent young ringers getting the training they need. The many other activities that vie with ringing were mentioned: in general (73), Sunday motor-ing (7), Sunday sports (15), cinemas (14), television (28) and radio (2). An interesting point about television is that it was scarcely mentioned at all in some areas, but these seem to be the ones where it has been longest available.

Personality factors loom large. Hardly any of the form fillers pointed out defects in their own personalities, but there seemed to be room for improvement in many of those with whom they came into contact. Lack of interest in bells and church kept coming up (86). More specific mentions were unco-operativeness of older ringers (27); lack of persistence (29); the incumbent (23): 'The young people of today are not what we were' (34); the dimness of learners (8); lack of consideration of church authorities towards ringing (5); objections from parishioners to bells (8); aggressive and shouting ringing captains (6); peal grabbers (5) (the smallness of this figure is, perhaps, out of proportion to the frequency with which this is mentioned in, for example, 'The Ringing World' correspondence); disinterest of congregation or parish in bells (15); resentment of ringers against being helped (6) and, to balance this, the disinclination of ringers from nearby towers to help when asked (4); and feuds and bickering between ringers (6).

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The church-going habits of our times also got their mention. Absence of young people in church congregations (35). Incumbents insisting that ringers attend church (5). (One rector himself wrote: 'I have made it a rule "no ringing on Sundays if ringers don't stay to service afterwards"—this has not been well received.') In four cases, however, the tendency of ringers not to go to service was considered a bad factor.

To come now to the ringing factors: *Lack of leadership or adequate instruction* (59) was most often mentioned.

There were unfavourable factors, too, in the organisation of the hand in some towers. Awkward times of ringing (23) was frankly admitted in some cases to equate with reluctance to get out of bed on Sunday morning, though distance to be travelled home to tower (23) is certainly a problem for many urban ringers. (6) blamed not teaching youngsters, though (16) said they could not get recruits at all.

Turning now to the more cheerful side of this summary, it is pleasant to begin by recording that five towers simply gave 'love of ringing' as their favourable factor.

Whatever views former generations of ringers held about the connection between their art and church worship, there is no doubt that the present generation considers the intimate relationship between Church and ringers absolutely vital. It is a pity that this feeling that ringing before a service is a vital part of that service is not shared so strongly by all priests and congregations. This feeling was explicitly put by those who said: 'Emphasise the reason for ringing on Sunday' (24), ringers must have a sense of duty and service (36), and it must be emphasised that ringers are part of the body of church workers (13). Most commonly, however, the necessary link between ringers and church was expressed as 'Interest the clergy and church authorities' (wardens and P.C.C.) (144), and having ringers who are church-people (92), and encouraging ringers to hold other posts in the church (19).

Many of the favourable factors given were concerned with the conduct of the team of ringers, rather than individuals, and especially referred to recruiting. The recruiting of young people, rather than middle-aged, was almost universally advocated, though whereas (1) specifically recommended the under-20's (6) suggested the 20-30 (i.e., post-National Service) age group as more suitable; (53) believed that youth organisations (fellowships, choirs, Scouts, Guides, etc.) connected with the Church provided the best field for recruiting, whilst six believed that ringing should be taught in schools (the fourth 'R?'). Recruiting talks and demonstrations were thought to be required in (26) cases whilst publicity through television, radio and the Press (the parish magazine was mentioned twice) was suggested (14) times. Simply 'regular recruiting' was mentioned (45) times. Undoubtedly as important as recruiting to the character of a band is the leadership it has (83), though opinions differ somewhat as to whether it is necessary for the leader to be also the chief instructor and conductor. The value of a friendly atmosphere and social contact between the ringers outside the belfry was frequently (60) mentioned, as was that great British quality, team spirit (54).

The faithful service and encouragement of older ringers must keep many more bands together than those mentioning it (29), and so, too, the help given by neighbouring towers to each other (60) must be a sustaining factor. In six cases, combined practices between towers were advocated, and the mention of ringers with cars (7) certainly assists such arrangements.

SECTION II. THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

As some information regarding the enquiry carried out by the Rev. G. Thurlow covering all the English Theological Colleges has already appeared in 'The Ringing World,' this part of the report is being kept as short as possible.

From the replies received we have grouped the Colleges into three groups:—

- (a) Colleges which at present feel unable to include any kind of ringing instruction or talks on ringing in their curriculum because already it is overcrowded.
- (b) Colleges where ringing flourishes.
- (c) Colleges where it appears that progress can be made.

We decided to deal first with group (c), as being the one where our efforts would be most productive. We have approached Association officers of areas in which nine of the Colleges are situated, informing them what each of these Colleges need by way of instruction, lectures, or guidance, and have asked them to co-operate and let us know, in due course, what progress they are able to make. Several favourable replies have already been received, and it is hoped to continue and extend this work during the coming year.

Section I was moved by Mr. N. Chaddock and seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson and adopted without discussion.

Section II, dealing with Theological Colleges, was moved by Mr. Chaddock and seconded by Mr. Gray.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, speaking as one who learnt to ring before he entered a theological college, emphasised the importance of this method of introducing ringing to clergy. One of the objects of the Guild of Clerical Ringers was to forward their art among theological students, and members of the Guild were willing to give lectures and instruction.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott concurred: 'If you go into a place where the bells are in a bad or unsafe condition you often find that the parson is not interested. I have often been told: "You had better go up yourself—I have never been to see the bells."'

Mr. Philip Gray said he did not think it was intended to teach theological students to ring, but to give them a knowledge of bells and ringing.

This section was approved.

SECTION III. SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION

It was suggested that the Sunday Service Ringing Committee be reconstituted to work on the following lines:—

(1) Organise the preparation and distribution of a memorandum or leaflet containing selected material from the Survey which ought to be brought to the notice of clergy and ecclesiastical authorities.

This was moved by Mr. N. Chaddock and provoked a long discussion.

Mr. I. P. Fidler urged that particulars should be published in Diocesan Kalendars.

Mr. Osborn wanted more publicity in Church newspapers.

Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. W. F. Moreton wanted each diocesan bishop to put the subject on the agenda of a diocesan conference. It was pointed out that these agendas were invariably overloaded.

The meeting favoured a report being printed and circulated to all Diocesan Associations for distribution.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow thought the best way of dissemination was by converted people. He suggested three levels—diocesan, to the diocesan clergy school and to the parishes.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin thought the best work could be done at local level. He suggested that 1,000 copies be printed and distributed as and when necessary.

Miss Cross seconded.

Later, Mr. J. Glanville proposed and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded that an edited report be printed and circulated. This was passed.

Mr. F. W. Perrins urged that the report should be as brief as possible, because if there was too much people would not study it.—Agreed.

(2) Prepare a booklet or leaflet on belfry organisation, recruitment, relations with parishes, etc., embodying important information and ideas included in the Survey. Such a booklet might give advice on the best methods of establishing a band where none at present is in existence.

Mr. Chaddock said it was proposed to prepare a draft this year and report in 12 months' time.—Agreed.

(3) Ensure that continuous contact is maintained with Theological Colleges through various Associations and Guilds.—Carried.

(4) Consider and make further suggestions in 1960 on what might be done in addition to what individual Associations are doing to bring about an improvement. It is emphasised here that the Council can only advise on those matters which rest largely in the hands of Associations and parochial organisations.—Agreed.

(5) Act in an advisory capacity to any individual or organisation which asks for guidance regarding Sunday service ringing.

Mr. Chaddock said if the Editor of 'The Ringing World' received any letter on the subject he could pass it on to the Committee.—Agreed.

(6) Investigate means of getting more propaganda into Church publications.

Mr. P. Gray said he went through 43 Diocesan Year Books, and only six had any details concerning ringing in the diocese.—Agreed.

(7) Facilitate the carrying out of any suggestions which may come from Associations as a result of their study of the report at general or Branch meetings. A copy of the report to be submitted to each Association.—Agreed.

(8) Consider means and advisability of obtaining the co-operation of educational authorities regarding the provision of courses in bell-ringing.

Mr. Chaddock said this was prepared before they knew about the motion which was coming before the Council. Some central organisation should exist for passing on information. If the Council or diocesan organisations did not take action the College of Campanology would.

The President: This might be incorporated in Motion 10 (c).

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Dr. Layton: One thing very important in the Survey is leadership. I think this Committee should consider courses to train leaders of parochial bands.

Mr. F. I. Hairs commented that the fat would be in the fire if they jumped over local Associations.

It was decided to discuss the matter under motion 10 (c).

On the proposition of Mr. R. G. Blackman the Committee were reappointed en bloc and Mr. W. F. Moreton and Dr. D. N. Layton added.

A vote of thanks to the Committee for their work was proposed by Mr. H. W. Rogers and seconded by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

Mr. H. Miles asked if the reports would be returned to the Associations.

Mr. P. Gray said he proposed to return them to the Guilds.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COURSES

The third motion before the Council read—
'That this Council considers the organisation of courses which would cater, possibly by means of simultaneous lectures, for the needs both of more experienced and less experienced ringers, and, if in favour of such courses, begins to hold them as soon as possible.'

Mr. W. F. Moreton, who moved the motion, said one of the motions submitted to the Council in 1890 was that the Council was to encourage the development of the art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches. Since 1890 the Council had interested itself in many different branches of their art and had assisted by its publications. The advantages of courses were that they made possible practical demonstrations. There were lots of ringers who wanted to learn. Some Guilds and Associations tried to teach them; in others there was no organised teaching except that which went on on practice night. He felt the Council should do something.

There were educational authorities in most parts of the country that ran courses in different subjects. They were open to suggestions, and if they agreed to take over ringing they would meet the expenses. It was clear to him that it was more practical to undertake the instruction in this manner than by local Associations. A course would cover an area larger than an Association's and cater for two standards of ringers.

He proposed that the Council express its opinion on the usefulness of courses, and secondly, if in favour it organises some. This can be done either by an existing committee or one specifically appointed.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

Mr. W. G. Wilson suggested that the motion gave the organisers a free hand to spend what they like. Could the Council be told what the liabilities would be? He did not think they ought to give anybody a blank cheque.

Mr. Moreton: If the Council expressed itself in favour the cost would be met by the ringers and the local authorities.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: Whilst the Council might approve of any such courses on ringing, the initiative of starting in any educational place should come from the local Associations. They are the people on the spot and should take the initiative. The Ministry of Education finds it necessary to administer through the local authorities, and we should take the same line. While we approve of them we should not undertake them on a national scale but on a local scale.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: We in Essex have had two courses and they have proved a success. I cannot say we got many new recruits. The people who attended could just handle a bell and knew little of change-ringing. I think it is tied up with Sunday service ringing. We have

already a committee on that. May I suggest that this committee gets together in the next 12 months and comes to the next meeting with suggestions.

Mr. F. W. Perrens pointed out that the Council would not be responsible for any expense incurred if the courses were run by the local authorities. It meant that anyone who could influence a local authority should do so.

Dr. Hatcher: Surely that is eating your cake and having it at the same time!

Mr. Perrens: In this case we stand to gain.

Mr. G. McKay (Cumberland and North Westmorland) said in his county they made an approach through their educational authority and they replied that they did not feel they were a big enough body to organise these courses. If an application was made by a more august body—like the Lancashire Association or the Central Council—it would be better.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said he would accept Mr. Perrens' assurance that there would be no cost.

Mr. P. Gray said if they organised a course with the local authority there was no reason why the Council should pay. They had a course organised at Liddington House. The people paid a course fee of two guineas and the educational authority provided the fees.

Mr. Crampion: The Essex Association did not incur any expense at all.

Mr. Harry Sanger asked that in any course the local Association should be informed and their co-operation invited.

Mr. Moreton: I quite agree with Mr. Sanger and I should think it was elementary good manners. If I had the duty of organising in anybody's territory I should approach the secretary in that District.

Mr. Perrens: The position is that these courses be organised as soon as possible provided the Council is not responsible for any expense incurred.

The motion was then carried and it was agreed that the matter be left with the Sunday Service Committee.

The President said that last week he was in York giving lectures in the Institute for Advancing Educational Studies. The director told him that if they wanted to hold a course in the Institute it could be held there. The Institute had its own ring of bells.

THE ATTENDANCE

32 Associations fully represented, 75 members, 20 Associations partly represented, 49 members present, 23 absent, 5 Associations not represented

	Present	Absent
Life Members	6	1
Honorary Members ..	13	8
Representative Members ..	124	29
Total ..	143	38

The hon. secretary: This exceeds the previous best attendance in 1948 and 1957 of 138. It is very satisfactory.

VOTES OF THANKS

The President said they had a tremendous number of people to thank. First and foremost the Mayor of Southport (Cdr. R. Wood) and the Bishop of Liverpool, the president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith), for their hearty and kind welcome that day. Additionally they had to thank the Bishop for officiating at the Holy Communion, and the Rev. F. H. Pickering for the use of the church; also the president of the Lancashire Association and the secretary (Mr. F. Dunkerley) for their great work in arranging the dinner, not forgetting Miss Grimm for her great attention to details. They also thanked the Branch secretaries of the Lancashire Association and all local tower-keepers. Altogether it had been a most memorable occasion.

The president of the Lancashire Association: We do appreciate your kind words. What we have tried to do has been a pleasure, and if you have enjoyed yourselves and it has been a successful meeting, we are happy.

Mr. F. Dunkerley said he was pleased the Central Council visit had gone so well. It could not have gone so well if it had not been for his assistants Miss Grimm and Mr. Stephen L. Parry. It was not just the captain of the ship but the people behind the scenes—the very willing helpers who had done all things possible for the success of the gathering.

The meeting was followed by a winding-up social at the Palace Hotel, which was enjoyed by a large company.

SUB-EDITORIAL RE-WRITING

Dear Sir,—Must the writer be ridiculed for what he does not write?

I have great respect for 'The Ringing World' and have found that in almost every instance the printed matter is printed precisely and faithfully as the writer intended.

I need not emphasise the fact that some editors condense and cut copy, and in so doing take out, as in the case in question, the very words which should be left in.

That, sir, is why my last paragraph has been jumped on.

As soon as the article appeared, I promptly wrote telling the Editor that I stated that Triples in an odd-bell method, and that five is Doubles, seven is Triples, nine is Caters and eleven is Cinques. Could I be more explicit?

I also told him that unless this was corrected I should have the whole of the ringing fraternity up against me, and he would be inundated with thousands of letters.

Perhaps the critic who jumped on me would like to take the lead in this and be one of the thousands. I tender my sincere thanks to Mr. Hawkins for his support, also for drawing my attention to the accusation in the first place.—Yours faithfully,

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By covering just over 100 miles, a most happy day was spent on May 16th in glorious surroundings with perfect weather. Crowle (8) bells were eventually in changes after much trouble with the intricate chiming gear—the tenor was found to be a real 'sit down' job, owing to a very low sally and excessive length of rope-end. Church Honeybourne (5) bells were real 'benders'—luckily, we rang these early in the day and were not too weary to contend with the rough 'go.' Broadway bells (6) were a pleasing contrast.

The light ring of six at Toddington was the next target, followed by Beckford's (6)—the finest ring of the day. Kemerton (6) was visited, before tea near the river at Eckington, where the pleasant six bells were soon put to good use. To end the day, the two sixes at Little and Great Comberton were set going. A tired party were thankful to take advantage of the kind offer of refreshments supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Wight in their pretty cottage at Great Comberton. Our thanks are due to them and to Messrs. Peter Warren and Dudley Wilson for joining us for the day. A.D.C.

TODMORDEN'S WHITSUN TOUR

Three carloads of ringers from Todmorden, joined later by two more carloads, including the tallest Cumberland Youth, toured the counties of Hunts, Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire during the Whitsun week-end, a start being made at 6 a.m. from Todmorden.

Assisted by two of the Cambridge University Guild, a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on Whit Sunday, and Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters for Evensong at St. Mary's, Wisbech.

The party wearily climbed Boston Stump at 9.30 a.m. on Whit Monday to ring Grandsire Caters. Some teddy boys passing the ringing room were heard to say: 'They must get big muscles that way.'

Methods rung during the tour totalled 23, from Doubles to Cinques.

HERSHAM, SURREY

A party of 40 ringers from Hershamb and district spent Whit Monday touring the Petersfield area. Ringing took place at Privett (8), Froxfield (6), Soberton (8), St. Peter's, Petersfield (8), Steep (6) and Hawkey (8). Six adventurous young ringers left the coach at Liss in the hope of getting one or other of the towers for a quarter peal, but unfortunately permission was not granted, and they found themselves walking two miles to the last church. Mr. John King is especially thanked for his arrangements.

ORSETT, ESSEX

On April 25th, Orsett ringers went on their first annual outing. The party consisted mainly of young people who had been ringing for about a year, with a nucleus of older and more experienced people. Our destination was the Essex/Suffolk border, and despite the cold, wet day we had a very enjoyable time. We rang at Pentlow (5), Cavendish (6), Long Melford (8), Lavenham (8), Preston (6), Bures (8) and Stoke-by-Nayland (8). Undoubtedly the best ringing of the day was heard at Cavendish, where the bells are about the weight and 'go' of our own. Our young people found Lavenham bells rather heavy, but Mr. Symonds smiled to see so many learners from one tower. Having had a sandwich lunch we did justice to high tea at Sudbury, and finished the day with renewed strength at Bures and Stoke. We are all grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Blatch for arranging the day. J.H.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Christ Church, Todmorden, on April 25th. Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m., and the towers available were Christ Church, Todmorden (8), St. Paul's, Cross Stone (8), St. Peter's, Walsden (8), and the Todmorden Unitarian Church (8).

The annual service was held in Christ Church at 3.45 p.m., the preacher being the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Hodgson). The president (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith) read the lesson.

Over 120 ringers and friends enjoyed tea in the National School, Christ Church, after which the annual meeting commenced.

The president opened the proceedings. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were confirmed. The election of office bearers followed, i.e., president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith; ringing secretary, Mr. S. L. Parry; and treasurer, Mr. P. Crook. The general secretary read the report of the committee and the consolidation of the Sunday Service Ringing Survey. He also urged members to give their support to the forthcoming Central Council meeting at Southport.

The ringing secretary reported that a total of 130 peals had been recorded for the year 1958, which was an increase on the previous year.

In the absence of the treasurer, the general secretary (Mr. F. Dunkerley) formally moved the adoption of the balance sheet and read out the auditors' report, which was approved.

The Association endorsed the resolution of the Guild of Clerical Ringers regarding letters in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. H. Byrom, of East Crompton, was transferred to life membership. Mr. Gordon Thwaites was co-opted as a trustee of the Woodhouse Ringing Machine, and was thanked for the work he is doing to perfect the machine, a unit of which was on view.

The president, on behalf of the Association, thanked all who had in any way contributed to the success of the day which, in spite of adverse weather conditions, all had enjoyed. F.D.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual meeting and dinner of the Guild of Medical Ringers took place on May 30th at Great Baddow, Essex. Ringing began on the bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin at 3 o'clock and continued until 4.30, when the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Kingham) conducted Evensong.

Members and guests were then entertained to tea by Mrs. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, the weather being so good that both tea and the following business meeting were held in the garden. In the course of this meeting Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, the retiring president, proposed that his successor should be Mr. W. R. Winterton: this was carried by unanimous vote. The other two officers—R. E. Price (Master) and D. L. Gullick (secretary)—were re-elected. It was decided that the next annual meeting should take place in Buckinghamshire.

After a further hour in the belfry the party adjourned for dinner. This, as usual, was a most enjoyable occasion, and brought to an end a very successful day. The thanks of the Guild are due to all who made it so; in particular to Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, and to the Vicar of Great Baddow and its ringers. D.L.G.

To the list of ringers who have rung a peal without a stay must now be added Mr. Roy H. Jones. His performance was on the fourth bell at Marston, Oxon, on May 30th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. S. E. Armstrong

The 74th annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held on May 9th at St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton. Over 90 members and friends were present, including two vice-presidents.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Walker (Vicar of St. Nicholas'); tea was held in the Union Church Hall, followed by the business meeting.

A presentation was made at the commencement of the meeting to Mr. S. E. Armstrong of a chiming clock, in recognition of 25 years' loyal and faithful service to the Association as general secretary and Master.

The meeting stood in silence for those who had passed on during the year—Geo. King (Salehurst), W. J. Webb (Brighton) and F. Welland (Washington). The various reports from the officers were accepted, special note being made of the suggestions made by the general secretary regarding the 75th birthday.

The president, vice-presidents and all officers for the previous year were re-elected and thanked for their unflinching services.

The suggested alterations to the rules, prepared by the special committee, were accepted after some discussion.

The forthcoming 75th birthday, next year, showed that members were not in favour of incurring expenses that might be used for better purposes. On a vote it was decided not to hold a special day but make the normal annual meeting more fitting for the occasion.

The suggested formation of a library in one of the Brighton towers was carried, and part of the legacy left to the Association by Mr. Bishop, of Seaford, is to be used for this purpose. Several books have already been promised or given. Mrs. Hairs promised to donate the records of her father's (Mr. Frank Bennett) peals to the library when completed. We were all very pleased to know that Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs are now resident again in the county.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist for their services to the church. R.W.R.P.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
FROM 'THE BELL NEWS'

June 12th, 1909

Peals recorded.—Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich 3, Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 3, Stedman Triples 6, Grandsire Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total 30.

Handbell peals.—Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Triples 1, Bob Major 1.

Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, elected the new Master of the Essex Association.

Attempts for long peals notified by the Yorkshire and Durham Associations.

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OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR W. GRAVETT

The Brighton, St. Peter's, Society of Change Ringers has lost yet another link with the famous band under the leadership of the late Keith Hart. Born in 1881, Arthur W. Gravett commenced his ringing career at Burgess Hill when the new bells were installed at the beginning of the century. Coming to Brighton, he joined the St. Peter's band, ringing his first peal with them in 1907. He rang in the last peal on the old eight in January, 1914, and first on the new ten in May of that year. Of his total of 205 peals, over 80 were rung at St. Peter's, Brighton. His last peal was of Bob Minor at Angmering in August, 1958. As leader and deputy leader for over ten years until his passing, at the age of 77 years, on May 26th, he set a fine example by his regularity and punctuality at Sunday service ringings.

He was a member of the College Youths and, during the first world war, the Sussex County Association's peals secretary.

On May 30th, at Brighton Crematorium, the last respects were paid to him. The service was attended by Mr. W. Arthur Riddington, leader of the local band, as representative of the College Youths, and Mr. Albert W. Bond, representing the Sussex County Association, in the unavoidable absence of the Master (Mr. Reg. V. Johnson).

MR. MAURICE BAKER

With the passing of Mr. Maurice Baker on June 1st, Hutton Parish Church, Essex, has lost a devoted servant and the Essex Association a loved and respected member.

A master at the William Elliot Whittingham School in Walthamstow, Maurice came to Hutton some 20 years ago. He soon joined the church choir and became a church councillor and a server. When the local band of ringers was re-formed after the last war, Maurice learned to handle a bell and became a member. Within a few years he was called upon to become the Master, and so well did he lead his team that within a short time he had a band of over 20 ringers at this 5-bell tower, and was running a rota system for the Sunday service ringing. Often he had arranged assistance for neighbouring towers suffering a temporary shortage of ringers.

At his school he maintained a team of hand-bell tune ringers, and he instilled into them his love of bells so that he was able to pass on a number of new recruits to the belfries in and around Walthamstow.

He was elected an auditor of the Association in 1954, and he brought to the committee the meticulous care which characterised all his work. Only last Whit Monday he was elected a life member of the Association.

About 18 months ago he suffered a stroke, which compelled him to give up his work both at school and at the church.

The funeral service at Hutton Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. G. Tindall), who in a short address read Psalm xv, as the most fitting epitaph for one who served his church humbly, quietly and wholeheartedly as Maurice had done. His example and his work will live on to guide us to serve God in like manner.

H. T.

LATE NOTICES

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 20th, 3 p.m. Tewin. Bells 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4531

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Cranford, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing. Special method: Double Court.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 4526

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KIMPTON, HERTS.—NO RINGING until further notice. Restoration work on bells has been commenced.—J. G. Cull, The Green, Kimpton, Herts. 4510

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MEETINGS

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer festival at Hertford on Saturday, June 13th. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. John's Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Ringing at Great Horstead (6) 9.30 to 11 a.m.; Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Standon (6), 11 to 12.30; Much Hadham (8), 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Widford (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Hunsdon (8), 2 to 3.30; Ware (8), 2.30 to 4; Bengoe (8) and St. Andrew's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, 6 to 7.30; Bengoe and All Saints', 6.30; Hertingfordbury (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 4432

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 4516

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Thorverton, Saturday, June 13th. Usual arrangements.—J. Andrews, Broadpark, Brampford Speke. 4507

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, June 13th, Hammerwood (5), 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the White Horse, Holtye, Cowden (6) in evening. Names early.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4467

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Wilburton, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4447

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Felsted, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Boote House Café by arrangement only. Business meeting in Old Schoolroom. 4409

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held in the Guildford District on Saturday, June 13th. Service, Cranleigh, 3.30 p.m., addressed by the Archdeacon of Surrey. Ringing arrangements amended: Haslemere, 10.30 to 11.30; Chiddingfold, 11 to 12; Witley, 12 to 1; Godalming, 11.15 to 12.30; Hascombe, 1.30 to 2.30; Dunsfold, 1.30 to 2.30; Ewhurst, 2 to 3.15; Cranleigh, 2.30 to 3.30. Service and tea: Bramley, 5.45 to 7; Wonerish, 5.45 to 7; Shalford, 6.30 to 7.30; Albury, 7.30 to 9; Shere, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 4420

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 13th. St. Mary's, Barnes, 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.15. Further ringing 7.30 p.m., St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Mortlake.—Miss Powell, Tulse Hill (8190). 4473

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD and RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Meeting at Leicester for June 13th is cancelled. 4457

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Wingrave, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 4478

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Barnet, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. 4469

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4453

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Felpham (6), Saturday, June 13th, 3 o'clock. 4476

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Clutton (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4331

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, June 20th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea T. J. Locke, Local Hon. Sec. 4504

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 4512

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crew Branch.—Church Lawton, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 17th, please.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4519

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise before June 16th Mr. S. Sage, 71, Oak Lane, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis. 4523

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4522

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 20th, at Christ Church, Consett, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Oliver, Aldington Park Terrace, Castleside. 4491

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4515

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4529

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Coln St. Denis, Saturday, June 20th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names essential by June 18th. Bibury bells 6.30 p.m.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 4495

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Lacock (6) on Saturday, June 20th. Service and tea. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 4520

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Specially arranged for the 92nd birthday of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, 4, Boyes Hall Road, Willesborough, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 4495

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Warwick, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Monday, June 15th, to Miss R. Russell, 73, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 4455

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Radcliffe, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4503

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Swinton (8), Saturday, June 20th. 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4524

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.—Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everybody welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 4494

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Church garden party, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in Church. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. Cecil Carr, 4, The Avenue, Coventry Road, Broughton Astley, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4497

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Queen's Head.—L. W. Allen. 4505

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Bitteswell, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Church fete. 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting in Church Room. Also ringing at Lutterworth (8) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 17th, please, to Mr. J. P. Kesterson, Dis. Sec. 4492

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea by June 15th to Mr. W. J. Parker, May Cottage, Little Sandhurst, Camberley. 4472

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Doyle, Saturday, June 20th. Names for tea and/or transport from Oundle on request by Tuesday, 16th.—Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 4513

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cattistock, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 17th, to G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 4465

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Collingbourne Kingston, Saturday, June 20th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4506

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting (extraordinary general), All Saints', Pontefract, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business, new rules, etc. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4496

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Michael's 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than June 17th to Mr. F. A. Sedgwick, 4, Vicar's Close, Lichfield. 4468

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Elveden, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 18th to G. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, Thetford. No names no tea.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4452

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual striking competition will take place at Esher on Saturday, June 20th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from Hon. Sec. Tea after the last team has competed, followed by results and a quarterly business meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea (non-competitors) by Tuesday previous to J. F. M. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4452

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Brighton, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Note change of venue. Tea in the Memorial Hall for those who notify by Wednesday, June 17th, Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4466

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 20th. All bells in the District available if required, also Defynock (6), 11.30 to 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s.), Bishop's Meadow Café, with meeting to follow.—Names for tea by June 13th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 4443

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting at Kingsclere, Sydmonton, etc., CANCELLED. Will now be held in September; look out for notice. Practice meeting, Goodworth Clatford, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea at Andover. Andover (8) after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 4499

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, North Stoneham, Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 17th, please, to Mr. R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh.—J. Hartless. 4474

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chadlesley Corbett (8), Saturday, June 20th. 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 17th, please, and note alteration of venue from Hartlebury, those bells being now at Loughborough.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4485

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 20th, Kildwick. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 16th, to Mr. J. Bracken, 7, Seedhill Terrace, Steeton, near Keighley. 15-minute bus service from Keighley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4463

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion, Paul-ton, Sunday, June 21st, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. V. Savage, 4, Northmead Avenue, Midsomer Norton. 4500

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Denholme, Saturday, June 27th. Entrance fee, 10s., to Sec. by June 20th. For teas please notify by June 20th W. Proctor, Greystones, Keighley Road, Denholme, Bradford.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4498

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Idle, Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. This fine ring has just been rehung on bearings and quarter-turned. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, Yorkshire. 4525

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Horncastle, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 22nd (certain), to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4514

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Branches.—Joint interim meeting at Dereham, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Adams, 37, Sandy Lane, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4484

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Aston-Clinton, Bucks (6), Saturday, June 27th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 23rd, to A. White, 4, Twichell Lane, Aston Clinton.—J. E. Godman, Sec. 4487

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wadenhoe (6), Saturday, June 27th. Usual arrangements.—L. Witten, 4, John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 4511

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 27th. Wootton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Social 8 p.m. (United Players Band, admission 2s. 6d.). Names for tea by previous Saturday to, and social tickets (c.w.o.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 4493

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (est. 1623).—The 336th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Service 4 p.m. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me by June 25th.—L. E. Pistow, 4, Highfields. 4518

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston (please note change of venue) on Saturday, June 27th. Tea 5 p.m. Practice method, Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeny, Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4521

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: St. Mary's, Portsea (8), 11 to 12.30; Portsmouth Cathedral (10), 1 to 2.15 and 6.30 onwards; Alverstoke (8), 7 to 9. Business meeting in Cathedral House at 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Cathedral House 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 8, West End Terrace, Winchester, Hants. 4501

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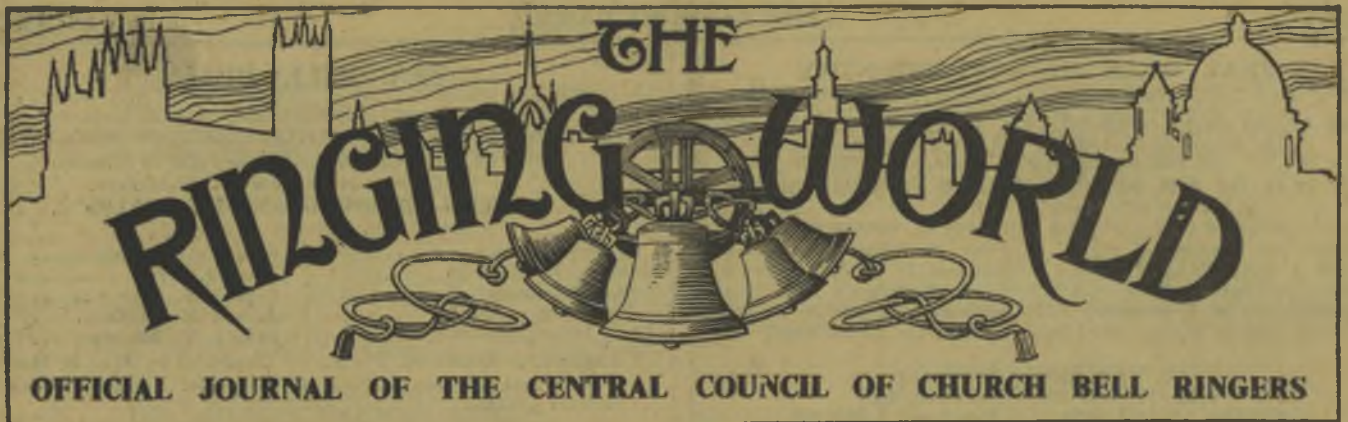
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HUMANUM EST ERRARE

IN the memoirs of James Agate, the music critic, there is an anecdote that tells of a gathering of famous pianists at a private dinner party. The select company of experts, having eaten and drunk, grouped themselves round the wireless set and listened to their fellow artist, Rubenstein, playing in Beethoven's 'Emperor' Concerto at a London concert hall. To this great work, which each one present knew so intimately, they devoted themselves purely for the whimsical amusement of trying to detect any mistake their friend might make in that massive score. And it was during this diversion that Mark Hambourg, one of the distinguished company, was constrained to remark that Rubenstein could not play a wrong note if he tried.

It was magnificent hyperbole, for Mark Hambourg knew quite well that Rubenstein was a great enough executant to be able to play even wrong notes if so he desired; but it was also a spontaneous and generous tribute from one superb artist to another, while the incident as a whole may serve to remind us both of the humanity and the infallibility of even the most immaculate performer.

Reflections upon one art frequently develop into parallel thoughts in a sister art, and, although there would appear to be little in common between the solo pianist and the change ringer, yet thoughts not unprofitable may arise in the consideration of the astonishing heights of perfection to which the competent technician may ascend and the human fallibility that leads even him into occasional error.

The vague records of early change ringing activity leave us perhaps with an over-enhanced respect for the brilliant successes of the ancient leaders and an insufficient knowledge of their failures; and so it may fall out that Annable or Gross may loom as giant figures in an era of unbroken success. It is, of course, in the doggerel of Lawton that we find evidence to suggest otherwise. The pages of our ringing journals have provided for most of us a more sober judgment of even the greatest of our leaders, and so, while we see in their remarkable deeds the brilliance of Cox, the uncanny ability of Haley, the genius of Washbrook, we are made fully conscious of their errors, their human failings, and their lapses from high estate. Yet the occasional

fall from grace, the manifestation of frailty, even the plunge into gross error, cannot deny these men their place among the ringing immortals.

Most of us who have moved reasonably freely in change ringing circles have been privileged to know (and sometimes intimately) many really great ringers, conductors and composers, and it must often have been our pleasure to marvel both at the heights to which they could rise and the consistency with which they maintained themselves at a high standard. To think of Maurice Swinfield missing a bob in Stedman Triples, or to think of Harold Poole failing to pick up a trip, would be to consider a remote contingency; and among our modern geniuses there are men who continue to astonish us by the unvarying accuracy of their ringing and conducting. So we may be led to cry, in the words of Mark Hambourg, 'Old So-and-So couldn't make a mistake if he tried!'

But these men, like the men of old, can indeed err, for they are human, and to err is human, and particularly so in a very exact and exacting pursuit like change ringing. Doubtless Maurice Swinfield occasionally missed his call; doubtless Clement Glenn discovered that a mistake had got past his guard; possibly more than one peal directed by Harold Poole came to grief.

These are perhaps commonplace thoughts, and the only virtue in them would seem to lie in any lesson they may teach. It has rightly been argued that there are instruction and edification in the observation of a good ringer in action. To this may be added what is not so readily perceived, that it is worth travelling some distance to see a first-class ringer make a mistake. For in this simple, if unusual, phenomenon the beginner will find a world of comfort for himself and considerable profit in the observation of the great man's reaction to his own lapse. And since to err is human, so to forgive is charitable, and therein lies the reason for the patience and forbearance of the really first-class ringer. As for the erring expert he, like Rubenstein, will not be troubled by the criticism, good-humoured or otherwise, of his fellow artists, for he, like them, is conscious of many mistakes in the past and undisturbed by the possibility of occasional error in the future.

E. C. S.

PEAL WEEK IN WEST COUNTRY

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK OAKSHOTT Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 6
PETER J. EVES 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	*JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* 50th peal of Major. First in the method for all the band.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Keverne,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
FRANK OAKSHOTT 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	PETER J. EVES 7
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 4	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

* 100th tower for a peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk.

ST. WINNOW, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Winnow,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 40 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods, by A. G. Driver); (2) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.	
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	†JOE E. G. ROAST 5
PETER J. EVES 3	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 50th peal. † 75th peal together. The greatest number of methods rung in the county, and for the Guild.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR (Ilkeston variation.)

FRANK OAKSHOTT Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	PETER J. EVES 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 7
	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First peal of combined Kent and Oxford by all the band.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of the

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

REV. P. MICHAEL FREEMAN Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN 7
JOHN FREEMAN 2	JACK BRAY 8
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 3	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 9
CHARLES MCGUINNIS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 10
CHARLES E. BROWN .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 11
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Freeman on their silver wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lowman on their silver wedding.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*SANDRA LEWIS Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
MARY H. HALL 2	†BRIAN J. WYLDE 7
*RIHA M. WEBB 3	PATRICK J. BIRD 8
†SHEILA BLACKWELL .. 4	ALBERT M. TYLER 9
D. JOHN HUNT 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by REG. G. HOOPER.

* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First of Grandsire Caters.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*ROGER W. BARKER Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
STELLA HUGHES 3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 8
ERNEST STITCH 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 9
M. JILL FISHER 5	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman, and on ten bells.

Rung in honour of Cdr. Mrs. Dora M. Middleton, newly-elected Mayor of Walsall.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MARY H. HALL Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD 6
FRANK D. MACK 2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 8
GLORIA NEWTON 4	ALBERT M. TYLER 9
*SHEILA C. BLACKWELL .. 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Stedman and first on more than six bells.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE 6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
PHILIP WALKER 5	EDWIN DREWITT Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.

In memoriam Frank A. Barrett.

GLOUCESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 6
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7
ALBERT M. TYLER 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	PETER BORDER 9
WILLIAM T. COOK 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation from eight to ten.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JACK BROWN 6
RONALD KENRICK 2	*WILLIAM COURT 7
*DEREK BUTTWORTH .. 3	EDWARD BIRKETT 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
JOHN GROVE 5	STEWART BAILEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson, Bishop of Middleton, and Rector of this parish 1939-1958.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester, St. Margaret's Treble	
ERNEST W. RAWSON, Leicester Cathedral 2	
*ERNEST F. PAYNE, Syston, Leicester 3	
ERNEST G. ORLAND, Long Buckby, Northants 4	
ERNEST J. ROWE, Stamford Hill, London 5	
ERNEST H. BAGWORTH, Humberstone, Leicester 6	
*ERNEST PIMLOTT, Chelford, Cheshire 7	
ERNEST J. LADD, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 8	
ERNEST J. JELLEY, South Wigston 9	
*ERNEST T. CARVELL, Oxtou, Birkenhead Tenor	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Royal. First 'Ernest' peal of Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Treble	*D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 6
*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 2	*M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) .. 7
*J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 3	*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 8
*FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 4	*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 9
*J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. H.) .. 5	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Heywood's transposition.	
WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	BRIAN R. WHITE 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 6
CHARLES COLES 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
BERTIRAM J. COGGINS .. 4	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Rose Taylor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 5
GEOFFREY SALMON 2	CHARLES CLEGG 6
BARRY PICKUP 3	ALAN WARD 7
PETER COCKSHOT 4	GEOFFREY S. MILLS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. M. P. Slade.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN HILL 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

CHRISTOPHER L. POWDRILL .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 2	TERENCE I. ROPER 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
A. JAMES POYNOR 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY. Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

A 20th birthday compliment to Patricia A. Wardle.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	*COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 5
*ROBERT W. COLE 2	*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	*HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Little Bob.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. George A. King, local ringier.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 5
GILLIAN R. PARSONS 2	ALBERT H. HARMAN 6
CATHERINE POWELL 3	MICHAEL F. LAYTON .. 7
GERALD R. SMERDON 4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. F. Schofield), on completing 25 years in the Ministry. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. G. Mason

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Treble	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 6
*ALAN CAPSTICK 3	*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 7
STANLEY WALMSLEY 4	NORMAN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 75th peal for the Association.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. Dunderdale.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation of Thurstans'.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Treble	THOMAS YEOMAN .. 5
DAVID J. KING .. 2	GEORGE DAVIS .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	ROBERT E. COLES .. 7
*TREVOR LEWIS .. 4	*DAVID PIKE .. Tenor

Conducted by SELWYN H. DEARDEN.

* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5024 GILMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Ernest W. Tipler, of Lutterworth.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY .. Treble	*ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 7
HARRY D. LISTER .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. Treble	*PETER A. SHARP .. 5
MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3	GEORGE A. RANGLES .. 7
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	HARRY POYNER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Freeman on their golden wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lowman on their silver wedding.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN F. PEARSON .. Treble	MARGARET A. SWANN .. 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 3	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 7
PETER A. SHARP .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*GRAHAM DINSDALE .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
MARTIN FAULKES .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	†BRIAN SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells.

Rung to welcome the Rev. E. G. Symonds, made Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Leicester on Trinity Sunday, and licensed as Curate of this parish.

GILMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—14. 58—58. 36. 14—14. 38. 56—34. 18.
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob. Tipler's B41/1.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part (No. 13).

ROBERT G. W. BROUGHTON .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 2	DAVID FRIEND .. 6
EDMUND MALIN .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	ARTHUR J. ALLSOP .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

First peal of Oxford Bob for all except the conductor. E. Malin has now 'circled the tower.' First peal on the bells since being rehung.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 2	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
JACK S. DEAR .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

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

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Treble	THOMAS YEOMAN .. 5
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	*TREVOR LEWIS .. 6
GEORGE DAVIS .. 3	ROBERT E. COLES .. 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4	†DAVID J. KING .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of the ringers of the second and tenor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

WILFRED NICHOLSON .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK .. 5
KENNETH LAWSON .. 2	SAMUEL C. WALKER .. 6
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	CYRIL MORDUE .. 7
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Anthony Spurr, M.A., who was inducted the previous evening as Rector of Chester-le-Street.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

DAVID V. HODGSON .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 5
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 2	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. 7
JEFFREY KERSHAW .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Rung in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson, Suffragan Bishop of Middleton.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Heywood's variation.

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Treble	†DAVID ROBINSON .. 5
†MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6
CHARLES COLES .. 3	*ROBERT A. REEVES .. 7
*HOWARD OGLESBY .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

Rung as a compliment to the Rt. Rev. Robert Milton Hay, B.D., Bishop of Buckingham and vice-president of this Guild, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination, which took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on June 6th, 1909.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.
GORDON T. BROWN .. Treble | ROBERT W. COLE .. 4
*JACQUELINE ROBERTS .. 2 | HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 5
SHEILA KEYTE .. 3 | COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN B. LONGMORE.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 5½ cwt.
WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. Treble | RICHARD CHEW .. 4
JOY SMITH .. 2 | CHARLES PHILLIPS .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3 | JOHN J. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith,
of Newent (parents of Miss Joy Smith).

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three
of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.
HOWARD OGLESBY .. Treble | GORDON W. LIMMER .. 4
ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 2 | *GEORGE COUSSINS .. 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. 3 | GEORGE GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung on the 56th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
MRS. EVELYN M. WINTER Treble | CHARLES E. BROWN .. 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2 | JOHN WALDEN .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 COTSWOLD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
DENNIS LAUD .. Treble | RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3 | ROBIN G. LEALE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

GREAT BROMLEY.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's (different callings). Tenor 15½ cwt.
ROY DUESBURY .. Treble | PHILLIP G. ERITH .. 4
JOHN F. FELGATE .. 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
WALTER R. FELGATE .. 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SHOTESHAM ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's, Reverse
Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place and St. Martin's.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

A. WILLIAM BIRD .. Treble | *TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3
PETER M. ADCOCK .. 2 | EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4

*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* 25th peal together.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double
Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble | KENNETH ARTHUR .. 4
*MRS. C. N. LEA .. 2 | †GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3 | CHARLES N. LEA .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † 50th peal. First of Minor
as conductor.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 20 cwt.
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble | *ARTHUR JOPP .. 4
*ANN COX .. 2 | *NORMAN G. GOODMAN .. 5
†IVOR GOULTER .. 3 | *JIM F. NASH .. Tenor

Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First of Stedman Doubles
'inside.' First in method as conductor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford and four extents of Kent.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HERBERT SUTTON .. Treble | GEORGE A. PACKER .. 4
*†J. DEREK SMITH .. 2 | †FRANK R. MORTON .. 5
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 3 | JOHN E. BROUGH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal 'inside.' in methods. † 25th peal. ‡ First in methods.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Stephen Layland (secretary of Crewe
tower) on his 34th birthday.

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**BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Mon., June 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	IVAN COOPER 4
HUBERT A. MITSON 2	GEORGE WATERMAN 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

Rung to mark the completion of 50 years in the Ministry by the Rector, Canon S. H. de la Bere.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM LOVE Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
GEORGE SAYER 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Gordon Paget.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES R. MAPLE Treble	HARRY W. BROWN 4
STANLEY W. BROWN 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5
CECIL R. LONGHURST 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ATCHAM, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

ALFRED E. OWEN Treble	PHILIP EVANS 4
*FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW 5
MARY C. PAYNE 3	HARRY POYNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal of Minor; has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. First tower bell peal of Minor as conductor.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wilcox on their second wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., June 1, 1959, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes.

AT EMMANUEL COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 1—2	P. B. HODSON (Emm.) .. 3—4
A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5—6	

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At No. 29,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5—6
††DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 3—4	*†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7—8
VIVIAN BARNES 9—10	

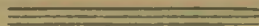
Composed by WM. KENT.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' † 100th peal. ‡ 25th peal together.

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LOUGHBOROUGH



The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ABSON, GLOS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Rita M. Webb 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, G. S. Sprules 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5. First of Stedman for all except 4. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Kilmaster, of Warmley, and Miss Pauline York, of Winford.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 3rd, 1,440 Minor (360 Kent, 720 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. Worrall 1, P. Mason 2, N. Sherratt (cond.) 3, R. Challinor 4, W. Sherratt 5, R. Warroll 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to R. Worrall.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. John-on-the-Wall, on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hobbs (first quarter) 1, D. J. Hunt (first of Doubles as cond.) 2, J. R. Goodenough (first quarter) 3, G. H. Pullin (first of Doubles) 4, J. Brain 5, C. J. Richards (first quarter) 6. The ringers of 2 and 5 are Old Boys and the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6 are pupils of Bristol Cathedral School. Also at the Cathedral, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Richards (first of Triples) 1, D. Mann 2, D. J. Hunt 3, J. M. Stallard 4, Molly P. Smith (first as cond.) 5, R. A. Shackleton 6, R. J. Bowden 7, R. G. Hooper 8.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Knight 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, Miss R. Ashley 3, Mr. M. L. Callow 4, A. J. Hinde 5, H. Windsor 6, H. E. Ashley (cond.) 7, B. Rose 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Ord Hasted, M.A.).

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, S. Smith 2, H. Purchase 3, A. Turner 4, E. Quick (cond.) 5, W. Graham 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Capel to Mr. Peter Deshen.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Moore 1, T. Tebbutt 2, F. Attewell 3, F. Benfield 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Case 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Attewell.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Dean (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Whatmore 2, C. R. Godfrey 3, Miss B. Wright 4, J. D. Holden (cond.) 5, F. Holden 6. Rung during procession and witness.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's Church, Stoke, on May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. D. Hayne 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, R. Robinson 3, D. Sibley 4, W. A. Stote 5, H. Folwell 6, R. Hart (first of Major) 7, A. Wright (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong and as a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Minor (one 720 each of London Surprise and Grandsire): J. Ferris 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, Monica Horseman 3, D. Cobb 4, H. Ferris 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

DENTON, Lincs.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Higgins (first quarter) 1, H. Grocock 2, P. Parry (cond.) 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, T. Charity 5, P. Isaacs 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, A. E. Lock 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, G. W. Bishop 4, H. L. Bishop 5, F. A. White 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, J. C. Napper 8.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Gold (first quarter) 1, Monica Horseman 2, F. Neate 3, C. Bennett (first of Plain Bob) 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, G. Wait 6. By the local band.

EDLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—On May 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob): W. A. Theobald 1, Mrs. June Sinfield 2, I. Knox 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, J. E. Ewer 5, M. D. Frost (cond.) 6.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On May 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Gates 1, Miss V. C. Bell 2, A. Eilbeck 3, J. H. Rothery 4, C. Ford 5, J. E. Brown (cond.) 6. To welcome a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Missop, former ringers at this church, also Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Simpson.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan E. Smith (first quarter) 1, Renee Sturges 2, J. A. Ball 3, J. Stevenson 4, D. S. M. Jones 5, H. R. M. Marshall 6, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 7, A. J. Dye 8. Rung on the Feast of Corpus Christi and to commemorate the 80th birthday of the tenor ringer.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,320 Woodbine: J. Smith 1, F. White 2, J. Burgess 3, C. Henshaw 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. For evening service and a farewell to Mr. Frank White, who is leaving for Paignton, Devon.

GOLDMANGER, ESSEX.—On May 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise: Miss A. M. Mann 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, H. R. Appleton 3, B. C. Mann 4, W. J. Brunt 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6, R. K. Duesbury 7, U. W. Wildney 8.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): W. C. Ward 1, C. E. Cooper 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ward for their 40th wedding anniversary, and to the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Holderness) on his appointment as Rural Dean of Goscote II. Deanery.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, Kent, Double Oxford and Plain Bob): A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, W. A. Yates 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Ven. A. E. Prebble, Archdeacon of Auckland, New Zealand.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Averil J. Bell (first quarter) 1, Hilary M. Burrill (first quarter) 2, C. J. A. Goy (first of Doubles) 3, R. E. Tallis, jun., 4, J. K. Foot (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Barbara A. Goy (sister of the third ringer) and Mr. Alfred O. Dukes, who were married earlier in the day at Hampton.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brooks 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, S. J. Orman (first of Minor) 3, J. Naish 4, F. Savage (cond.) 5, T. W. Kimber 6.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Bond 1, K. Goldthorpe 2, K. Kirk 3, J. Rank 4, J. Perrett (cond.) 5, D. Johnson 6. Rung to welcome to the parish the Rev. H. Wilson, who was inducted on June 4th.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, S. H. Symonds 3, F. Hunt (first quarter on eight) 4, F. F. Mortlock 5, F. Boreham 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. G. Pryke 8. For Evensong and to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Symonds.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On May 30th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. T. Rooke 1, C. Wright 2, S. Slaney 3, H. T. Rooke 4, G. Challans 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, J. Saxton 7, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On May 28th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, Miss B. Manship 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, D. Bowen 5, P. Amos 6, R. S. Roberts 7, R. Billings 8. For the festival service of Corpus Christi.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Forward 1, Rachel Comer 2, Sheila Cameron 3, C. R. C. Coussmaker 4, R. A. Jackson (cond.) 5. Rung on the front five (tenor temporarily unringable) for Evensong as a farewell compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. Colin Stephenson).

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire) with 7, 6, 8 covering: Rita M. Webb 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, R. F. Dowdeswell 5, R. J. Newton 6, T. J. Milsom 7, F. Pendry 8. A birthday compliment to F. Pendry.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: H. Worboys 1, R. Tomlin 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Atkinson 1, Miss A. Macfarlane 2, Miss C. Bland 3, P. J. Fells (first as cond.) 4, Miss C. Rimmer 5, J. Prentice 6. First quarter for all except 4, and rung by the Sunday service band. First on the bells since being recast.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): R. A. Southwood 1, C. A. Wratten (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, H. W. Egglestone 4, F. Oakshott 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, P. J. Eves 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 13th, at St. Thomas's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roles 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Ann Bacon 2, Ann Sweeney 4, Miss M. Page 5, N. Smith 6, R. O. Fry 7, L. A. Page 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. William Chalk, former captain of St. Martin's and vice-chairman of the Salisbury branch, whose funeral took place this day.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Barker (first quarter) 1, A. Westwood 2, Miss B. Monk 3, A. Cox 4, W. B. Cartwright 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8. Rung by Sunday service band.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on May 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, C. A. Hughes 3, R. Tomlin 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, R. F. Deal 6, F. D. Bishop 7, W. Prockson 8, B. F. Baker 9, R. L. Brockington (first quarter) 10. For Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Taplin 1, E. J. Mynott 2, W. H. Wittering 3, W. Lawrence 4, Dr. D. L. Gullick 5, W. Brown (cond.) 6. Covering: W. Munson and Mrs. Wade (each first cover). A christening compliment to the son of D. R. Taplin.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas's Church, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Fellows (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, A. L. Dunn 4, M. D. Fellows (first 'inside,' first attempt) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, R. Smith (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, F. Oakshott 2, P. J. Eves 3, Miss S. M. Parsons 4, D. A. S. Symonds 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, H. W. Egglestone 8.

SURFLEET, Lincs.—On May 28th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Guy 1, Miss A. Dearnley (first quarter) 2, S. E. Bennett 3, Mrs. R. C. Noon 4, J. G. Ames 5, R. C. Noon (cond.) 6, A. R. Withyman 7, C. R. Burrell 8. A welcome to Heather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett and grand-daughter of S. E. Bennett, born the previous day.

SUTTON BINGER, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. J. Barnett 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 3, B. Davis 4, A. F. Lee 5.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Davis (first of Major) 1, W. J. Prescott 2, W. H. Hurford 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, J. J. Jefferies (first of Major) 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, A. F. Lee (first of Major as cond.) 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes (cond.) 2, M. Hawkes 3, A. Halling 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Sam Healey, at one time a local ringer.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Woodley 1, J. R. White (first in method and of Triples) 2, H. V. Booker 3, D. J. Storer (first 'inside') 4, H. Gregory 5, H. White (cond.) 6, A. R. Wood 7, K. Leach 8. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Weaver 1, Miss G. Smith 2, M. Newth 3, J. Young 4, Miss J. Horton (cond.) 5, R. Parton 6. For the wedding of Miss E. Willard, a local ringer.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hermione Hockey (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. D. Graham (first in method) 3, J. Faircloth 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. Maddy (first of Doubles) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Plain Bob): Elizabeth Carson 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline V. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bagworth (first as cond.) 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. S. Bishop 5, Mary Price (first quarter) 6.

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The band who rang the peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral in honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman's golden wedding also wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bennett, of Spalding, on the birth of a daughter. The new grandfather (Mr. Stanley E. Bennett) rang the sixth in the peal.

The quarter peal at St. Mary-the-Virgin's on May 10th (see page 363) was rung with a non-ringing conductor.

On June 6th a peal of Yorkshire was specially arranged at Horsham for the wedding of that popular Sussex ringer Leslie Weller; but alas, the only female member of the band after nearly two hours' magnificent ringing lost her 'tongue.' We hope she won't make a habit of this!

By a sad coincidence, the first half-muffled peal on the bells at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, was for the former Rector (Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson), who was responsible for the installation of the bells. He died in tragic circumstances, and was loved and respected by his parishioners.

In connection with the peal at Hitcham, Bucks, on May 23rd, the conductor would like the name of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins mentioned as he conducted George Gilbert's first peal at Bobbing, Kent, on May 23rd, 1903. W. H. B. is still going strong at St. Ebbe's, Oxford. Does he remember that he rang Superlative Minor in that peal, i.e., Cambridge Reverse?

This year is the 25th anniversary of 'The Great Adventure,' and Mr. G. W. Pipe hopes to arrange something in Melbourne to mark the occasion. At St. Paul's Cathedral the company are practising Double Norwich. At the Roman Catholic Cathedral a St. Patrick's Society has been formed after a lapse of many years.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Bells will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from Bromley Parish Church, Kent, on Sunday, June 28th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service. The Vicar (Canon W. H. Murray Walton) will conduct the service.

Twice during their Whit Monday outing into Cornwall, Stratton ringers had to pass the hat round for broken stays. Some of the party could not forget their own 21 cwt. tenor.

'At least two of the party know each other a good deal better than they did when they came' is our correspondent's concluding comments on the University of London Society's Whitsun tour. Hitchin was the headquarters.

Despite many previous attempts, the peal of Grandsire Caters at Surfleet on June 6th was the first tower bell peal by the Cambridge University Guild. However, 17 handbell peals have been rung there by the Guild since 1920.

The first peal on the recently-rehung bells at Brewood, Staffs, was rung on June 6th. Mr. and Mrs. R. Hawksworth kindly provided refreshments for the band after the peal. In the evening the parish held a barbecue to raise money for the cost of the work (£300).

In connection with the peal rung at Tamworth in honour of the christening of the Vicar's first grandchild, it is interesting to note that the child's mother, formerly Miss Molly Smith, was, before her marriage, an active and esteemed member of the Tamworth band.

The peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major at Leiston was rung on the anniversary of the 11,040 rung there in 1909, in which Sid and Jim Bailey took part. They are the only surviving members of the original band. Incidentally, Jim has 'circled the tower' 14 times. After the peal the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Bridges.

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Annual Meeting at Rothwell

THE even tenor of life at Rothwell in Northamptonshire was stirred on May 9th, when ringers to the number of some 200 converged on the town for the Peterborough Guild's annual meeting. Early arrivals set the bells going and provided a welcome.

On this occasion the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner) was 'at home' and obviously enjoying himself pointing out the interesting details of his beautiful church. Later he conducted the new form of service in the spacious nave. The Diocesan (Dr. Stopford) had promised to preach, but was unable to do so because of an engagement requiring him to preach at a service in East Berlin the next day. His place was taken by the Rt. Rev. W. H. Stewart, assistant bishop, who held the close attention of his hearers.

After taking tea with members the Bishop said that the size of the congregation had exceeded his expectations, and remarked on the number of young people present. He also commented on the singing during the service and said that if they could ring as well as they could sing then they must be pretty good.

The largest hall in the town was almost filled to capacity, where a band of ladies, led by Mrs. York, provided an ample meal. The business came afterwards, with the president in the chair, supported by the Master (Mr. P. I. Chapman) and the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, Rector of Harlestone. Also present were Mr. R. G. Black, former general secretary, and Messrs. E. E. Whitmore and B. P. Morris, former Guild Masters.

The officers were re-elected for the coming year, with thanks for all that they had done. An election for the Central Council representatives returned Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. G. Orland and B. Austin.

From the Bell Restoration Fund the meeting voted £140 to five parishes where restoration or augmentation work was to be carried out. These were Desborough, Woodford, Marston Russell, Collingtree and Creaton.

NEW FIRST PEAL CERTIFICATES

Some months ago the material used in the first peal certificates became unobtainable and alternatives were not thought to be suitable. The matter had been under discussion by the committee, which eventually decided to ask one of its members, Mr. B. Austin, to design a new certificate entirely. This was shown to the meeting and adopted, with thanks to Mr. Austin.

For the next annual meeting it was decided to visit Pottersbury, when the Towcester Branch will be hosts to the Guild. Members were reminded that the next Guild function, the summer festival, will be at Daventry on September 5th, the Daventry Branch in this case offering a welcome to everyone.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. P. E. Clarke, of Oundle, who recalled the many people to whom they were indebted for the success of the day. Mr. A. Mansfield, of Green's Norton, seconded, and this was carried with resounding applause. Another chapter was thus added to the fame of Rothwell, for this was the first time that the Guild annual meeting had been held there.

The town and its church are becoming widely known by reason of the orchestral concerts which have been given in the church for several years past. On June 5th the London Philharmonic Orchestra was conducted by Sir Adrian Boult in a concert of music by Beethoven, Mozart and Vaughan Williams.

RECORD ATTEMPT AT QUEX PARK

Dear Sir,—Notice is given that an attempt will be made to ring 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, on Sunday, June 28th, commencing at 10 a.m. The composition is appended.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

13,280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Adapted by R. F. B. SPEED
from the 12,896 by E. Hims.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Encouraging Prospects

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on May 23rd, being again well supported by members and friends. The bells of Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8) and St. George's, Colegate (6), were available during the afternoon and evening.

The service was held in St. Peter Mancroft Church, when the Vicar (Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) welcomed the Association to Norwich and thanked them for their service to the church, which they could be assured was greatly appreciated by the clergy and the congregations.

Following tea at the Chantry Hall, the business meeting was opened with prayer, and the company stood for a moment's silence in memory of those who had departed to higher service since the last annual meeting. The president (Mr. Nolan Golden) took the chair, supported by the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, Mr. H. Tooke and Mr. A. G. Harrison (vice-presidents), Mr. H. W. Barrett (Ringing Master) and Mr. W. Love (general secretary and treasurer). Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. E. Goate, N. Harding, W. G. Heyhoe, L. Last and J. R. Smith; also Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, who was in hospital.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Revs. K. W. Riddle, D. E. Rae and A. Paget for the use of their bells; the organist, the verger of St. Peter Mancroft, and the ladies for supplying and serving the teas.

The president said how sorry they were to hear of Mr. Harwood's illness, and proposed that a letter be sent to him conveying their good wishes for an early recovery. In his review of 1958, Mr. Golden congratulated the members on the steady progress that is being made in the activities of the Association, and thanked all for their support during his first year as president.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S SCHEME

The general secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Love) reported that despite a slight fall in membership, due to various causes, the strength of the Association had been well maintained. It was pleasing to note that recruitment of young people was steadily going on. Attention was drawn to the Norfolk Education Committee's scheme of providing instructors in centres where it is possible to have at least 12 learners. Forty-seven new members were elected, made up of 26 resident ringing members, 3 honorary and 18 non-resident life members. Unfortunately, 50 members were lost: 43 lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions and 7 died. He was pleased to say that this loss had been made good by elections during 1959.

Restorations had been completed at Wiveton and Dickleburgh. At the former tower a new band had joined the Association. Dickleburgh bells had been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble. The new ring of 12 at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, had been cast, and would be opened during October, 1959. Other restorations in the future were planned at Aylsham (10), Attleborough (6), Norton Sub-course (6) and Kessingland (5).

A summary of the recent Sunday Service Ringing Survey of the diocese had been included in the report, which required serious thought of all responsible ringers.

Presenting the balance sheet the treasurer, reporting an excess of expenditure over income of £47, said that this had to a great extent been foreseen by the standing committee, by the extra travelling expenses of the Central Council representatives of the Dublin meeting, rising printing costs, and the decision to donate towards the cost of the president's travelling expenses. Grants of 5 guineas had been made from the Belfry Repair Fund to Aylsham, Dickleburgh, St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, Saxthorpe, Wiveton and Great Yarmouth. The General Fund account stood at £148 78s. 3d., with the addition of the value of 51 handbells at £100.

114 PEALS

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett) reported that no records had been produced during the year, but from his own observations, and the reports from the Branches, it had been very satisfactory. The peals total again exceeded three figures, reaching the grand total of 114, 160 members taking part. The leading conductor of the year was the president, with a total of 31. The peals were rung in 50 different towers. Branch meetings continued to be well supported and a good standard of methods and striking maintained. This was, in his opinion, a very healthy sign for the Association, when it was noted the number of young people who were taking part with great enthusiasm. He made a strong appeal for proficient ringers owning cars to make the effort to visit outlying towers, where there were struggling bands not in union with the Association but who continued to ring their bells for Sunday services, and who needed instruction in change-ringing. He was sure that membership could be greatly increased if this was done.

The reports were unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks given to the officers for their work during the year.

All the officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle as a vice-president.

Mr. Barrett gave a report on the Central Council discussions, and it was noted with some concern that 'The Ringing World' would be in serious difficulties in the near future if the anticipated rise in the cost of printing came about. A proposition that each affiliated Association to the Central Council should make a yearly donation from their general fund to 'The Ringing World,' and that this Association should take a lead with a donation of £5, was put to the meeting for a vote. This proposition was defeated. It was felt by some that the Central Council should take the lead in this matter and not an individual Association. An earnest appeal was made for increased circulation, preferably postal subscribers.

Mr. Nolan Golden (hon. librarian) appealed for gifts to the library and information from members about books that were for sale which would be of value to build up a worth while library.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held this year at Southport, and members shared in the warm welcome extended by the Lancashire Association to the Central Council. Although the change of date had been approved by most Districts, there were some who thought it an unwise move, but in spite of their forebodings a most successful meeting was held.

The Vicar of Christ Church (Rev. F. Pickering) took a shortened form of Evensong for the Guild at 3.30 p.m. Tea followed in Christ Church Schoolroom—a wonderful meal prepared by Miss Margaret Ridyard and her helpers—when the members were joined by the Vicar and Mrs. Pickering, and also the secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. F. Dunkerley.

Before the men left, the president (Mrs. K. Lock) expressed grateful thanks to all those who had helped to make it such a successful day: to the Rev. F. Pickering for taking the service and for permission to ring at Christ Church, and to the organist and verger; to the Rev. Bryan Crane for permission to ring at Emmanuel Church, to the tower-keepers at these two churches, and also to Miss Ridyard who had made all the arrangements.

In welcoming the Guild to Southport, the Vicar said how pleased he was to see the lady ringers, and hoped they would enjoy the sunshine, the sands, the shrimps and the sea, a remark greeted with some laughter, as most members never did undertake the long trek across the sands which was necessary if one wished to see the sea.

After the usual preliminaries of an annual meeting—the minutes of the last meeting, the apologies for absence and the election of new members—there came the important item of the election of the president. Mrs. Lock, the retiring president, had been in office for three years—the maximum term allowed under the Guild rules—and therefore was not eligible for re-election. During those three years Mrs. Lock has visited many of the District meetings and has travelled many miles in order to meet as many of the members as possible. She was warmly thanked for all she had done.

Three nominations had been received, but one member stated she did not wish to stand. On being put to the vote, Mrs. J. Staniforth was elected president and took the chair for the rest of the meeting. The other officers were re-elected.

The treasurer's announcement that last year income exceeded expenditure was greeted with enthusiasm, and plans were promptly made to spend the excess! It was agreed that a report should be published next year giving the names and addresses of members and other relevant information for each District, to be available at the next annual general meeting.

As the Guild covers the whole country, the annual meeting is held in a different area each year, working on a definite rota. For 1960 the Districts concerned proposed that the annual meeting should be held in Bath, and this was agreed.

After the meeting members dispersed to ring at the various towers also open for Central Council members. Ten of the Guild's 13 Districts were represented at this meeting which, in view of the distances to be travelled, was considered very satisfactory.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EVERCREECH AND B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—In reply to a recent correspondent and a number of inquiries, may I say that all the bell recordings heard on Sunday mornings opening the B.B.C. Light Programme are of St. Peter's, Evercreech, bells.

For those who save their 'Ringing Worlds,' all the details regarding the making of these records appeared in a letter of mine on February 27th, 1953, page 139.

For those who cannot turn up this letter I would say briefly that the records comprise Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Court Minor on the front six and Grandsire Doubles on the back six. Obviously a very young local band, as mine was then, could not be expected to cover this wide range. The following were therefore invited to take part: Mr. J. T. Dyke, who conducted all the ringing, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kimber, Messrs. R. G. Beck, V. Savage, J. Topp, G. W. Massey, E. Chivers and P. Hull, with A. White and myself, of the local band.

As a point of interest, the bells are now on at 8.52 a.m. immediately before the weather forecast.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech.

PEALS OF BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bristol Surprise Major published in 'The Ringing World' of June 5th, 1959, as the composition of Mr. W. Eric Critchley was first rung at Brentwood on July 29th, 1911, as the composition of Arthur Knights. It appears in the Middlesex County Association's report for 1910-11.

Some of your readers may recall an article which appeared in your paper early last year in which I criticised certain peals of Bristol, among others, which had appeared under various people's names about that time, on the grounds that they could not possibly be original. True, I could not quote chapter and verse: in the present instance I am able to do so. I hate to cross swords with my good friend Mr. Critchley on this issue, but I am quite convinced that no original two- or three-part peals of Bristol, with orthodox calling, can possibly be obtained, and that those who are publishing them so freely at the present time are merely plagiarising the work of others—inadvertently, of course, but the correction never catches up with the error. I have not the least doubt that the peal in question will be rung many more times as the composition of Mr. Critchley.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

[Mr. C. W. Roberts also writes confirming that the composition was rung at Brentwood. He also adds that the composition was rung twice by the Kent County Association in 1931, the figures appearing in their 1932 report, page 102, peals Nos. 3,693 and 3,725.—Ed.]

A REVERSE

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the composition on page 356 (No. 3a, 5,056 Treble Bob) is the reverse of a peal by Henry Johnson (see Treble Bob Part II, page 35).—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Timperley, Altrincham.

PREVIOUS HANDBELL PEAL FOR BIRMINGHAM U.G.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Brian Woodruffe may be interested to know that his handbell peal with Messrs. Simpson and Webb on May 7th was not the first to be rung by members of Birmingham University in the Guild of Undergraduates Union.

In the year 1951-52 a group used to practise handbell ringing in the Union quite regularly, but never formed an official Society, there being only three or four of us. Nevertheless, John Mayne, Harry Poyner and myself rang a peal of P.B. Minor for the Universities' Association ('R.W.', February 15th, 1952).

Wishing all success to the new Society.—Yours faithfully,

P. C. RIDGWAY.

Laleham, Middlesex.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Our 'Ringing World,' mine and yours. Is it? Or do you borrow one, or just get a look at one? Or does your tower have one, between 6, 8, 10 or 12: if so, how do you expect our highly specialised paper to pay?

What is your 'real' interest in ringing? Merely ringing peals, or meetings, or just ringing? Do you do anything to keep alive and stimulate the Exercise and keep its paper going?

Although having reached my three-score years and ten, I have only been ringing these last 30 years—but what very happy years. I have always taken 'The Ringing World' which, like ladies' fashions, has not changed much—similar articles and opinions, bob and singles, perhaps a few new compositions: I have several times received a good caning.

'The Ringing World' has just managed to keep its head above water. We have had an increase in price, but even we pensioners have had to have increases in almost all our sources of income, so we cannot say we cannot afford the modest 6d., ridiculously cheap for what it contains—other than ringing matter—the making of friendships.

I would not like the Editorial Committee's job. When a week or two ago I spoke to my printer's foreman about soaring prices, he replied: 'What do you expect, I have just received an increase in wages of 37s. 6d. a week.' The Editorial Committee have given us the remedy to increasing the price—greater circulation; but we shall not achieve that if so many continue to borrow, or 'just have a look at someone else's'.

If your real and/or only interest is just ringing, you have missed one of the greatest pleasures—and blessings—of life, friendship.

We ringers do not like living hand to mouth, neither should our 'Ringing World' have to do—even worse than that, live dangerously.

We know what it was like during the war, without the bells: it would be much worse without our 'Ringing World'.—Yours, etc.,

Crewe.

FRANK STENSON.

FOUR-SPICED RUNG SILENT

A peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods was rung strictly silent and non-conducted at Dore, Derbyshire, on June 6th.

'RINGING WORLD' CIRCULATION

Dear Sir,—The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee for last year, as published in last week's paper, makes most interesting reading.

There are, in my view, two conclusions to be drawn from it:—

- (1) The circulation of the paper has hardly risen at all in the last few years, but the cost of production has risen alarmingly.
- (2) Unless more funds are made available to the paper, we ringers may find ourselves without a weekly journal.

This would be quite catastrophic as the paper plays an immensely important part in the binding together of our ringing fellowship. One disadvantage which immediately springs to mind is that Associations would have reduced attendances at their meetings, as many ringers would not receive notification of meetings.

Various methods of raising money were suggested at the Council meeting, and none seem to have met with much success.

Personally, I am not interested in the numerous peals that Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung, and therefore strongly support the motion that a peal levy be imposed and not, as Mr. Cannon suggested, that the cost of our paper be raised from 6d. to 1s. or 1s. 6d., which is quite ridiculous.

If there was a drop in the circulation of 8 per cent. when the cost of the paper rose from 4d. to 6d., I dare not think what the drop in circulation would be if the paper became twice or three times as expensive as it is now. And if the paper was still 25 per cent. peals, as it is now (whether mine or not) I, for one, would not buy it at such a price.

I agree with Mr. Joyce that a paper is useless if full of peals, and suggest that a restriction be placed on the space occupied by peals in the journal. Why not print them in the same style as the quarter peals? More space should be given to general news, not only of non-peal ringers but also of peal ringers' activities.

I do not think that a levy of 6d. per member should be imposed on Associations: many send contributions towards the cost of producing the journal, and those that do not cannot afford to, and doubtless could not afford the proposed levy, unless members' subscriptions were raised by 6d. to include the levy.

Mr. Chaddock is quite right about postal subscribers—some are too lazy or busy to buy a postal order once or four times a year. May I suggest that some make out bankers' orders?

The Editor and Committee are doing sterling work for little or no return: let each and every ringer make a concerted effort to increase the circulation of our paper and bring in more money so that we are able to retain the weekly publication and also give the Editor and Committee more financial assistance.—Yours faithfully,

ADRIAN C. WEDGWOOD.

Wavendon, Bletchley.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): J. C. Baldwin 1, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. E. Cobb 5.

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LETTERS—Continued**MR. FREEMAN BALL**

Dear Sir,—In its list of virtually unknown past members of the Central Council the Biographies Committee mentions the name of Freeman Ball.

A gentleman bearing this appellation conducted the first peal—Grandsire Triples—on the old bells of St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on February 20th, 1878. The peal is commemorated by a tablet on the west wall of the ringing chamber, although, strangely enough, the name of the conductor is not actually stated thereon.

I recall the late 'Tom' Miller saying, in about 1938, that Freeman Ball was the conductor and that he originated from Chester, also that he was a bearer at the funeral of Anthony Druce, tenor man in the same peal, who died in, I think, 1879.

Sorry this information is so scrappy, but it may give a lead in tracing more facts of the ringing career of Freeman Ball.

Incidentally, could one of your more erudite readers settle a question over which many words have been said and even more beer drunk—is our belfry at St. Chad's Cathedral unique in that one ascends the south-west tower to ring in the north-west tower?—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

MILES GRAYE'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—According to 'The Church Bells of Suffolk' (Canon J. J. Raven), there are still a great many of Miles Graye's bells in this part of the country. He gives a complete list of about 80 bells in Suffolk, including those mentioned by Mr. Lafin in his letter, also 16 in various towers in Ipswich.

There would not appear to be any complete Miles Graye rings in Suffolk.

Canon Raven states: 'There are a few Miles Graye bells in Norfolk, 17 in Cambridgeshire, one in Sussex (Chiddingfold treble), a good sprinkling in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, and of course very many in Essex. His most distant work is the tenor at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which he cast at Colchester in 1615.' I should think that this list still holds fairly true.

Just over the border from us in Essex is the ring of five at Pentlow, mentioned in correspondence in 'The Ringing World' last year. There was here a complete ring of Miles Graye bells, but the treble was recast by John Thornton in 1711. The other four still remain.

If Mr. Lafin would care to have it, I should be pleased to provide him with a complete list of the Miles Graye bells in Suffolk, as given by Canon Raven.—Yours faithfully,

ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

Clare, Suffolk.

GREAT LEIGHS' A MILES GRAYE RING

Dear Sir,—In his letter of May 22nd, Mr. Peter Lafin wonders if there are any complete rings of Miles Graye bells left. The five bells at Great Leighs, Essex, are, I believe, all by this founder. Hung in a beautiful round tower, they form an anti-clockwise ring of most pleasant tone and 'go.'

While casting my thoughts into Essex, may I take this opportunity of apologising for my mistake over Manuden, which Mr. Peter Bond so kindly pointed out. Two of my fellow tourists have since confirmed that there are only five bells there, but my records were inexplicably altered to read six.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

P.S.—If Mr. Lafin would like a photograph of Great Leighs tower, I should be most pleased to provide it.—R. K. R.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION**Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flintshire, on May 30th. A very nice day brought together what seemed to be a record number of members and friends.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. T. James), assisted by the Curate (Rev. P. J. Blake). The theme of the Vicar's address was 'Urgency,' and he said it was urgent that the people should realise their duty and obligations to Almighty God, and when the bells rang out on Sunday it was to remind them and call them to His worship and that they had half-an-hour in which to do this. When the five-minute bell rang they had to hurry or they would be late for their appointment with God.

Over 70 members and friends sat down to a salad tea with cakes made by the wives of St. Matthew's ringers and served in the school dining room.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. Officers re-elected were Mr. W. Cathrall, secretary and Mr. Fred R. Evans, Ringing Master; the president and vice-presidents were re-elected; Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward, Wrexham area secretary; Mrs. Lewis S. Griffiths, Llandudno and Rhyl area secretary; area instructors—Wrexham, Mr. F. R. Evans; Llandudno and Rhyl, Mr. L. S. Griffiths.

Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward (C.C. representative) gave a summary report of the C.C. meeting at Southport and informed members that a full report was printed in 'The Ringing World.'

Before the meeting concluded, the ladies were asked to come in, and Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them for the splendid way they had attended to the company's needs; to St. Matthew's Church company for providing tea, to the Vicar for the service, and to all who had helped in any way to make the meeting such an outstanding success.

The peal book was on show, and the work of bringing the entries up-to-date is being beautifully and skilfully done by Dr. Woodcock, a Hope lady ringer.

Towers represented were Bangor, Llandudno, Rhyl, Wrexham, Hope, Buckley, Gresford, Chester, Dodleston, with visitors from Hodnet, Bebbington and Liverpool, and a lady from Southampton.

Members were delighted to have with them Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, who has been poorly for a number of years.

SPALDING RINGERS VISIT ST. ALBANS

The programme said 'Spalding Corn Exchange, 6.30 a.m. depart.' Well, we were only three minutes late in leaving through waiting for the organiser. Sorry, Jack! And with the coach driver—our regular, of course—in good form, we were off to a good start and in fact arrived at our first tower, Stevenage, with ten minutes to spare, so we enjoyed these bells for longer than we had expected.

Off in good time and on to St. Albans, where we enjoyed ringing in three towers—St. Peter's, the Abbey and St. Michael's, with an excellent lunch timed between the last two. A pleasant hour was spent at Hatfield, and then on to Hertford—first at St. Andrew's, more refreshment, and finally to All Saints'. Journeying on again to Hoddesdon completed our ringing activities.

Back towards home and the usual stop at Huntingdon for supper and liquid refreshment. Still an hour or so to home, and so the handbells were made good use of. The Corn Exchange was reached just before midnight, and goodbyes were sounding in all directions, along with many thanks to Jack for a very well-organised day.

R. C. N.

STRIKING CONTEST IN NORTH HAMPSHIRE

In order to give an incentive to towers in the Andover and Basingstoke Districts of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild to improve their striking, a handsome cup has been presented by Mr. A. W. Alliston, of the Andover District. The first competition for it took place at Overton, Hants, on May 30th, the judge being Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Teams from Andover, Basingstoke, Highclere and Overton took part, being required to ring 240 Grandsire Doubles. For most of the competitors this was a new experience. Overton bells are not the easiest to strike well, and this, coupled with competition nerves and the keen ear of the judge, gave large totals of faults in the score! This was, Overton 124, Andover 160, Highclere 178, Basingstoke (St. Michael's) 186.

The result was announced before the tea, which was provided by the local band and served by wives and friends. Mr. Kippin spared the feelings of individual ringers by maintaining a firm silence on their performance.

The cup was presented to Mr. P. Holmes, deputising as captain of the Overton band for Mr. B. Garrett, who was prevented by illness from ringing. Mrs. Sanders, wife of the local Rector, was asked to present the cup. Since her husband and daughter were members of the team the whole proceedings had a suggestion of being a family affair.

Suitable speeches were made, thanking Mr. Alliston for presenting the cup and Mr. Kippin for judging the contest.

F. A. S.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Most of the party, consisting of about 22 ringers from the Nottingham District and their friends, piled into the chartered bus at St. Peter's Gate, Nottingham, on May 30th at 8.15 a.m., and the rest of the party were collected on the way to our first tower of the day at Earl Shilton in Leicestershire. We found the delightful eight bells here already raised, and a very enjoyable half-hour was spent in short touches of standard methods before going over the border into Warwickshire.

Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, was the next tower, where Mrs. Beamish welcomed us, and here not only the ten bells but the church itself claimed our attention. It was heavily damaged during the war and is being beautifully rebuilt and restored.

After all-too-short a stay at Chilvers Coton, we returned to Nuneaton, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Newdigate Arms Hotel. The six with a 12 cwt. tenor at Wolvey was then visited.

A pleasant run through the lanes brought us to Newbold-on-Avon, where about an hour was spent in many different touches before going on to the ancient town of Lutterworth, with its associations with Wyclif, the translator of the Bible, who later suffered martyrdom in this town. Here we enjoyed a grand tea at the Central Café before raising the heavy eight at the parish church. Some good striking was achieved here before proceeding to the last tower of the day at Claybrooke St. Peter. This ring was thought by some to be the best of the day and was much enjoyed before the bells were run down at 7.50 p.m.

The ringing during the day was under the care of Mr. A. S. Colton, and all tastes and ringing abilities were catered for. Thanks are due to Mr. S. Adams who made all the arrangements.

R. A. B.

WORTLEY, YORKS.—On May 30th, 1.296 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Tarbutt 1. H. Rusby 2. F. Cowling 3. D. N. Stables 4. N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5. H. Mann 6. To mark the 50th year of the Barasley and District Society.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

REDDISH RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH

Reddish ringers, with friends from Gorton and Marple, visited the Loughborough Foundry for their outing on Friday, May 22nd. Mr. J. P. Fidler was an entertaining guide. The unusual lightness of the bells attracted the younger ringers, but the visitors felt they did not do justice to them.

On the way to Loughborough there were stops for ringing at Leek (10) and Ashbourne (8). The best bells of the day were encountered at Duffield (10), where the Surprise ringers showed their prowess. Oxford T.B. went well at Matlock (8), and Darley Dale's 8 proved a nice ring of bells. Here Spliced Minor ringers showed how easy it is, and even Grandsire Doubles ringers had an enjoyable time.

CHISELDON, WILTS

For the second successive year, Chiseldon (Wilts) ringers chose South West Wiltshire for their Whit Monday outing, when eight members travelling in two cars visited seven towers.

Two ground floor rings came first—Dinton and Chilmark. After lunch, local ringers and a friend from Somerset joined in the pleasant ringing at Hindon. A steep, 'slippery ladder' had to be negotiated at East Knoyle, having an excellent anti-clockwise ring. Donhead St. Mary's bells were approached by an unusual wooden spiral. Coombe Bissett and Broadchalke concluded the programme. Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints' Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor. Thanks are specially accorded the two drivers, George and Tony.

A DAY IN EAST HANTS

A party of ringers and friends from Guildford, St. Albans and Ashted had an enjoyable day in East Hampshire on May 23rd. They rang at St. Peter's, Farnborough, and on the anti-clockwise six at Crondall—in this village the Morris dancers offered the company cake 'baked in the Devil's kitchen,' to keep all cares and worries away.

Thus a care-free party rang on the little-used six at Froye, and at Old Alesford joined the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's practice meeting, with a course of Cambridge. Bishop's Sutton (5), Ropley (5), Tidbourne (6), Blackmoor and Bramshott were visited before having a short ring at the Guildford Diocesan Guild's practice meeting at Bentley.

ST. MARY'S, READING

The Cotswold country was visited by St. Mary's, Reading, band for their annual outing on May 30th. Before reaching Cheltenham there was ringing at Stratton St. Margaret, near Swindon, and Coln St. Aldwyn. An excellent lunch preceded ringing at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, where Cambridge Maximus and several good courses of Stedman Cinques were brought round. Mr. Dyer met the party, and others there were Mr. and Mrs. David Beacham, David Marshall, Ivor Goulter and Peter Warren.

At the late John Thomas' tower, Hinton-on-the-Green, the band had time to admire a beautifully-inscribed Bible given in his memory. It was nice to see flowers in the belfry, and at Cheltenham, too. A course of Glasgow was rung on this well-kept ring of eight.

The route to the last tower, Hook Norton, was past an ancient monument known as Rollick Stones, near Great Rollright. Like a miniature Stonehenge, the stones form a large circle and are of Bronze Age origin, circa 1500 B.C. Pagan rites were observed with a course of Grandsire Triples on Jenny Davies' 'door bells' in the centre of the ring before an audience of sightseers. At Hook Norton ringing concluded with a touch of eight-spliced. R. K. R.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS

On Whit Monday a party of ringers and friends from Little Missenden and neighbouring towers had their annual outing to the Cotswolds.

The towers visited—all rings of six—were Charlbury, Bledington, Great Rissington—a heavy-going anti-clockwise ring, Bibury, Lechlade—the best ring of the day, where a course of Norwich Surprise was rung, Stamford-in-the-Vale (here, despite local predictions, Bob Minor was achieved), and East Hendred, a tower to be remembered for some time, with its 22 cwt. tenor, and long draught with no guides. The standard of ringing gradually improved, and in the coach the handbell enthusiasts found ample opportunity to test their ability.

Thanks are due to the indefatigable organisers, and to all incumbents and tower captains.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LONDON

For their annual outing this year Rotherham ringers came by train to London on May 23rd. At St. Clement Danes', touches of Grandsire Caters, Little Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major were rung, and the bells were lowered in peal just in time for the 'oranges and lemons' chimes to be heard at noon.

After an enjoyable lunch, arranged by Mr. A. A. Hughes, the party spent an enjoyable hour with the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, which seemed to bring the best out of the ringers. Good use was also made of the little eight at St. Olave's, Hart Street. An hour-and-a-half was available for sight-seeing before boarding the appointed train for home. Thanks are accorded to all who made this happy visit possible.

HILLINGDON

St. John's, Hillingdon, Society for their annual outing on May 30th went into Essex. A start was made at 7.30 a.m. for Barkway, where the eight bells were enjoyed. On the fine 12 at Saffron Walden the ringing consisted of rounds for beginners, and touches of Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques. Visits were also paid to Thaxted and Dunmow, and on the latter bells a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods was achieved. Good striking was maintained throughout the day, and all the touches rung came round. Hillingdon was reached at 10.30 p.m. after a very enjoyable day. T. G. B.

STRATTON, DEVON

Stratton ringers had their share of travel adventures on the narrow roads of Cornwall on Whit Monday. At St. Mawgan's, St. Mawgan-in-Menceage, the first tower visited, a 335-degree corner had to be negotiated.

The worst experience was after Penzance. A quarter of an hour was spent without luck in trying to negotiate a corner, with two other cars waiting. We were then directed into a field and told we could join the road through a gate at the other end. Alas, there was a steel spike sticking out of the stone gatepost which stopped progress. Up the steep slope of the field we went again with the back wheels spinning on the grass. Reversing out, we tackled the corner again. After nearly having to lift the back end of the coach round we succeeded with only a few scratches to the paintwork. Great praise is due to Sid Marden, the driver.

As to the towers visited, there was St. Mawgan's, Truro Cathedral, Penzance, Gulval, Melton, Phillack and Bodmin. Methods were kept as simple as possible. Thanks are due to Henry Trewin, the organiser, and Sid Marden, the driver. A. A. J. B.

BALDOCK, HERTS

A coachload of ringers and friends set off for Surrey on May 30th. Having passed Wembley Stadium and Hampton Court we arrived at Chertsey, where one of the bells, was the subject for 'Curfew shall not ring tonight.' The admonition is hardly necessary inside the church, though the bells are audible outside.

At Old Woking, the octave is quite noisy in contrast to the previous ring. On to Guildford for lunch, and ringing at the (old) Cathedral and St. Nicolas'.

A true ringers' tea was provided at the Prince of Wales, Leatherhead, then there was more Caters and Royal ringing at SS. Mary and Nicholas'. For the first time that day, we kept to time and enjoyed the octave at Ashted. Some Dutch visitors were most interested in the ringing, and asked many questions.

An additional pleasure was that of meeting and ringing with old friends. The enjoyable outing was marred only by anxiety about one member who was unwell. J. S.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Buchan (first quarter) 1. H. N. Pistow (cond.) 2. G. R. Smerdon 3. A. F. Spooner 4. N. Hobden 5. T. Norman 6. A. E. Cheesman 7. M. F. Layton 8. A 70th birthday compliment to T. Norman.

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OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED BARRATT

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. Alfred Barratt, of Daybrook, Notts, on May 21st, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 72 years.

The funeral service took place at St. Paul's, Daybrook, on May 25th, previous to interment at Redhill Cemetery. The bells of St. Paul's were rung before and after the service. There were many ringers present, and the many floral tributes included wreaths from St. Peter's, Nottingham, and St. Paul's, Daybrook, bands.

Alf was a safe ringer and a good striker. He had rung a good number of peals and conducted quite a number of them, mostly Grandsire and Stedman, Triples and Caters. A lovable character, he will be remembered for his genial company and willingness to stand in to help the younger members. F. A. S.

MR. WALTER A. GAMMAGE

The sudden death of Mr. Walter A. Gammage on June 2nd came as a great shock to the many friends who knew and loved him.

The last function that he attended on May 30th was that of the 75th anniversary of the ring of eight bells at the Church of St. Edmund, Northampton, where he was a ringer for over 50 years, and held the position of secretary and tower-keeper for a good many years.

A very young 72 years, he was able to mix with young and old alike, not feeling out of place, and kept pace with the younger generation. He always had an amusing story to tell, and his advice on matters of importance, when required, was always at hand.

W. A. G. had held various offices in the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild since its formation, and his loyalty, service and personality will be very much missed.

His work for St. Edmund's Church, where he was a member of the P.C.C. and sidesman, was outstanding, and his outside activities numerous. He was indeed a gentleman who was held in respect by all.

The funeral service took place at St. Edmund's on June 5th, where a large congregation was present to pay its last respects. Cremation followed at Milton. Northants.

Following the service, short touches of Grandsire Triples on the half-muffled bells of St. Edmund's Church were rung by members of the Peterborough Guild, and in the evening a quarter peal was rung in tribute. G. F. R.

MR. H. NEWNHAM

A former captain of Alresford ringers, who had been a bell-ringer for close on 60 years, Mr. Harry Newnham died last month, aged 85. Born at Leatherhead, he was stationmaster at Alresford, retiring 25 years ago. Closely connected with the church, he had held appointments as churchwarden and secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

To his memory, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with three cover bells) was rung half-muffled on May 31st by Miss K. Tremear, I. H. Shaw, 2, C. Dando, 3, J. E. L. Cockey, 4, L. A. Tremear (conductor), 5, P. Shipwith, 6, G. Allen, 7, W. Smith, 8.

Ladies' Guild At Feltham

For most of the members attending the Central District meeting at Feltham on May 30th it was their first experience of this light musical ring of ten. About 24 members and friends had tea, but numbers were increased in the evening. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by members, and other methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal by those present. An interesting report on the Guild's annual meeting at Southport was given.

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Members who haven't sent in their Voting and Record forms are asked to do so now, please. N.B.—College Convention (Portsmouth, July 25th). Conference opening altered to 2.15 p.m. (Cathedral House), with Service (Cathedral) at 4.30 p.m. Friends welcome. College information (stamped envelope, please) gladly from the Registrar, 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea. Why not join?

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note. Coach will pick up at Willoughby 7.15. Daventry 7.20, Kislingbury 7.40, Bugbrooke 7.45, Lower Heyford 7.50, Weedon (Main Road) 8.5, Newnham 8.10, Charwelton 8.15, Byfield 8.20.—F. W. Hancock. 4556

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Outing to Essex, Saturday, June 20th. Romford (8), 5 to 6 p.m.; Dagenham (8), 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. Afternoon ringing will be arranged. Meet, Romford E.R. Station, 2.30 p.m. 4554

BELLRINGERS' NOTEBOOK & DIARY, 1960.—We have received a number of requests for earlier publication of the Diary, but this can only be achieved with the co-operation of all Association and Guild Secretaries. Will you all please send lists of Guild Officers, together with dates for annual meetings, dinners, etc., to reach the address below by August 20th latest. Otherwise we must repeat as per the last edition. Also, for use in future editions, will you please advise if your annual meeting date is a "fixed" one.—W. Viggers and M. Hodgson, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 4568

WAREHAM, DORSET (8), 15 cwt.—Sunday ringing 9 to 9.30 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m. Practice night, Thursday 7.30 p.m. Visitors always welcome. 4571

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 4523

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4515

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4529

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 20th, 3 p.m., Tewin. Bells 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4531

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Specially arranged for the 92nd birthday of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association.—C. T. H. 4534

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Cranford, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing. Special method: Double Court.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 4526

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

HOP PARISH CHURCH, FLINTSHIRE

'Open Day,' Saturday, June 20th

All ringers welcome.

Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.

Tea 4.15 p.m.

Names before June 17th to

Mrs. MILLINGTON, Shordley, Hope,

near Wrexham. 4486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Aston Clinton, Bucks, Saturday, June 20th. Note: Previous notice, June 27th, incorrect. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 4557

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Brighton, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Note change of venue. Tea in the Memorial Hall.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4466

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting at Kingsclere, Sydmonton, etc., CANCELLED. Will now be held in September; look out for notice. Practice meeting, Goodworth Clatford, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea at Andover. Andover (8) alter tea.—G. K. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 4499

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chaddeley Corbett (8), Saturday, June 20th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Note alteration of venue from Hartlebury, those bells being now at Loughborough.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4485

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Compton Bishop, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 4535

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Dunchurch, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names by 24th to Mr. A. Barnwell, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch, Rugby. 4540

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, June 27th, Ashbourne. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 45562

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Practice meeting, East Budleigh, Saturday, June 27th, 7 p.m. 4560

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Rev. Mr. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, near Askern, Doncaster.—George Watson, Sec. 4508

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 27th. at Wingerworth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to E. Blythe, 58, Church Street (South), Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4543

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 27th. Almondsbury (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Will members please attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 4555

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 27th. Churchdown. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow at Church Hall. Names by June 23rd to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 4552

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Toddington (6), Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. Important business following tea. Names by June 23rd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4551

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Randwick (4), Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 23rd to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 4548

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. East Molesey bells may be available after tea. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 4537

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Denholme, Saturday, June 27th. Entrance fee, 10s., to Sec. by June 20th. For teas please notify by June 20th W. Proctor, Greystones, Keighley Road, Denholme, Bradford.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4498

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford Grammar Schools' Society.—Meeting, Berkhamstead (8), Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Hickson, 28, Valley Walk, Croxley, Herts.—A. J. Hickson, Sec. 4558

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Blackrod (6), Saturday, June 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. No business.—Thornley, Sec. 4536

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Idle, Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. This fine ring has just been rehung on bearings and quarter-turned. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, Yorkshire. 4525

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The meeting advertised for Horn-castle on June 27th has been postponed. 4553

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Branches.—Joint interim meeting at Dereham, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Adams, 37, Sandy Lane, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4484

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, June 27th. 4567

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Beaconsfield, Saturday, June 27th. 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 24th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 4559

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (est. 1623).—The 336th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Service 4 p.m. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me by June 25th.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4518

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), Saturday, June 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Canon White, The Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 4546

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cranborne, Saturday, June 27th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by June 23rd I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 4550

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Greasley (8), Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 24th, please, to Mrs. D. J. Beach, Peaseholme, Coach Drive, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts. 4445

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD OF RINGERS.—A meeting will take place on Saturday, June 27th, at Fobbing. Bells at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 4570

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston (please note change of venue) on Saturday, June 27th. Tea 5 p.m. Practice method, Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeny, Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4521

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Upton-Grey, Saturday, June 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Hoddington Arms. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, June 23rd.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 4561

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 27th, Liss (St. Mary's, 8). Bells available 6 to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4545

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District), **LADIES' GUILD** (North Eastern District) and **CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, with invitation to members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Richmond (8), Saturday, June 27th. Grinton (6) available after tea. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by June 24th to Miss D. M. Killingley, High Pottergate, Richmond.—Edward Hudson, organiser. 4564

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Friday, July 3rd, at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday previous Miss Burchinal, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. 4563

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ashover on Saturday, July 4th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hodgkinson, Highfield House, Chapel Hill, Ashover, near Chesterfield.—H. E. Taylor, B. P. Morris. 4517

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Shenfield, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Turner, Church Cottage, Hall Lane, Shenfield. 4542

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Goxhill (6), Saturday, July 4th. Names for tea by July 1st to Mr. S. Neave, Ainsle House, Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber. 4566

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, Lincs. 4541

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Happisburgh, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special method for practice, Stedman Slow Course Minor. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 1st, to Mr. G. Larter, 2, School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 4569

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, July 4th. Service 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch 1.30 p.m. Tickets for lunch (6s.) from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing as usual.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4569

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Packwood on July 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 1st.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 4539

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Saturday, July 4th, Colston Bassett. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th to G. R. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts.—S. Adams, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4544

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: St. Mary's, Portsea (8), 11 to 12.30; Portsmouth Cathedral (10), 1 to 2.15 and 6.30 onwards; Alverstoke (8), 7 to 9. Business meeting in Cathedral House at 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Cathedral House 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 8, West End Terrace, Winchester, Hants. 4501

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—St. Thomas' Church. Bicentenary of the bells. Festival, Saturday, July 11th. Bells at Dudley, Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Cradley, Lye, Oldswinford, Collaston and Stourbridge, available 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tea and service at St. Thomas'. Programmes (s.a.e., please), tea tickets (adults 2s., children 1s.), from D. H. Watson, 23, Gregory Road, Stourbridge. 4532

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The ancient brick tower of Warehorne is well known to the peal ringers of the Ashford District, but it is 12 years since the Association last held a meeting at this tiny, secluded village on the edge of Romney Marsh.

The new Rector-designate (Rev. J. E. V. Davies) welcomed the ringers, and at the service he read the poem 'To Ringers' from G. K. Chesterton's 'Hymns to the Five Guilds'. An excellent tea was served by Mrs. R. Spicer.

Eleven towers were represented at the meeting. Visitors included Mr. Leonard Stilwell, from Worthing, Mr. G. Huckstep, from Crayford, and Mr. T. Cullingworth, who called the first peal on the bells and who has not missed a District meeting since the war. Ringing reached Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

About 40 ringers from 12 towers attended the Mansfield District meeting at Warsop on May 23rd. The Rector (Rev. J. G. P. Hapgood) conducted a short service and presided at a brief business meeting as the District chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey, sent an apology for absence owing to shift work.

Hopes are being entertained of a joint meeting with the East Derbyshire and Notts Association and the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association on July 25th at Clay Cross, with Eastwood as an alternative tower. The Bell Fund collection amounted to 15s. Mr. D. H. Rooke was elected the local correspondent for 'The Ringing World'. The customary votes of thanks included a special one to the ladies for providing tea. D. H. R.

5,024 GILMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By CHARLES W. ROBERTS
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2 5 3 4 6	X		—
3 4 2 5 6		—	—
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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 2	JACK A. WAUGH .. 8
ALAN F. THIRST .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 9
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 10
ALAN J. FROST .. 5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. 11
JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 6	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus by the Society, all the band, and in London.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-TH-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 2	*DAVID H. BUXTON .. 7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 3	*EDWIN R. GOATE .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 9
*ALAN R. SYDER .. 5	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

*First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*NORAH M. BIBBY .. Treble	†LOUIS WILLIERS .. 6
†G. LEONARD THOMSON .. 2	†GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
†JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3	†DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 8
†MARY C. PAYNE .. 4	†RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 9
†PETER A. SHARP .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

*First peal of Little Bob Royal on tower bells. †First of Royal.

†First of Little Bob Royal. First of Little Bob Royal as conductor.

Rung to welcome J. G. Cox, M.A., on his appointment as Vicar of this parish.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HAROLD J. MUNCEY .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
GEORGE THODAY .. 2	DONALD F. MURFET .. 6
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

*First peal in the method.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WALTER D. DRINKWATER Treble	FRANK STEPHENS .. 5
†JOHN TYLER .. 2	FRANK WAITE .. 6
LESLIE BARRY .. 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 7
†WILFRED S. BALLINGER .. 4	GEORGE SIMMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

*First peal. †First 'inside.' ‡First peal on eight. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK S. DEAR .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
*LEONARD B. SCOOT .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	EDWIN G. BUCK .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

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

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLAEDA,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

MAURICE J. BUTLER .. Treble	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. 2	†R. ROGER SAVORY .. 6
MARGARET E. BEAMISH .. 3	†TOM CHAPMAN .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

*First peal of Major in the method. †50th peal for the Guild.

†First in the method. 25th as conductor and first in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*JOAN WARD .. Treble	†JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS .. 2	*KEITH ABBOTT .. 6
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
*ROGER MAHER .. 4	ALAN WARD .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

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

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Helen Wright, of Ashton-under-Lyne, at present a student at London University.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	JOHN FREEMAN 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON 6
STANLEY JENNER 3	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 7
STEWART F. KIMBER 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK R. SCOTT.

Rung as a tribute to the memory of Frank A. Barrett, of Oxford.

HIGH ERCALL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5152 ERCALL IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	GEOFFREY PARTING 7
JOHN S. DEAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 209). First peal on the bells since 1910, and the first of Major since 1812.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK PRICE Treble	THOMAS PRICE 5
*RICHARD E. MORRIS 2	COLIN SMITH 6
REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
†BERNARD MADELEY 4	HAROLD F. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal on a working bell. † First in the method.

A birthday peal for the treble ringer.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM PARROTT Treble	*ALAN E. M. BAGWORTH .. 5
GORDON T. PETERS 2	*NORMAN G. T. STEERE .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 7
*HUGH FALKNER 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the church.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	*JOHN A. WARNER 6
*†EDWIN R. GOATE 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Bristol. † 150th peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. W. S. Dand, Rector of Woodbridge.

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN Treble	*DEREK E. SIBSON 5
ROGER KEELEY 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON 3	*MARTYN HAWKES 7
*MICHAEL R. ROSE 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method, and on the bells.

A wedding compliment to David and Sally Beard.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	BERNARD B. TYRRELL 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	MAURICE BENNETT 6
ROY WITHYMAN 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
JOHN G. AMES 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.

Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bennett on the birth of a daughter, grand-daughter to the conductor.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*THOMAS G. MYERS .. Treble	REGINALD G. PEARCE .. 5
*CHARLES SANGWIN 2	W. RONALD HILL 6
JOHN W. SANGWIN 3	FREDERICK SANGWIN .. 7
HARRY STACEY 4	†OLIVER J. GITTINS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* 25th peal together. † First peal. T. G. Myers is now the first to 'circle the tower.'

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, inducted on May 7th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in C.

H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HAYES Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 2	JOHN RYDER 6
HARRY PARKER 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
CECIL RADDON 4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Worrall (June 16th), and the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lawrence (June 10th).

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 6 Hours,

At the Church of St. Chad.

A PEAL OF 9568 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 1,536 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 1,152 Watford, 768 each of Ealing, Hanbury, Kendal, London, Pudsey and Wembley, and 736 of Bristol, with 237 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
JOHN WORTH 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Umpire: WILLIAM H. DOWSE.

The longest length of Spliced Surprise Major yet rung.

NEARLY A PEAL

CHURCHAM, GLOS.—On June 13th, 4,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Elisabeth Bowden 1, Monica Horseman 2, A. R. Lee 3, R. J. Bowden 4, M. J. Horseman 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Richards (first away from tenor) 1, Gillian M. Hussey (first of Doubles) 2, B. A. Shackleton (first of Doubles 'inside') 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper 5, F. Carter (first quarter) 6. Alternate 120's conducted by D. J. Hunt and R. G. Hooper. First of Doubles on the bells. Also at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on June 14th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: M. D. Hancock 1, F. G. Leaker 2, D. Smith 3, F. Mack 4, J. M. Stallard 5, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, D. Mann 8, F. Hansford 9, S. Gillett 10. For Evensong by the St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Guild, also a farewell to D. Mann.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. E. Coles (cond.) 1, F. Taylor (first 'inside') 2, A. Thomas 3, R. Lee 4, L. Hutchings 5, I. Paton 6, H. Blick 7, L. Groom 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Cdr. and Mrs. K. Hutchings on their appointment as Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Goodfellow 1, June Richardson 2, P. Woodgyer 3, T. Baker 4, D. Fowles 5, B. Ongley (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine Pole 1, June Richardson 2, P. Woodgyer 3, T. Baker 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, C. Parker 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Leonard C. Leake, 32 years churchwarden.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: R. Davies 1, N. G. T. Steere 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, E. W. Razzell 4, Miss H. Talbot 5, N. Brown 6, H. Falkner (first on 12 bells) 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, G. H. Humphries 9, N. S. Bagworth 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, W. F. Oatway 12.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On May 24th, 1,020 Plain Bob Doubles (with 6, 8 behind): Sheila P. Miller (first on working bell) 1, M. P. Howard 2, Patricia M. Howard 3, R. H. Peters 4, F. H. Hicks 5, Evelyn D. Wallis 6, G. F. Tizzard 8. First 'inside' for 2 and 4.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. W. Wright 1, Maureen A. Finch 2, Mrs. J. Joyce 3, R. E. Finch 4, G. S. Joyce 5, P. Murgatroyd (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 3 and 6. Rung in grateful thanks for a successful fete the previous day.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 600 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): K. Ward 1, Valerie Hoby 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, Linda J. Kew 4, D. K. Walters (cond.) 5, D. Ward 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Pamela Jervis.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,320 Oxford: F. White 1, G. Perrin 2, J. Burgess 3, C. Henshaw 4, H. B. Schofield 5, A. Farrand 6. To respect Frank White for his services to the tower on his leaving for Paignton, Devon.

HELPRINGHAM, Lincs.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. A. Williams (first quarter) 1, K. Ketteringham 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. R. Holmes 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. A farewell to P.C. J. R. Holmes on leaving Helpringham for Grantham.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner 1, G. W. Golding 2, Miss G. Harbour 3, Miss P. Rayner 4, W. W. Webb 5, A. Grant 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, C. Chase 8. For Confirmation service.

HONTON, DEVON.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hodge 1, K. Clarke 2, A. Holway 3, W. Webb (cond.) 4, G. Retter 5, E. Summers 6, C. D. J. Webb 7, E. E. Retter 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, All Saints and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Christey 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Maurice Baker, formerly captain of Hutton Guild of Ringers, committee member and life member of Essex Association.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Shackelford (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Y. Price 2, Miss S. A. Carter (first of Minor) 3, W. Ayre (cond.) 4, J. G. Cull 5, D. C. Price 6. For Evensong. Last quarter on the bells before rehaacking.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Eastwood (first quarter) 1, R. Lake 2, C. Hughes 3, A. Lewery 4, F. Mills 5, Miss V. Heester 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, L. Batley 8. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On June 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Webber 1, B. Hulatt (first on 10) 2, A. Rushton 3, A. Smith 4, J. Herbert 5, G. Hawkins 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, R. Kendall 9, C. Mann 10. For Sunday School festival Evensong, also birthday compliments to Mr. A. King (88) and H. Wood. Rung by Sunday service band.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Pendlebury (first of Minor) 1, Janet Morgan 2, J. A. Townsend 3, B. J. Townsend 4, J. B. Webb 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to B. J. Townsend (Royal Signals), home on leave from Germany.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. L. Bryant (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. P. Goode 2, A. P. S. Berry (first of Minor 'inside') 3, L. Stilwell (cond.) 4, M. J. Martin 5, W. C. Chandler 6.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, WORCS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob and 1,020 Grandsire): Sheila Mathews 1, W. Preece 2, J. Arnall 3, T. Gazey 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, F. Parry 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung on St. Barnabas' Day to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. B. M. Niblett).

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD

'Ringing World' Peal Fees Agreed to

THE 80th annual festival, held in Exeter on June 6th, was a great success. The experiment of holding it on a Saturday instead of Whit Monday produced the best meeting for several years, more than 100 attending. The thrill of ringing in the Cathedral with Grandison, the 72-cwt. tenor, was experienced by many, and five other rings were made use of. The Guild service was conducted at St. Mark's by the Vicar, the Rev. C. G. Poulton, and the attendance of the surpliced choir was much appreciated.

The address was given by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, one of the Guild representatives on the Central Council, on the Sunday service ringing survey. He said that from the answers received four requirements stood out:—

1. **Leadership.** A leader must start with humility, be quite certain of his aim and be dedicated to it.

2. **A sense of duty.** This is more lacking to-day than ever. Duty is essential to every member of the Church and to every ringer.

3. **Good relations between ringers and church people.** The survey shows that where a band flourishes, the members also take an active part in general parish work.

4. **Healthy church life in the parish.** He said that he and many others experienced a feeling at Southport that this part of the meeting was what the members had come for. The Guild rules set out that one of its objects is 'to encourage ringing for divine service,' and we should act accordingly.

DEATH OF MR. A. W. SEARLE

After tea in the Parish Hall the president took the chair for the annual meeting. He first referred to the absence of the Bishop, due to his accident earlier in the week. The general secretary was instructed to write to the Bishop expressing the deep sympathy of the members and their wishes for a complete and speedy recovery. The secretary referred to the death, in his 90th year, of Mr. A. W. Searle, a vice-president of the Guild and former member of the Exeter Branch and Ringing Master at the Cathedral. He was also a Central Council representative for 28 years, a member of St. David's band for 70 years and had rung in all the Devon towers.

A discussion took place about the finances of 'The Ringing World' and it was agreed that the Guild representatives should submit a resolution to next year's Central Council meeting that all peals published in 'The Ringing World' should be paid for at 6d. a rope. Another resolution passed was 'That we set an example to other Associations and make a charge of 1s. per rope for all peals, 6d. to go to "The Ringing World" and 6d. to our own funds.' The feeling of the meeting was strongly in favour of both these resolutions.

An amendment of the rules was agreed to, making it obligatory that the general fund should be balanced up to December 31st each year and members were asked to pay their subscriptions early in the year so that the branch secretaries could transmit to the general treasurer in good time.

It was agreed to hold the annual festival next year in Exeter, and since the meeting the Bishop's secretary has booked Saturday, June 18th, when it is hoped that His Lordship will be able to address the Guild. A grant of £25 to the Woodbury Bell Restoration Fund was agreed to.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: President, Preb. E. V. Cox; general secretary, Mr. E. M. Atkins; general treasurer, Mr. W. Simmonds; auditor, Mr. W. Milford; lib-

rarian, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. The general treasurer agreed to act as peal secretary, so peal reports should be sent to him with the fee of 1s. per rope. The representatives of the next session of the Central Council elected were Mr. T. G. Myers, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Mr. J. L. S. Glanville and Miss B. M. Boyle. Resolutions of thanks concluded one of the most successful meetings of recent times, apart from further ringing at the Cathedral and other towers.

SPECIAL NOTICE

This curtailed edition of 'The Ringing World,' due to the national printers' strike has been produced under great difficulties. We cannot guarantee the date of the next publication but we will do our best to produce another edition as soon as possible.

STRIKING COMPETITION AT LEICESTER

The Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild held their first striking competition at the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on May 30th.

Eight teams took part. Unfortunately, Blaby had to withdraw at the last minute, being one short. This was rather disappointing as their entry was especially sporting in view of the fact that they have only been ringing a few months.

The three judges—Messrs. R. F. B. Speed (Rugby), R. Edwards (Birmingham) and A. Ballard (Hinckley)—were installed in The Castle, which overlooks the church. After tea in a nearby café the results were announced by Mr. Speed.

St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, with some near-perfect striking, were the winners, with no more than 22 faults, followed by Leicester Cathedral and Aylestone, with 26 faults. The remaining teams in order of merit were South Wigston, Leicester (All Saints'), Belgrave, Markfield and Gilmorton.

Mr. Speed said that on the whole the judges were very impressed by the standard of striking. He then presented an engraved tankard, kindly given by Mr. S. A. Jesson, and a certificate to Mr. S. Harrison, captain of the winning team. They were heartily congratulated, being the youngest band taking part.

The District would like to thank the Vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the bells, and the three judges for doing an excellent job. Further general ringing at the church, followed by handbell ringing in The Castle, brought an enjoyable half day to a close.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Repairs to the tower of Birmingham Cathedral, which cost over £30,000, are now nearing completion and, after a silence of two-and-a-half years, the bells will soon be heard again.

In view of the large quantities of brick dust which had fallen inside the tower, it was deemed inadvisable to resume ringing before the bearings were examined by a bell-founder.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. were consulted, and as a result have removed the clappers for re-bushing, and are to repaint the bell-frame and replace any worn fittings.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Memorial to the late Rev. F. L. Edwards

A gathering of ringers from various parts of the diocese attended the Church of St. Mary, Kingston Magna, on May 9th, for the dedication of a tablet recording a peal of Plain Bob Major, rung at Melksham, as a thanksgiving for the life and work of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna for 48 years, member of the Central Council of Church Bellringers for 45 years and hon. general secretary and treasurer of the Salisbury Guild for 37 years.

The service, combined Evensong and dedication, was conducted by the Rector of Kingston, the Rev Harold Snalgrave. The dedication was by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. E. L. Seagar, who also preached: the lesson was read by Canon C. Carew Cox, Master of the Guild, other robed clergy being the Rev. R. N. Longridge, hon. secretary of the North Dorset Branch.

In his address the Archdeacon paid a great tribute to Mr. Edwards—as a parish priest, as a musician, mason, farmer, but above all as a ringer, being a tower of strength to the Salisbury Guild and well known throughout the land: he had travelled far and was a very learned man.

The ringers of Kingston Magna and Buckhorn Weston (which is now combined into one parish) rang before the service and those who attended rang at the close. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Canon Cox, Mr. H. Keeley, Mr. C. W. Powell and Mr. L. Hitchens.

The congregation, together with the choir, were the guests of the parishioners to tea later in the afternoon. Mr. Edwards' family joined in the proceedings throughout.

TWO 61st ANNIVERSARIES

By calling John Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples exactly one month before his 84th birthday, at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on June 13th, Mr. George E. Symonds commemorates two of his 61st anniversaries. He first conducted this at St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex, on February 5th, 1898, in which all bachelors took part, viz.: Albert Mason, William S. Langdon, William H. Webber, William H. Pasmore, Caleb Fenn, Rowland Fenn, G. E. Symonds (conductor), Thomas Faulkner.

The other performance was a silent peal of the same composition at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, S.E., on June 4th, 1898, by: Arthur R. Davis, George W. Wild, Harry Barton, G. E. Symonds, Harold N. Davis, James E. Davis, Thomas Langdon, William S. Langdon: Umpire Frederick Perrin. The band's average age was 25 years.

It is believed that the brothers Fenn and Langdon are still with us and it would be interesting to know if the others are living.

G. E. S. has rung the Original 27 times on tower bells and five on handbells, calling 26 of them.

BARNSELY SOCIETY'S SHIELD CONTEST

From seven competitors, Friezland won the Barnsley Society's Shield Contest at Wortley on June 13th. Results: Friezland 45, Shelley 46, Silkstone 59, Sandal 62, Cawthorne 127, Thornhill 181, Ecclesfield 230.

The test was 600 changes with 120 changes practice. The judge was Mr. Harold Chant and the marker Mr. Daniel Smith.

Mr. Frank White, who received the shield on behalf of Friezland, said this was his last contest as he was leaving Friezland. Each member of the winning team received a jam dish: there were prizes for the runners-up, Shelley.

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BELFRY

A past vice-president of the Lancashire Association Mr. Joseph Leatherbarrow, died at Newchurch on June 9th, aged 71 years. He was captain and tower-keeper at Newchurch Parish Church for 48 years.

Mr. V. Jones, of Coleshill, Berks, died on June 13th, aged 84 years. He was a keen ringer up to the 1939-45 war.

Will the sender of the Peal rung at Huntley on May 30th, please forward his name and address.

The quarter peal rung at St. Clement Danes by the Hillingdon band was on May 24th and not as printed in 'Belfry Gossip.'

The striking competition of the Northern District of the Surrey Association, held at Esher, was won by St. John's, Croydon. St. Mary's, Beddington were second.

Fortune was with the band who rang Little Bob Royal at Ewerby, Lincs, on June 13th. The composition had an alternative calling, reducing from 5,040 to 5,000 changes. This was called and in the first pull of lowering the second, the rope broke! This proves Mr. Henry Fearn, of Birmingham, is correct in denouncing extra leads over the 5,000.

From Over Cheshire comes the news of a long length in Spliced Surprise Major rung on June 13th in six hours and in ten methods. At the conclusion of the peal the composer, Mr. A. J. Pitman, came into the belfry and congratulated the band. The co-operation of the local band in providing refreshments in the belfry after the peal was much appreciated.

Kimpton, Herts. bells are to be retuned, rehung with ball bearings and a new ringing floor installed at about 12 feet from the ground. Rededication is planned for October 31st, to be followed by a ringing competition for a silver cup. Kimpton hope to make this an annual event as an incentive to good striking.

GOSSIP

While giving Gnosall, Staffs, belfry a 'new look,' Miss June Kay and Mr. David Friend found in a hidden recess an old envelope discoloured with age, dated 1851. The only address discernible was 'High Street, Gnosall.' Trembling with excitement at the hope of finding gold or precious jewels, they opened the envelope and found—17 human teeth.

Recently the Vicar of Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, Devon, resigned the living and moved to Oxfordshire to live in retirement. It is understood that proposals have been adopted whereby the Vicarage will be sold and the parish amalgamated with Buckfastleigh. With the consent of the Vicar of Buckfastleigh the tower and bells are kept going for Sunday morning services by ringers from the neighbouring parish of Rattery.

After ringing six entents of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Churcham, Glos, on June 13th, the bells were set up as they were then going very badly. If the peal had been obtained it would have been the first since 1909. There have only been three peals on these bells since they were recast and rehung in 1877.

A fine performance was put up by the Rev. John Shepherd Wdylm, who is blind, in scoring his first peal of Stedman Triples at Norfleet on June 13th. We hope to read Mr. Wayln's name in our peal columns more frequently.

When the Rev. C. Walters, a ringer, was inducted to the living of Frinstead, Kent, he found that the bells, which had been silent for 11 years, had no ropes. These were provided by Mr. R. L. Pemperton, practices instituted on Thursdays with Mr. Ernest Gage as captain. On June 6th the second peal on the bells was rung, the first on June 11th, 1927, being conducted by Mr. George Gilbert. Mr. George Kenward rang in both peals.

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OUTINGS

BARKBY, LEICS

A coachload of Barkby ringers enjoyed an outing into Northamptonshire on May 23rd, which had been planned by Mr. M. R. A. Kirk with the assistance of Mr. L. Witten. Ringing took place at Woodford, Thraps-ton, Islip, Lowick (where the bells had not been rung for over a year but only chimed on Sundays) and Sudborough. At the last-named tower the sexton stated that the bells were rarely rung. He had a tape-recording of them and when needed for a wedding the recording was amplified.

BEACONSFIELD

Beaconsfield ringers spent an enjoyable day on June 6th, when they rang at St. Peter's, Bexhill, Christ Church, St. Leonards, Christ Church, Blacklands, and All Saints', Hastings.

One of the objects of our journey was to meet Mr. Alf Levett and his wife once again; they met us at Bexhill and spent the day with us, and many amusing reminiscences were exchanged.

We would like to thank Alf for his great kindness in arranging the ringing programme and the excellent tea. D. R. F.

DONCASTER

St. George's, Doncaster, ringers, for their annual outing on Whit Monday, visited attractive towers, although the light eight and long draught at Ashbourne took some getting used to. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Cambridge and Little Bob were rung at Burton-on-Trent and at Lichfield Cathedral the Society was privileged to ring for one hour for Evensong.

After tea at Derby the Cathedral was visited, where some good ringing was again heard. An hour's ringing at Mansfield concluded the programme and included spliced methods.

IN ROMNEY MARSH

The churches in and around Romney Marsh were visited by a small party on June 6th. The list included the short tower at Brabourne, Stowting where the bells are anticlockwise, Lyminge (8), Newington, Lympe, Burmarsh, Aldington (the best six of the day), Warehorne, New Romney, Lydd (where the elusive course of Cambridge was successfully rung), Brookland (with its famous detached tower), Appledore, Stone-in-Oxney and Woodchurch, where ringing was curtailed through misreading the map. The disappointment was Fairfield, where the key could not be located.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH

The Twerton-on-Avon ringers held their annual outing on June 6th, and were accompanied by friends from Corston, Bristol, Warmley and Newton Park College.

Mr. Woods, a local ringer, made the party welcome at Mere, Wilts, where we enjoyed ringing the pleasant, heavy octave (tenor 23 cwt.). At Longbridge Deverill, Mr. Jones was waiting to greet us. Here we found a merry octave (tenor 12½ cwt.) with a very short draught of rope.

On to Warminster, where members had their tea before ringing at the Minster Church of St. Denys. The Vicar and three members of the local band met us. The bells are a heavy octave (tenor 28 cwt. in D), hung in a central tower, that go very well.

The last tower was Westbury, where we had the pleasure of ringing the heaviest octave in Wiltshire. The bells, again hung in a central tower, are a superb ring with a tenor of 35 cwt. Ringing ended with a few excellent call-changes. A. F. L.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual 6-bell striking contest for the Sheffield and District Society's silver cup was held on the very light ring of six at Old Whittington (tenor 6 cwt.), near Chesterfield, on June 6th. The judges (Mr. H. Chant and Mr. J. Thorley) in their commentary remarked upon the exceedingly high standard of ringing maintained throughout the contest. Six teams entered, producing 360 changes in five different methods. Handsworth, with 37 faults, was again judged the winning team, and the local company second with 46 faults, closely followed by Bolsover (55 faults) and Rotherham (56 faults).

On behalf of Handsworth company, Mrs. D. E. Kelly, the only lady member of the team, received the silver cup from Mr. F. Adams, of Staveley, who congratulated the team on an excellent performance.

Mr. N. Chaddock (Central Council representative) gave a brief report on the meeting at Southport, making a special appeal for all members to take 'The Ringing World' and to take it through the post. During the meeting a show of hands revealed that most members were subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Chaddock also referred to the debate on the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing, and answered questions put to him about this, indicating measures to be taken during 1959/60.

In his vote of thanks Mr. B. Cooper expressed the Society's appreciation of the excellent arrangements for the meeting made by the local company. Eight new members were elected. It is hoped that the next meeting will be held at Eckington on July 4th. S. C.

CHRISTCHURCH RINGER'S GALLANTRY

Mr. Ken Derham (51), a cafe proprietor at Mudeford, Christchurch, and a member of the Christchurch Priory band for many years, has been awarded the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's silver medal for gallantry in rescuing a young man and a girl on Easter Monday.

Mr. Derham made the rescue at considerable risk in his 11ft. rowing boat in a heavy sea.

The man and girl were clinging to wreckage. The girl was exhausted and had to be dragged on board by Mr. Derham.

At different times Mr. Derham has rescued many people from the treacherous Mudeford waters.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Fifty-four members and friends attended the Llandaff Branch meeting at Radyr on May 23rd, where, in the absence of Mr. G. I. Lewis, duties of Ringing Master were capably performed by Mr. T. Yeoman. The Rector (the Rev. W. S. Pontin) conducted the service and the Rev. Percival Jones gave the address. The enjoyable tea was provided by the ladies of Radyr.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

An excellent meeting was enjoyed at Batley on May 30th, with about 35 ringers present. Various methods were rung, ranging from the plain to Surprise.

The Society welcomed four ringers from Lancashire who were on a visit to Yorkshire.

At the business meeting, Mr. J. Gibson thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and particularly Mr. David Atkins for his excellent arrangements. Mr. Harry Lofthouse seconded the vote of thanks. Mr. David Atkins replied on behalf of the local company.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On June 12th, 1,440 Woodbine Treble Bob: H. Kirk (cond.) 1. Margaret Finlow 2. D. Adams 3. J. R. Kennet 4. J. Bagshaw 5. F. A. Forster 6.

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TEIGNMOUTH, S. Devon.—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's, on the sea-front, at 8.15 p.m. for the 9.0 p.m. holiday-makers service during the summer in addition to the usual ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. The secretary is now Mr. D. G. Wheeler, 47 Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury to whom all communications should be addressed.

THE JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE. Demonstrations will take place on Saturday July 18th at 11.30 and 2.30 in the demonstration room, third floor, Science Museum, South Kensington. Admission by ticket only. Send S.A.E. to Mr. D. Hughes, 12, Orpin Road, Merstham, Surrey. Numbers limited to 25 for each demonstration for convenience of visitors.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farndon, Saturday July 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify Mr. J. Youde, Crewe Lane, Farndon. Nr. Chester if requiring tea.—Edna Price (Miss), Assistant Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ashover on Saturday, July 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hodgkinson, Highfield House, Chapel Hill, Ashover, near Chesterfield.—H. E. Taylor, B. P. Morris. 4517

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. Meeting, Histon, Saturday July 4th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Shenfield, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Turner, Church Cottage, Hall Lane, Shenfield. 4542

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead district. Meeting Saturday July 4th. Ockley. Bells from 2.30 to 4.30, and Capel from 6. An invitation to tea is given by Mr. and Mrs. Harman for those who care to go to Bear Green. For others tea will be at Capel at 5 p.m. Please notify Mrs. Penfold, 6 Greenside, Capel, Dorking, stating where you want tea provided.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — July 4th. Pilton 5.30-7 p.m.; Gravenhurst 6.30-8 p.m.; Meppershall 7.30. Special method double. Grandsire. — E. Buck, District Secretary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford district. Meeting. Langleybury, July 4th, 3. Tea 5.30. — K. R. Dunstan, hon. district secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. Meeting at Whalley on Saturday July 4. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. — Charles W. Blakey, branch sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. Meeting at Silverdale Saturday July 4th. Ringing 2.30-8 p.m. Tea approximately 4.30. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale — R. F. Eccles, sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. Meeting Christ Church, Aughton, Saturday July 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. J. Lunham, 30 Liverpool Road, Aughton, Near Ormskirk, by July 1st. — M. E. Ridyard

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch. Meeting, Goxhill (6), Saturday, July 4th. Names for tea by July 1st to Mr. S. Neave, Ainslie House, Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber. 4566

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas', Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, Lincs. 4541

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch. Meeting, Happisburgh, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special method for practice, Stedman Slow Course Minor. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 1st, to Mr. G. Larter, 2, School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich. — P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Guild Festival will be held at Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, July 4th. Service 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch 1.30 p.m. Tickets for lunch (6s.) from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing as usual. — M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4569

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting Welford (8), Saturday July 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellington Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bozeat, Saturday July 4th. Service 4.30.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting at Packwood on July 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 1st. — G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 4539

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Evershot July 4th Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea please. — Barrett, Gerrards Green, Beaminster.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Joint meeting with North Notts District at Sutton-on-Trent on July 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — W. L. Exton.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Saturday, July 4th, Colston Bassett. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th to G. R. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts. — S. Adams, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4544

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: St. Mary's, Portsea (8), 11 to 12.30; Portsmouth Cathedral (10), 1 to 2.15 and 6.30 onwards; Alverstoke (8), 7 to 9. Business meeting in Cathedral House at 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Cathedral House 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 8, West End Terrace, Winchester, Hants. 4501

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly Meeting, Badsey (8), Saturday July 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. — W. J. Newman, 7 New Road, Hampton, Evesham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday July 6th, 7 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Priston (6) on Saturday July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Connock, 24 North Road, Midsomer Norton, Near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District Monthly meeting, Saturday July 11th. Northill. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 7th to Mr. W. Wagstaff, 14 Ickwell Green, Northill, Beds.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting. Hutton Cranswick, Saturday July 11th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Macclesfield Branch. — Joint meeting with Ladies Guild at St. Mary's, Nether Alderley, (6) July 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tea free provided names received by July 6th. Names to H. C. Lonyon, 8 Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Buses every half-hour Macclesfield-Manchester route.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting Ford End (6) Saturday July 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to P. N. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting at Flamstead, Saturday July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday July 7th to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Hampstead. J. Good (District Secretary)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Rochester District) and **LADIES GUILD** (Kent Branch). — Combined meeting at Gillingham on Saturday July 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please to Miss D. Looseby, 173 Victoria Street, Gillingham. — F. Barton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Quarterly meeting at Leeds on Saturday July 11th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring sandwiches, etc. Cups of tea provided. — R. L. Sills, District Secretary.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly General Meeting at Stoney Stanton, Saturday July 11th. Bells available: Enderby (8) 12.30-1.30; Narborough (6) 1.0-2.0; Croft (6) 1.30-2.30; Crosby (6) 2.0-3.0; Broughton Astley (6) 2.30-3.30; Sharnford (6) 3.0-4.0; Stoney Stanton (8) 3.0-4.30 and 7.0-8.30; Sancote (6) 7.0-8.30. Service; Stoney Stanton 4.30 (Preacher: Rev. D. T. Richard). Tea: 5.0 in village school hall followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Miss Dorothy Cox, Porthill Farm, Stoney Stanton, Leicester, by

Wednesday July 8th please. General Committee Meeting Monday July 6th, in the vestry of St. John-the-Divine, Albion Street, at 7.45 p.m. Please note altered date. — B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting at Bleanavon, July 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and business. Names for tea please to Mr. E. G. Jones, Nantllechan House, High Street, Bleanavon. — J. S. King.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Cheadle R.C. on Saturday July 11th. Bells 3.0 p.m. Names for tea to A. W. Hall, 77 Queen Street, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent. — E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch. — Meeting at Edith Weston July 11th. Bells (6). Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Melksham (8) Saturday July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5.0 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, Hon. Sec., 136 Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE. — St. Thomas' Church. Bicentenary of the bells. Festival, Saturday, July 11th. Bells at Dudley, Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Cradley, Lye, Oldswinford, Collaston and Stourbridge, available 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tea and service at St. Thomas'. Programmes (s.a.e., please). Tea tickets (adults 2s., children 1s.). from D. H. Watson, 23, Gregory Road, Stourbridge. 4532

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival at Helston Saturday July 18th. Service Helston Church 4.15, followed by tea, 2s. Bells-Helston (8). St. Keverne (8). Cury (8). Mullion (6). St. Mawgan (6). Wendron (6). Replies by Tuesday July 14th to Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Annual cricket match and ringing day Tanfield, July 18th, starting at 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Travel bus from Marlborough Crescent, Newcastle-No. 2 to Tantobie Road End or No. 10 to Crookgate Bank Top. Names for tea to K. Cheeseman, Church House, Tanfield, Tantobie, Co. Durham.

LATE NOTICES

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Monthly practice July 6th, Warkton (5) 7.30 p.m.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — July 11th, Brencley. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—CAMBRIDGE District. — Meeting, Littleton, July 11th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Stow on Wold Branch. — Meeting Bledington, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice, Twyford July 11th, 6 p.m. Special method Cambridge Surprise Major.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS. — On May 23rd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Loake (first quarter) 1, P. Messam (first 'inside') 2, R. Loake (first 'inside') 3, D. Williams 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. For the wedding on May 20th, of Mr. Phillip Gardner, organist, and Miss Elfrida Walker, a chorister.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: June Dear 1, J. Dear 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, A. Leggett 5, W. Collins (first in method) 6, R. Castledine 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. James' Church, on June 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. H. Gilbert 1, D. E. Cobb (first of Caters as cond.) 2, Monica Horseman 3, B. Shackleton 4, M. Horseman 5, J. Stallard 6, D. G. Yeo 7, J. Brain 8, L. Pearce 9, D. J. Hunt 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 2, 3 and 4.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bradley (first quarter) 1, K. R. Goodall 2, M. Phipps 3, J. W. Sykes 4, R. Bradbury 5, G. N. Goodall 6, L. Goodall (cond.) 7, M. J. Allen 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. R. Hobbs 1, C. M. White 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, A. W. Fry 7, D. Greenlaw 8. For Mayor's Sunday.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. P. Knights 1, F. Ward 2, S. Philbrick 3, R. S. Long 4, R. Birch 5, L. Smith (first of Royal) 6, D. Armstrong 7, J. Seager 8, B. Holland 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Miller 1, R. Channon 2, Pam Miller 3, Mrs. Humphrey 4, G. Peck 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, J. Perrett 8. For Evensong.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Penrose 1, B. A. Parkin 2, Mrs. A. Carveth 3, A. Carveth 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, A. Locke 6, D. Burnett 7, A. Davidson 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Carveth on their return from their honeymoon in Scotland.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Elizabeth Carson 1, Susan Rawlings 2, A. Bagworth 3, Susan Jacobs 4, Anne C. Garnett 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5280 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	*DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 6
*KEITH ABBOTT 3	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
JOAN WARD 4	ALAN WARD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson, Bishop of Middleton.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 5
RUTH BORDER 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

SHEILA BARKER Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
FRANK H. DAVEY 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
CHARLES H. MOORE .. 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
*STANLEY W. GALL .. 4	RAYMOND G. LOFTY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Triples. 50th anniversary peal for Frank Davey.

A peal of welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. D. J. Turner.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 HAMPTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 7
JOHN R. MAYNE 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

HAMPTON SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58—16. 34—12. 38—14. 36. 78.

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob. Tipler's B61/3.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*TOM CHAPMAN Treble	*JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. 5
MARGARET E. BEAMISH .. 2	†MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 3	†R. ROGER SAVORY .. 7
*JOHN HARTLESS 4	*DEREK C. JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman. ‡ 150th peal.

First of Stedman as conductor.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ALAN G. FOSTER Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 5
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 6
*DAVID FRIEND 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	*JOHN K. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE P. ADAMS Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
JACK S. DEAR 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*CHRISTOPHER LLOYD .. Treble	†REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL .. 5
†EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 2	GEOFFREY F. PRATT .. 6
FRANK OAKSHOTT 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
ETHEL CLEAR 4	CHARLES A. READ Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † 25th peal together, and 375th peal as conductor.

‡ First of Triples.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the building of the church and the casting of the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPLYTUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

ALFRED C. HARRIS Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4
LEONARD B. SCOOT 2	EDWIN G. BUCK 5
J. RICHMOND CASTLEDINE .. 3	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHMOND CASTLEDINE.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, Netherseale, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

MARTIN MAJOR Treble	J. RICHMOND CASTLEDINE .. 4
LEONARD B. SCOOT 2	*EDWIN G. BUCK 5
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHMOND CASTLEDINE.

* 75th peal.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 58, 59, 64, 66, 67, 73 and 74. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	† A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON 5
*ROGER MAHER 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal.

BERGH-APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and ent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

*MICHAEL J. STOKES .. Treble	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4
GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 2	ARTHUR E. LONG 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* 25th peal together.

Rung in honour of the birth of Adrian John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forder, on May 19th, 1959. Mr. Forder is a regular Sunday service ringer at Norton Subcourse.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. Treble	THOMAS COOKE 4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*LLOYD JENKINS Treble	JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4
GWYN I. LEWIS 2	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 5
EDMUND J. MORRIS 3	JOHN MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	*ALAN WRIGLEY 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
THOMAS BEAUMONT 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor.

FRINSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

JOHN E. CLARK Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON 3
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	ALBERT J. DUNK 4

GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung for the anniversary of the first peal on the bells (June 11th, 1927). This is the second peal on the bells.

GREAT RYBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clements, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

S. H. WATERFIELD Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4
TONY OWEN 2	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 5
MARY MADDISON 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. C. Ford on his leaving the parish.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

A. WILLIAM BIRD Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 4
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire, 20 extents of Plain Bob and one 240 of Grandsire (Morris's). Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

MOLLIE E. SIMONS Treble	BERNARD E. FROST 4
JOHN M. INNS 2	WILLIAM K. WALDEN .. 5
BARRY R. CARE 3	WILLIAM CARE Tenor

Conducted by BARRY R. CARE.

First peal by all except ringer of the fourth.

A birthday compliment to J. M. Inns, and for the 24th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Care.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*JOHN COATES Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2	RICHARD HOBBS 5
† VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'
First in seven methods as conductor.

Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pame a R. Gough 1, V. F. Gough 2, Gwyneth R. Brown (first 'inside') 3, Katharine T. Gorvin 4, R. D. Brown (first as cond.) 5, D. H. Paine 6. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,400 London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version): Kathleen Chilcott 1, Joan Beresford 2, F. Darby (cond.) 3, B. Threlfall 4, A. Rogers 5, M. Chilcott 6, S. Kimber 7, D. Parsons 8, M. Moreton 9, J. Chilcott 10. Also on June 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Elizabeth Cooper 1, S. Kimber 2, F. Darby 3, M. Chilcott 4, Kathleen Chilcott 5, J. Cook 6, D. Parsons (cond.) 7, F. Jennings 8, A. Rogers 9, L. Reece 10. For Evensong.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Latimer's Church, on June 7th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Maureen Woolley 1, Muriel Reay 2, Ruth Border 3, G. E. Fearn 4, R. G. Edwards 5, B. D. A. Woolley 6, T. R. Hampton 7, P. Border (cond.) 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Barrett (first quarter) 1, Lesley Masters 2, P. Gaisford 3, G. Parsons 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, E. Wicks 6. A birthday compliment to Victor Edwards.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Nicholls 1, Miss C. M. Farrington 2, M. C. Austin 3, E. Pickett 4, J. Weeks 5, C. Campbell (first quarter) 6, R. Durrant (cond.) 7, D. S. Billimore 8. A birthday compliment to Miss C. M. Farrington.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 14th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Doreen Fairhead 1, Brenda M. Ba'lls 2, E. P. Duffield 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, E. E. Davey 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, F. G. Oliver 8. First in method for 1 and 4. For Evensong.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On May 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. W. Cook 1, G. Turner 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. Murfet 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Felse 1, F. Benfield 2, R. Old 3, S. Earl 4, J. Pain 5, P. M. Giles (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Timothy Roper, ordained deacon at Peterborough Cathedral this day.

LENTON, NOTTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Jefferson 1, P. Horne 2, L. Berry 3, C. Stratford 4, K. Lee (cond.) 5, R. Coney 6. A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. D. Lumb on the birth of a son (Peter David), born May 23rd.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan M. Brown 1, Isobell Inman 2, Judith A. Harding 3, Freda Cannon 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, R. Robertson 6, R. Sheppard 7, M. J. Mossendew 8. A 17th birthday compliment to Miss Susan M. Brown.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On June 4th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: W. B. Duncan 1, T. N. J. Bailey 2, J. Pilgrim 3, R. Peck 4, A. W. Bird 5, H. W. Barrett 6, E. T. Chapman (cond.) 7, P. S. Bedford 8. First in method for all except 1 and 6.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Ward 1, C. W. Cook 2, S. W. Dash 3, A. Tuck 4, F. Harper 5, J. G. Gipson (cond.) 6. Rung for thanksgiving service at conclusion of gift day.

NORTHAMPTON.—On June 5th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, F. Benfield 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, P. Amos 5, T. M. Haines 6, R. S. Roberts (cond.) 7, E. Billings 8. Rung half-muffled in tribute to Walter A. Gammage. Also on June 6th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, P. Amos 2, B. E. Frost 3, R. S. Roberts 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. M. Haines 6, E. Billings 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter A. Gammage and Thomas H. Lookes.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Mason 1, Mrs. F. Blatch 2, R. Hills 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, H. Smith 5, F. Blatch 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. First quarter on the bells since their restoration. Rung in memoriam Maurice Baker, of Hutton, life member of the Essex Association.

OXFORD.—On June 7th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Doubles (31 methods, 120 changes of method, no Bobs or Sing'es): J. A. Salter 1, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 2, J. G. Puse 3, A. N. Stubbs 4, J. H. Pailing 5, D. T. Darby 6. Most methods for all the band. For evening service.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Manning (first in method) 1, Mrs. P. Corby 2, R. V. Fuller 3, P. Dye (first in method) 4, D. Colgate 5, R. Pankhurst (first in method 'inside') 6, R. Collins 7, P. Corby (cond.) 8. Rung by the local band before the thanksgiving service for the completion of the new Rectory.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Cook 1, Mrs. J. Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. G. Newman 4, M. D. Frost 5, J. E. Ewer 6, D. M. Knox 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For morning service. Also 720 Single Oxford Bob: Mrs. J. Newman 1, R. J. Scott 2, Mrs. J. Sinfield 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, F. J. Cook 5, J. G. Newman (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Judith Coggins 1, Marilyn Bird 2, B. Coggins 3, E. J. Townsend 4, E. J. Hill (cond.) 5, D. J. Smith 6, B. J. Coggins 7, L. T. Oliffe 8. First in method for all except 5, 7 and 8. For Evensong. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Barnsley (first quarter) 1, Margaret Coggins (first 'inside') 2, A. Cornish 3, Marilyn Bird 4, E. J. Hill 5, B. Coggins 6, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 7, L. T. Oliffe 8. For Commonwealth Youth service. Also on May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Cornish 1, Judith Coggins (first 'inside') 2, E. J. Hill 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, E. J. Townsend 5, B. Coggins 6, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 7, B. Costar 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank A. Barrett.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The first peal of London Surprise at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, was rung on June 11th, conductor, Mr. Bryan Pattison.

A peal of Aldenham Surprise Major was rung at Crawley, Sussex, on June 20th, as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Weller.

Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, shepherded six ringers through their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Goldhanger, Essex, on June 18th.

To the Cleatham House Farm repertoire, has been added a peal of Little Bob Maximus in hand. It was their first in the method in hand by all the band. Has Little Bob Maximus been rung in hand before?

Almost 50 ringers, including nine from St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and St. Andrew's, Walkerville, took part in the Queen's Birthday week-end ringing festival in Victoria.

At an evening meeting at the Church of St. Mary, Staunton-in-the-Vale, 35 ringers of the Newark district Southwell Diocesan Guild kept the bells ringing from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Somerset ringers, with Mr. Michael Horseman as Master, had a ringing tour in the Thames Valley from May 9th-19th. Most of the party stayed the week in a railway camping coach at Wargrave, which for cheapness, spaciousness and cleanliness, has no equal as a ringers' H.Q.

The first quarter peal on the bells of Church Gresley, Derbyshire, augmented to five this year, was rung on June 27th. The first of the young band being trained by Mr. Derek P. Jones, 14-year-old David Eames, scored his first quarter.

In honour of the 80th birthday of Miss Evelyn Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Aspley Guise on June 10th.

Dr. D. J. Neal Smith has rung his first peal of Surprise. It was a College Youths' peal of Cambridge at Acton, conducted by Mr. A. P. Cannon.

The University of Bristol Society had a very successful summer tour in Wiltshire, which started on June 12th. The secretary, Mr. Brian Wylde did a wonderful job in making the arrangements. 'We shall be sorry to lose him and wish him every success in his future career,' writes the Society's correspondent.

Waddington, Lincoln, has now a ring of six. In May, 1941, a land mine crashed through the roof of the church, but the ring of five survived. A new church of contemporary design has been built and the bells with a new treble have been raised in their new home. Dedication of the new bell was on Whit Sunday.

The Durham University Society came into being on June 19th, linking together the Durham Colleges Society and the King's College Society. This is regarded as the first official knowledge of a university society, although a peal was rung under this title at West Hartlepool in 1955. Officers elected for the ensuing year were:—President, Mr. Bryan Pattison (St. Bede's College, Durham); vice-president, Mr. Nicholas Webb (King's College, Newcastle); hon. sec., Mr. Tom Piercy (King's College); hon. treasurer, Mr. Chris Herbert (St. John's, Durham).

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

THE annual Whit week-end of the S.F.E. was once again quite a success. Most of the party assembled at East Budleigh on Friday evening, and again most were safely tucked in bed by 11 p.m. Funny we always get the odd one or two who either wait until that time to start courting, or else think that beer consumed after hours seems to taste better! However, we managed to get away fairly well on time next morning, and proceeded to continue our exploration of Devon when we left off last September. Explore is the word. Even the writer, Devonshire born and bred, never ceases to be amazed at the tortuous routes we pick. Cadbury first stop, and then off the 'beaten track' to Cheriton Fitzpaine, Poughill and Washford Pyne, by which time we had already found the usual grass growing in the middle of the 'road.'

After this we spent a pleasant hour-and-a-quarter at the Thelbridge Cross Inn, where our sandwiches went down well with a couple of pints of bitter. Of course, lunchtime music was provided by the S.F.E. choir, with Reg. Hooper at the piano. Toasts to 'absent Friends' was, in some instances, just an excuse to consume an extra pint. The ears of our famous Welsh member from Pentre must have burned badly at this stage, but at least he would have been proud of our rendering of Cym Rhondda.

Off then to East and West Worlington, where we were joined by the Swindon-Aldbourn contingent. It was nice to see T. A. Palmer looking so well after his recent accident. From here it was really a test of driving skill, and we do not hesitate to recommend the route to any motor club for a trial. Romansleigh next (origin of St. Rumon, please, someone), and then across the main road to Marionsleigh and on to Rose Ash, Knowstone, Rackenford, Stoodleigh and Washfield. Supper in Tiverton ended the first day.

The usual quarter peal attempt for early service at East Budleigh on Sunday failed, and for Matins the usual band were dispatched to Withycombe (no ringers) and Littleham. An easy day this, with an afternoon visit to Branscombe, where the driver (?) of a famous M.G. discovered that the lovely green foliage on the Devon hedges can conceal some nasty rocks. This particular rock unfortunately scored a k.o. in the first round of a duel with his wing. A visit to Shute completed the day.

Monday, and Whimble first stop. Too early to try the cider, but one car was able to make a brief halt at Talaton to sample 'a drap o' Varmer Skinners.' Clyst Hydon, Burlescombe and a spell of driving on the A38 which made quite a change. Then up and over the Blackdowns to Clayhydon, and a lucky escape for a district nurse in an encounter with the Rover on a sharp, narrow bend. A long run down into Taunton for lunch and a visit to St. James'. Our last visit here brought some caustic comments over the radio from John Arlot. He was trying to commentate on a nearby cricket match. Almost due north from here brought us to Coombe Florey (she was not as nice as we expected). West Bagborough and round to Nether Stowey, Storgursey, and finally Cannington, to end up with our A.G.M. at the 'local.' Oh lor'. I nearly forgot, this was a ringing tour. You will notice that with three exceptions all towers were sixes. Weights ranged from 7 cwt. to the fine six (tenor 24 cwt.) at Storgursey with its really lovely church and tower. Methods? I quote the printed programme, 'As per Ringers' Diary plus broadsheet to be issued on arrival.' The 'broadsheet' covered a very wide range of methods.

Dispersal followed with Frank, Mary and Shirley returning to East Budleigh to do some house-hunting in preparation for their move to the Aylesbeare Deanery in September. It was on the following Wednesday that the writer

received a pleasant and totally-unexpected surprise when Frank rolled up at Brookside with a large parcel which contained a lovely Poole Pottery tea service and an electric-ring saucepan—a wedding present to the wife and myself from the Friends. May we here and now record our deep gratitude, until we see you all again or I can get round to writing to you all.

Will all Friends who could not attend please note that we assemble at East Budleigh for our autumn tour on Friday, September 25th. A request has been made that a band attempt a peal at Littleham on the evening of Saturday, 26th. Please notify early for accommodation.

C. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Yetminster on June 6th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the Guild service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. R. N. Longridge, hon. secretary of the Branch, and the address given by the Rev. A. F. Godley.

Twenty-nine ringers from various towers were present, including visitors from Lancashire. Tea in the Church Hall afterwards was provided by Mrs. Tye and her helpers.

At the business meeting there was some discussion on the importance of good striking in the towers affiliated to the Guild, it being finally arranged that the Ringing Masters of the Branch should meet to consider ways of promoting this basic requirement of good ringing, though it was realised that the matter really rested with captains of bands in their own towers.

After the meeting ringing was resumed at Yetminster, Lillington and Thornford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held an evening meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, on June 6th, when Mr. G. W. Critchley gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Southport and the finances of 'The Ringing World.' The meeting was of opinion that the problem of getting new readers was one thing, but keeping them was another. Most thought that circulation was at saturation point.

A Post Office Savings Bank account for the Bell Fund, with Messrs. J. S. Dear and A. Harris as trustees, is to be opened. Of the 39 replies to the questionnaire on starting the 10-bell fund 19 were in favour, 17 against and two either way. Mr. M. Hopkins, of Baldock, was elected a ringing member.

Another evening meeting will be held on July 4th at three 5-bell towers—Pirton, Gravenhurst and Meppershall. The Vicar (Rev. H. G. Wright) commenced the meeting with prayer and welcomed everyone to the parish.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

A quarterly meeting was held at Clevedon on June 13th, when a variety of methods was rung. Owing to unavoidable difficulties it was not possible to hold a service. Tea was taken in a nearby cafe, when 24 members and friends were present.

At the business meeting the following new members were elected: The Misses Myra Wilkins (Warmley), Diane Williams (Wrington), Bevan (Bristol). Mrs. Haskins (Keynsham) and Mrs. M. Price (Bridgewater).

Details were announced regarding the outing to be held on September 12th, visiting Cullompton, Topsham and Tiverton. Members interested are asked to contact the secretary, Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7.

LETTERS

BROOKLAND BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Nicholas Davies' comments on the five bells at Brookland, Kent, in your edition of June 5th. On June 6th I rang there myself, and although I do not wish to start a 'back and forth' of letters in your paper. I made a point of testing the notes of each bell, as they were raised singly. Using a Honner's 'Trutone' pitch pipe (which is fully chromatic—there being one reed per note), the tones appeared to be C sharp, C, B flat, A flat and G, although, as Mr. Davies says, none is in perfect tune. By trying these notes on a piano, one discovers that these bells do not form a minor or major five, or even the front five of an 'eight.' The easiest way to determine the errors would surely be to record the bells, and then use a set of tuning forks, rather than relying on one alone.

I must support Mr. Peter N. Bond's recent correspondence on Manuden, Essex. I rang there on February 28th this year and we only had five bells upon which to ring, and the tenor is sadly sharp. I would be interested to see the faces of six ringers who might turn up there for a peal of Minor.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Lichfield, Staffs.

INTERNATIONAL RINGING ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—While reading through 'The Ringing World' of June 5th, I was struck by Mr. Robin Leale's reply (page 364) re the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's inquiry as to the reasons why the International Ringing Association was formed. No doubt some part of Mr. Leale's duty-free purchases were paid for with peal fees owed to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. — Yours faithfully,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Southampton.

INFORMATION WANTED

Personal details are required of the following past members of the Central Council:

The Rev. G. Aldridge, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 1903-1905; J. K. Armstrong, Gloucester and Bristol Association, 1936-1939; R. B. Blanchard, Surrey Association, 1894-1896; C. A. Binyon, Worcester and Districts Association, 1927-1929; F. Ball, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1891-1894; R. Binns, Leeds and District Association, 1897-1899; W. Bentham, Liverpool Diocesan Guild, 1895-1915; H. J. Bradley, Royal Cumberland Youths, 1920; H. G. Bird, Worcester and Districts Association, 1931-1935; J. Clark, Hereford Diocesan Guild, 1907-1935; N. C. Chandler, S.W. Middlesex Association, 1909-1911; H. J. Clark, Truro Diocesan Guild, 1932-1934.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Following Miss Snowden's report on the Central Council meeting, presented to the Northern District at Felstead, much interest was shown in the future of 'The Ringing World' and a long discussion followed. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Telfer, Mr. H. Pratt (District Ringing Master) read the lesson, and Miss Snowden was the organist.

'What a silly place to put a ditch,' remarked one of the party touring East Anglia, when pulling up by the side of the road at Felsham on to the grass the nearside wheels dropped 2ft. into a grass-covered ditch, tilting the car to an angle of 60 degrees. A major band was required to lift the car on to the road so that the driver was able to reverse and park safely.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

June 13th dawned fine and warm, a happy augury of equally fine bells and warm welcome at all six towers visited during the day. Our first halt was at Cross-in-Hand to pick up Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, especially welcome back to Sussex after so long a sojourn in 'foreign parts.'

At Horsmonden, Bob Lambert, justly proud of his ring of eight, opened up for us. It was here that the ladies proved that skill is at least equal to brawn, by rigging Grandsire Triples after several abortive attempts by the men, to bring round various methods. On to Lynton's eight, where Percy Town had everything ready. All Saints', Maidstone, was reached on time, Len Mannering with the keys a short head in front of Ruth How, arriving by train from Town so as to be with us for the remaining three towers. Full justice was not done to this fine Taylor-made 10, but all were grateful for the privilege of a pull.

The historic tower of St. Nicholas', Leeds, was reached, just as the Vicar arrived to welcome us. Ringing here under fluorescent lighting was a new experience. At Headcorn, where we were greeted by Jean Vidler, George Grant and others, we were privileged to be the first to ring from the new raised belfry floor. We then headed for Tenterden and tea, at which Violet Relf joined us. An impromptu piano entertainment by Mrs. Page was followed by a course of Stedman Triples on handbells. So to the belfry and the glorious eight with its splendid tenor of 30 cwt. Sadly, we did not do full justice, but again the ladies put us to shame. A. W. B.

TOTTERNHOE. BEDS.

The ninth annual outing of the St. Giles', Totternhoe, bell-ringers took place on May 30th, when an early start was necessary by the two coachloads of ringers and friends.

The first stop (at 8.45!), 61 miles later, was St. James', Chipping Campden, where rumours as to the bells having been rehung were dispelled by their sluggish behaviour on raising. None the less, a creditable course of Yorkshire was rung, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

At St. Leonard's, Bretforton, a good rise in peal on the musical light eight was followed immediately by a sparkling course of Bob Major, but an attempt at London refused to go and was abandoned. The 16th century public house near the church was a striking counter-attraction!

Lunch at Ludlow was followed by the long, laborious climb (perhaps too steep a lunch?) to the belfry of the magnificent Church of St. Lawrence. A glazed opening in the floor invited a quicker way down, nobly resisted by ringers perched high upon the tenor box. Here Cambridge, Double Norwich and Grandsire were rung at a stately pace.

Hopes of ringing on the ten bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Leominster, were dashed by the lack of a rope on the second, which lack of time prevented replacing. The back eight sounded well, however, to Bristol, Grandsire and Bob Major.

A real bell-ringers' tea at Ledbury was a high spot of the day. And at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ledbury, Little Bob, Stedman and that course of London were rung.

The journey home was enlivened by distribution of cigarettes, sweets and a pipe from the back seat. Thanks to Jack Scott for arranging a wonderful day.

ST. MARY'S WALTHAMSTOW

What could be more pleasant than travelling in a comfortable modern coach through the highways and byways of the counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxfordshire, on a glorious, sunny day in May? This was the good fortune of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers and friends on May 30th.

The first stop was at Henley-on-Thames, where the non-ringers had a good view of the river activities whilst the ringers rang several touches on the splendid ring of bells before proceeding to Oxford, where ringing had been arranged at St. Giles'. Unfortunately, the traffic was so heavy in and around Oxford that the church was reached an hour later than the timetable, at which hour the party was due for lunch. Ringing therefore had to be abandoned, with much regret.

An excellent lunch was enjoyed, and although an hour's idleness would have been very welcome, the coach had to proceed to Faringdon for more ringing on grand bells. Several of the local ringers were met, and an interesting chat was had regarding a former Walthamstow ringer who had spent several years in the town.

The next belfry was Appleton, with its light ring of ten. It was an interesting experience to ring on these bells, which have been rung to record peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and to read the peal boards containing the names of such well-known ringers. Other names coming to mind are the Rev. F. E. Robinson, with his many peals of Stedman Triples, and R. G. Rice, the latter at one time being attached to St. Mary's, Walthamstow. The afternoon's ringing was completed at St. Helen's (10), Abingdon. The well-known church was greatly admired, an interesting relic being an old bell, now resting in the nave, having the original half-wheel attached. These bells were kept going until it was time to return to Oxford for tea and more ringing at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's.

At High Wycombe (12) in the evening several well-struck touches were rung, principally upon the back ten. Local ringers made the visitors welcome.

Home was reached about 11.15, with both ringers and friends having had a very enjoyable day. Thanks are especially due to Mr. Chas. Coles, of Oxford, who was of great assistance to the organiser in arranging the details of the tour. H. R.

LEAMINGTON

A coachload of forty, composed of ringers, their wives and friends, from Leamington, Whitnash and neighbouring towers, had a most enjoyable outing on May 30th. Ringing of good quality was had on the lovely bells at Burford, Faringdon and St. Giles', Oxford, each with eight bells, and on the grand sixes at Cassington and Cropredy. These excursions do make one realise what a wealth of bells we have in this country of ours, and we are particularly grateful to the Vicar of St. Peter's, Cassington (Rev. P. Wilkins), who not only welcomed us himself at the church but also spent some time relating the history and pointing out particular items of interest.

Everywhere there was evidence of the care the ringers, and particularly the tower-keepers, bestow on their bells. Even at St. Giles', where we all needed a good brush down after our ringing efforts, we learned that the dust was due to the labours of the few who are renovating the ringing chamber. The walls, at present being scraped free of a hundred years of grime and whitewash, are to be panelled. When it is finished it will be a swell place. H. A.

WALKING AND RINGING

Oxford University had a walking outing in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire on May 23rd, during which four towers were visited.

The party travelled by train to Moreton-in-the-Marsh, where the light eight proved a joy to ring. Guided by the confident map-reading of 'Wealdman' Elliott, everyone enjoyed the walk through fields to Bourton-on-the-Hill where the bells fall 1-5-4-3-2-6.

After lunch at the Horse and Groom another field route was taken to Blockley, where the Cheltenham Branch were holding a meeting. The map-reading had declined in accuracy on the fieldpath route to Stow-on-the-Wold and led to many adventures, including the interruption of a tennis party and the spectacle of the Master cavorting in a bog. Satisfying touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Bristol were rung at St. Edward's Church, but Double Norwich again proved elusive. The train was then taken back to Oxford.

A DAY IN HEREFORDSHIRE

Meeting at Dilwyn, near Leominster, ringers from Allesley, Stoke (Coventry), Langport (Somerset), Handsworth, Little Aston and Lichfield Cathedral spent May 30th on a day's tour of Herefordshire.

At Dilwyn the Vicar welcomed the party and said the bells were rarely rung. Other towers visited were Bredwardine, Tyberton, Peterchurch and Michaelchurch (a beautiful village nestling in the valley below the Black Mountains).

After a picnic lunch by the waterfall at Clodock, the village bells proved to be the best six of the day. St. Weonard's and Much Dewchurch followed before a cooked meal in Hereford by kind co-operation of the Hereford Branch of the Ladies' Guild who were holding a meeting that day. St. Nicholas' and All Saints' bells, Hereford, were rung while the ladies were having tea. Two pleasant sixes—at Suckley and Mathon Rural—finished the day's ringing programme. Thanks are accorded to Miss Jarrett, who was most helpful at Hereford. KLEEWAY.

LATE NOTICES

EMERGENCY ISSUE

Most of the big wholesalers' staffs in London, some with a national distribution, refused to handle the emergency issue of 'the Ringing World.' It was regarded as a 'black' publication, as it was produced by the editor and apprentices. We, and our publishers, Rolls House Publishing Company, regret this breakdown in our service to readers. We thank the many readers who have sent letters of appreciation of our efforts.

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE, Harold J. passed away July 14th, 1955; also Phyllis. With love and gratitude we remember them.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Glaston Branch—Quarterly meeting Dinder, July 18th. Bells (6) 3. service 4 p.m. Notify for tea W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Rural Branch—Meeting Iron Acton (6) July 25th. Bells 3 p.m., service, tea and meeting to follow.—F R, Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Ludlow and Church Stretton District—Quarterly meeting Tenbury, July 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service, 4.30, teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Lewisham District—Quarterly meeting, Crayford, July 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford by July 21st.—A Hill, hon. dis. sec.

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MEETINGS

CHEPSTOW, MON. — Re-dedication by Archbishop of Wales, July 18th. Bells (10) 2.30-4.30 p.m. Tea. Service 6.30. Names for tea. King, 1 Hughes Crescent. 4616

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Whittlesey, Saturday, July 18th. Bells: St. Andrews (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4624

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting. Denver, Saturday July 18th. Bells (6) 3.30, Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (own food).—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4617

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—District meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, July 18th. from 2.30 p.m., Service 4.15 p.m., Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cherryman, Causeway Farm, Pirbright, Surrey. —C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec 4632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting All Hallows, Bispham, Saturday July 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. — John F. Turner, branch secretary. 4622

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Worsley (10) on Saturday July 18th. Bells 4 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4626

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough District. Saturday July 18th. Woodhouse Eaves. Service 4.30 p.m., Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Chambers, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Leics.—C. W. Hall. 4619

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, July 18th. Notify for tea Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4628

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 18th. Cheshunt (8) 3.30-5 p.m. Tea available. Blue Bird Cafe, Broxbourne (8) 6.30-7.30. A good attendance please. Everyone welcome. — L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 4628

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting July 18th at Aylesford. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.0. Please bring sandwiches. All members welcome, non-members cordially invited. — Pamela J. Osborne, secretary, 315 Loose Road, Maidstone. 4633

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting. Great Tew, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8). 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. Oxon. 4620

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival at Helston Saturday July 18th. Service Helston Church 4.15, followed by tea. 2s. Bells-Helston (8). St. Keverne (8). Cury (8). Mullion (6). St. Mawgan (6). Wendron (6). Replies by Tuesday July 14th to Rev. H. Trehwella, Cranlock, Newquay. 4625

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, July 25th. Ringing at the Abbey 2.30-4 p.m. Tea at the Abbey Institute 4.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. St. Peter's bells will be available after the meeting. Please submit names for tea by July 20th, to Mr. W. J. Arnold, 17 Watson Avenue, St. Albans.—The 322nd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Bridge House, London Bridge, S. E.1., on Saturday November 7th. Full details later. Members are reminded of the service ringing at Southwark Cathedral on the second Sunday of each month, 5.30-6.30 p.m.—John Chilcott. 4625

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Southwell Guild (Mansfield District), Derbyshire Association (Chesterfield District), at Clay Cross, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 5.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, Derbyshire. — B. A. Sollis, D. H. Rooke. A. B. Cooper, hon. secs. 4623

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Berrow (6) on Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 4640

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business Meeting. Names for tea to Mr. Brunt, The Channings, Thrybergh, Nr. Rotherham. Telephone Thrybergh 271. — George Watson, Dis. Sec. 4636

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. —Quarterly meeting. St. Laurence, Thanet, Saturday July 25th. Bells 2.30, Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash please, to Mr. S. J. Gee, 22, Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, not later than Wednesday, July 22nd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4634

LADIES GUILD.—Lincolnshire and Midland Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must be sent to me by Monday, July 20th. Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 4629

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting Sherburn-in-Elmet (8), on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, July 23rd, to Mr. John Potts, North Sweetmings Farm, Lennerton, South Milford, Leeds. 4637

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District. Kirkby Mallory, July 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea followed by meeting in School at 5. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous please, to Mr. F. R. Deacon, Windy Cot, Kirkby Mallory, Leicester. M. Vernon, Dist Sec. 4642

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wiveton, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday 22nd, to Mr. W. R. West, Southfield, Norwich Road. Holt. Special method Killamarsch.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4627

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting July 25th, 2.30 p.m. Dingley (5). Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting Brampton Ash (6) in evening. Names before previous Tuesday to Rev. F. L. Murdin, Dingley Rectory, Market Harborough. 4609

OFFTON, near Ipswich, Suffolk. — The dedication by the Bishop, Dr. A. H. Morris, of the rehung five bells plus a new treble —work done by Messrs. Taylor and Co.—will take place on Friday July 31st, at 7 p.m. 4641

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District). — LADIES GUILD (Southern District). — Meeting at Chobham, Saturday August 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham. 4615

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Shipbourne on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6). 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday July 29th to Mr. J. Beach, 3, New Cottages, Shipbourne, Nr. Tonbridge. 4613

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bank Holiday Meeting at Chesterfield, 3 p.m. Monday, August 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 5638

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KIRTLINGTON, OXON.—On June 6th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Rutland, Bristol, London, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative): D. J. Roaf 1, Jean M. Addicott 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, D. T. Darby 4, J. G. Pusey 5, R. J. Elliott 6, D. N. Niblett (cond.) 7, J. H. Paiting 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Old, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Pain Bob and Grandsire): A. Henman 1, L. Battison (cond.) 2, J. Kightley 3, R. Henman 4, A. Ford 5. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of T. Loakes.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on June 14th, 1,260 Royal (1,240 Cambridge Surprise and 20 Plain Bob): G. Harvey 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, V. Green 3, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 4, E. Talbot 5, P. Wright 6, J. W. Smith 7, M. Williamson 8, H. W. Rogers 9, J. Euston 10. For morning service.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On June 7th, 1,248 Spliced Plain Royal (in three methods): F. A. Leeson 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, Olive D. Couchman 3, T. E. Sone 4, G. Pearson (cond.) 5, L. Mannering 6, H. S. Wickens 7, J. C. Wallis 8, C. A. Tester 9, T. Cullingworth 10. For evening service.

NAIASEA, SOMERSET.—On June 9th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Derrick 1, Mary Powell 2, Mrs. M. Horseman 3, D. J. Hunt 4, C. Kortright 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

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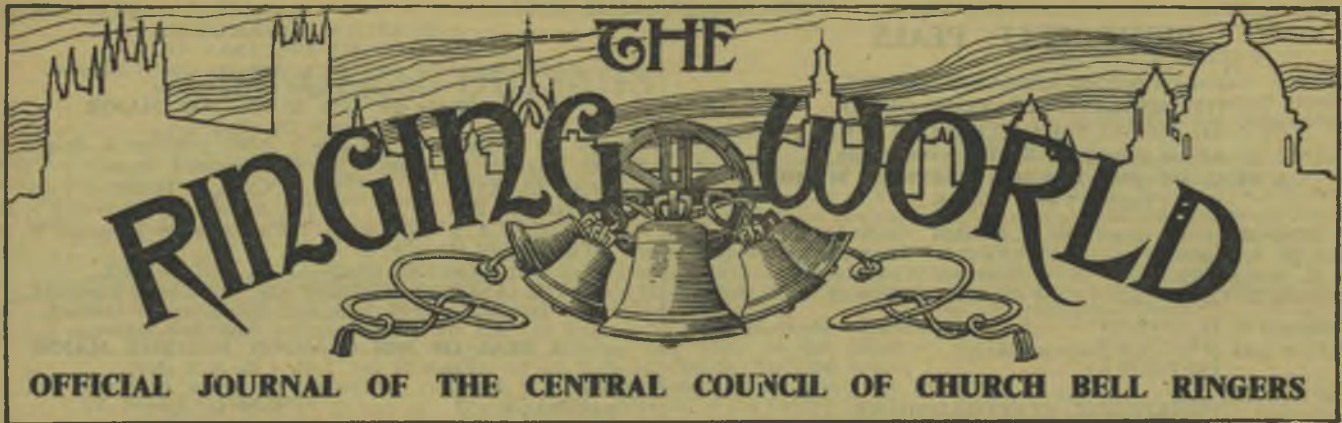
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BRIEF ENCOUNTER

IT was odd; Holsworthy Square is generally full of familiar faces, but to-day it seemed full of faces which were familiar with a difference, not Holsworthy faces, but faces from the past. I'd just said, 'Good morning' to Mrs. Harris when I found one of them in front of me, and I said, 'Hello, I know you. Who are you?' 'Well, John,' came the reply, 'we was just wandering if you'd found your bottle of beer yet.'

Now this bottle of beer was one which I took to drink with my lunch on a Home Guard 'battle' on Peek Hill in 1943. Somewhere on the way up Peek Hill it disappeared . . . and the rest of the Buckland platoon had no idea how it could have fallen out of my haversack, but, of course, that's what must have happened. But ever since then, if I meet a Buckland man, he is almost certain to ask fondly after that bottle of beer. The fact that it vanished 16 years ago makes no odds. At Buckland they believe, very sensibly, that a good joke's a good joke always, and I have no doubt that if I don't see Roy again till I'm eighty and he's ninety-odd he will still ask whether I've found my bottle of beer.

'What are you doing here, then?' 'Ringers' outing.' 'What, Buckland?' I asked. 'Yes, they'm all in the cafe over across.' 'Well, what are we standing about for?' I said, and over across we went.

And there they all were—the Buckland ringers whose kind and patient teaching in call-change ringing had results which made my Oxford instructress' hair stand on end when I came back for my second term of ringing. Jim, the carpenter, whose shop I can remember since I could hardly see over the top of the bench, and Dick, who was once told by a Ministry of Agriculture inspector that his bull's head was too big, and replied, 'He's not the only one about here with the same complaint.' Will Northmore, of Torr, with his straight back and his smiling, shining face, and Jim Northam, who keeps Buckland churchyard the best in Devon, and Cecil and Horace; and Treble-man Bray, who made Buckland ringing what it is more than any other man, and taught me so much about striking.

Most of the clientele of the 'Manor' had come along as well for the ride, and quite a few from the 'Who'd Have Thought It.' Indeed, how many men were left in Buckland and Milton Combe that Saturday is quite a problem; not many, anyway.

Before long it was time to move to the tower; the bells are just Buckland's weight, except that the tenor's a little slower to get away, and apart from the tenor's getting under for a few pulls there was a nice rise in peal, Mr. Bray, as always, turning to the wall to listen to the bells without distraction. And then they asked me to take a rope, and we had a peal of changes with the bells running 'suantly' and the striking beautifully even but with that liveliness that is better than clockwork, and Mr. Bray listening, listening always to every blow, never letting a clip or a hesitation go unnoticed or, if not corrected next round, unmentioned. Mr. Bray is a perfectionist; with an ear trained by years of seeking for perfect striking he is unsparing in criticising his own work and the band's; he speaks his criticism without fear or favour, and those who ring with him accept it gladly because they know that he is as unfailingly critical of himself as he is of his fellows. If the most exalted 'top ringer' in the Exercise should have the honour of a ring with Mr. Bray, he'd get some good advice at the end of it, and he'd be wise to accept it.

While they had another peal of changes, I had to go shopping, with an ear cocked all the time for the changes tapping out over the rooftops of the Square, and then as the bells began to come down and I knew Mr. Bray was turning to the wall again in almost ecstatic concentration, I came back to the tower and listened to the lower. Like many Croydon bells, Holsworthy's give their best half-way down in a good lower, and the Buckland men made them sing.

The lower brought the non-ringers strolling in from the town, the ringers came out, hitching on their jackets, into the June sunshine, and the coach filled up with its load of good friends. And I set off home, thinking what a tolerant crowd they are, these Buckland ringers; there aren't many who would suffer as gladly as they did the airy superiority of a very novice 'scientific' ringer, and greet that same ringer ten years later as warmly as did they. Long live Buckland! Long live the memory of John's bottle of beer!

J. G. M. S.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Friday, April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

R. BENISTON Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
MRS. G. A. HALLS ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
*D. K. WALKLATE ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 4	DEREK P. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by D. P. JONES

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat. May 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods being 1600 London, 1280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 Yorkshire with 110 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

D. MARY WARD ... Treble	*ANTHONY AGER ... 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 2	*PETER BERESFORD ... 6
*MICHAEL ELSON ... 3	*EDMUND MALIN ... 7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by D. BERESFORD

*First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

PETER ROWE ... Treble	REVD. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
V. MARY MATTHEWS ... 2	WILLIAM T. COOK ... 6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN ... 3	C. KEITH BREWER ... 7
ARTHUR F. BURLEY ... 4	R. A. SOUTHWOOD Tenor

Composed by David J. Marshall. Conducted by C. A. Wratten

Rung as a compliment to Alan Carveth, President of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and Mary Cork, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON ... 5
ARTHUR G. MASON ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
*REV. J. SHEPHERD-WALYN ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ... 4	PETER F. BORER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

PETER SCHOLFIELD ... Treble	ALLAN SMITH, JNR. ... 5
EILEEN HUDSON ... 2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON ... 6
*BARBARA FOSTER ... 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ... 7
*DAVID HODGSON ... 4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal 'inside.'

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT ... Treble	MRS. DOROTHY R. PEARCE ... 5
MRS. MARJORIE C. HIBBERT ... 2	*WILLIAM J. IRVING ... 6
STELLA DAVIS ... 3	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal of Major.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN ... Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT ... 5
BRIAN BLADON ... 2	JOHN D. ROCK ... 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS ... 3	ROBIN G. LEALE ... 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON ... 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*ROGER K. WHITTELL ... Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5
KEITH WHITTELL ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
*R. JOHN MUNNINGS ... 3	*ERNEST V. BLAKE ... 7
*HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 4	*ERNEST G. PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1959, in 2 Hours 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T. B., Kent T. B. and Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's Bob Tenor 8 cwt.

DAVID E. CULHAM ... Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 4
A. EDWARD LEGGETT ... 2	DONALD L. MILLS ... 5
*BARRY E. GIBBONS ... 3	ROY DUESBURY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY

*First peal in four methods.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ... Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4
JOHN W. BLYTHE ... 2	*RALPH BICKERS ... 5
CHARLES BAILEY ... 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Minor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALAN GRUNDY ... Treble	JOHN POTTS ... 4
KENNETH B. SISSONS ... 2	*RONALD R. WARFORD ... 5
MRS. J. RENDER ... 3	ALAN SHEPPARD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* First peal in four methods.

HANDBELL PEAL

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DEREK M. SAWYER ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

NEWARK

The first stop on the Newark Parish Church Society's outing on June 20th was at Huntingdon, where St. Mary's Church bells were rung to Standard methods with rounds and call changes for the many learners. At Cambridge the beautiful bells of the R. C. Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs were soon rolling out to Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Another fine ring was at St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton, and the final visit was to St. Mary's Eaton Socon.

W. L. E.

ST. MARY'S PORTSEA

Because of the long draught the bells of St. Swithins, East Grinstead, proved difficult for some members of St. Mary's Portsea tower on their outing on June 13th. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Plain Bob, with some Rounds for the less experienced. Then on to St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells for Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, London and Supplative.

The journey continued with stops at All Saints, Maidstone, and S.S. Peter and Paul, Headcorn.

L. D. D.

TAMWORTH

A Cotswold tour formed the outing of the bellringers of St. Edith's Church, Tamworth. The journey took in Bourton-on-the-Water, where the party lunched and enjoyed some good ringing; Northleach; Cirencester, where younger members took part in Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Royal; and Tewkesbury Abbey, where a pleasant hour was spent on the 12 bells.

HURST, BERKS

When the ringers of St. Nicholas Church, Hurst, set out on their outing on June 13th they made firstly for Baldock, Herts; on to St. Neots for lunch, but unfortunately no ringing at the parish church. However, a walk brought the party to St. Mary's Eynsbury to enjoy some Doubles and Minor on the anti-clockwise six. At St. Mary's Huntingdon, the bells were not found in the best of condition.

The next stop was at Wellingborough, where, after tea, ringing took place on the grand eight of All Hallows' Church. The final tower visited was that of Woburn, Beds., where the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Master of the Oxford Guild, was amongst those to join the party in Stedman Triples. B.C.C.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Twenty-six members and friends of the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society had a coach tour in East Kent on June 13th. Towers visited were Smarden, Brookland (where calls were made by signalling with a handkerchief), Lydinge, Chilham and Little Chart.

BARNSELY SOCIETY

Two coaches took Barnsley District members to Loughborough Bell Foundry for the annual outing on July 4th. Mr. J. Fidler and Mr. Marcon conducted the party round the foundry and to the bell chamber.

After lunch at Loughborough, Copt Oak, Grantham and Tuxford were visited. Thanks are due to Mr. Noel F. Moxon who organised the outing.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY

Ashstead ringers and a few more experienced ringers from neighbouring towers spent a successful day in Berkshire and Oxfordshire on June 6th.

Ringling on the anti-clockwise eight at Benson-on-Thames played havoc with at least one ringer's idea of Stedman Triples. The bells at East Hagbourne were also enjoyed before lunch at Harwell. After ringling there the party proceeded to Blewbury, another fine eight, and Goring-on-Thames a light eight.

The last stop, and probably the best ringling, was at Sonning-on-Thames.

GUILDFORD

Towers in East Surrey, East and West Sussex were chosen for the outing of Holy Trinity (Guildford) Society on June 27th. A party of 28 ringers, wives and children set out for Godstone; Maresfield, where a ground floor ring was sampled; Southover, for a pleasant ring of ten bells including some excellent courses of Stedman Caters; Ditchling, where there are two or three inside bells lighter than the treble, the sixth being lightest of all; Henfield for tea and Mr. Frank Cruttenden's hand bells; Arundel; Petworth; and so home.

After the first tower, the coach driver accompanied the party at each stop.—A recruit?

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX

Four car loads from North Weald, Essex, had an enjoyable outing on June 27th. First stop was the heavy-going six at Watton-at-Stone followed by the very light ring at Tewen. After tea at Hertingfordbury the five at St. Mary's Church were sampled. Here the noise was terrific. Essendon were voted the best bells of the day. Ringling finished at Widford.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The collection at the communion service at the central council meeting amounted to £7 18s. This sum the vicar of Christ Church, Southport, has given to the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, for some bell or tower restoration in Lancashire. The president has given this to the Tower Restoration Fund of the Church of All Souls', Bolton and has received a grateful letter and receipt from the Church Treasurer.

Mr. E. F. Gibbard of Winslow, has retired after 29 years as honorary secretary and treasurer of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Ringing members have increased from 35 to 150 during that period. In appreciation of his services, he was elected first vice-president of the branch. Mr. D. G. Wheeler is the new honorary secretary and treasurer.

Almost equal numbers of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire ringers attended a northern district meeting of the Herts County Association at Pilton on July 4th. Gravenhurst and Meppershall towers were visited in the evening.

Work is in hand to provide two new trebles for St. Mary's, Hendon, to complete the octave. The band, under the leadership of Miss Ruth Foreman, have in the past two years collected something like £450 for the work.

Mr. E. T. Chapman has resigned his appointment as Eastern Branch Ringing Master of the Norwich Diocesan Association on leaving the district. Miss Doris Lidbetter is the new master.

Thirty ringers attended the Chertsey District meeting at Thames Ditton on June 27th, when three new members for the Guildford Diocesan Guild were elected.

Todmorden ringers who recently visited Mossley, Roughtown, published as an unringable six, found that the only trouble was that the tenor ran dry every 200 changes. On being stood for five minutes another 200 changes were possible. The steel six at Stainland, also visited, were in a poor condition, but rounds were rung. A new wooden staircase impeded the ringing of the treble and fifth. The tenor wheel was very insecure. One bell was completely corroded through at one point, but the fittings on the headstock and bearings appeared to be in good order.

The original ring of five at St. Peter's Church, Alton, Staffs, have been recast and augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at a cost of £4,000. Of this sum, Alton ringers have raised £2,700. An open day will be held here on August 22nd.

A visitor from Groton, U.S.A. attended the Oxford Guild Festival on July 4th. On the top table were a couple of "youngsters"—Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins (88) and Mr. T. Trollope (98) both vice-presidents of the Guild. It was an excellent day.

Mr. Roger Savory of 32 Thornbury Avenue, Southampton, is the new General Secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Central Council representatives are Miss M. Beamish, the Rev. K.W.H. Felstead, Messrs F. W. Rogers and R. A. Reed.

The annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths has been fixed for Feb. 6th, 1960.

Mr. Caleb Fenn inquires which bells were first used to broadcast a service and what was the time allowed for the ringing.

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DEATH OF MR. ALFRED H. PULLING

With deep regret we record the passing on July 6th. of Mr. Alfred Henry Pulling, of 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, aged 78 years. Mr. Pulling was taken ill the previous Friday and was attended to by Mrs. Pulling until his peaceful passing. They were married on Sept. 26th. 1904, at Warboys, Huntingdonshire, and had a happy married life of nearly 55 years. Mr. Pulling conducted his last touch, of Stedman Triples at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on Sunday, June 28th, a tower he had served with great faithfulness for 67 years.

Alfred Pulling will go down in history as one of the great ringers of this age. Not only did he amass a large total of 1492 peals, but by his ability as a leader and conductor will be remembered by ringers in all parts of the country. He had rung handbells in the Market Square at Dunkirk, at Menin Gate, and was one of the pair of handbell ringers at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey in the early 1920's.

FIRM DISCIPLINARIAN

Born at Petworth, Sussex, Mr. Pulling came to Guildford when he was very young and treasured in his home was a gold medal awarded to him for having attended Holy Trinity School for ten consecutive years during which time he was neither absent nor late. This character-forming habit influenced him in after life, for Alfred throughout life was a firm disciplinarian, both personally and among those he had in charge. This was, in particular, exemplified at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, where he was caretaker for 41 years, in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church and when he was conducting a peal. When ringing either in practice or in a peal only one voice was allowed in the belfry—that of the conductor. But afterwards there was extreme friendliness and sharp words were forgotten. Memories of the writer go back to the hour spent between Sunday service ringing at the Grammar School, either on the lawn or in the common room.

When Alfred Pulling started to ring at 13, Holy Trinity was a stoney tower. Change ringing was not introduced until 1899 with Mr. Ben. Chorley, as the conductor of the band. Ringing with Mr. Pulling as a boy was Mr. A. Henry Hutton and these two have had a life-long connection with the church and in peal ringing activities. Mr. Hutton rang in the peals for his wedding and for his silver wedding and also in a quarter for his golden wedding. Infirmary to his arms prevents him now from ringing.

SOME OF HIS PEALS

Perhaps of his peals the most conspicuous was 19,738 Stedman Caters in hand rung on August 31st., 1912, at Guildford, in 9 hours 32 minutes which he conducted and was his 300th. peal. This record length was the culmination of a series of long peals in hand of Stedman Caters of 7028, 7777 and 14031. Later in 1948 he rang 9999 changes in the same method.

Of his long lengths on tower bells there were 10,025 Stedman Caters at Haslemere in 6 hours 32 minutes on February 28th., 1931; 10,432 Treble Bob Major at Warnham, on April 29th., 1933; 7392 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Chiddingfold on February 2nd., 1907 and 9600 Double Dublin at Guildford on April 6th., 1931. Perhaps the peal he treasured most was that of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Olave's Hart Street on February 15th., 1936, in which each member of the band had rung 1000 peals. In that band were James George 1, George R. Pye 2, W. H. Fussell 3, John H. Cheesman 4, Frank Bennett 5, James E. Davis 6, George Williams (conductor) 7, A. H. Pulling 8. His first peal was rung on October 14th., 1899, at Hawley, Hants; his first as conductor on Oct. 1st., 1902 at Guildford; his 1000th. at Warnham on June 7th., 1930; and his last Lyme Surprise, at Guildford, on November 22nd., 1954.

Mr. Pulling's first Guild was the Winchester, when Surrey was one of the Districts, and he represented this Guild, on the Central Council from 1914—27. With the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a vice-president, he was elected to the Central Council in 1928 and was one of their representatives until 1956. He was then elected an honorary member of the Council. Mr. Pulling took his work for the Council very seriously and was a member of the Standing Committee. His last public speech was at the Southport Council meeting when he pointed out that "The Ringing World" could only be produced as a hobby.

Mr. Pulling was a member of many ringing associations and was a staunch member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on July 10th. was conducted by the Precentor (the Rev. Paul Fauch). Touches of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled previous to the service and afterwards the whole pull and stand for 78 times. Cremation was at Woking and after the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1—2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3—4, Mr. Walter Ayre 5—6, Mr. F. I. Hairs 7—8.

There was a large attendance of ringers at the service. These included Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett (representing the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne and A. W. J. Butler (representing the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Mr. R. L. Kippin (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden (Haslemere).

Messrs C. Denyer (Master Guildford Diocesan Guild), S. E. Russell (Secretary Guildford Diocesan Guild), F. E. Collins (Master, Surrey Association) E. Bragg, (Master Farnham District Ringers), G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild of Ringers), H. N. Pitstow, G. Gilbert (Burnham), L. Stilwell (Worthing), J. Brackley (Old Woking), S. Petter (Worplesdon), F. Cherryman (Pirbright), R. Overy (Haywards Heath), H. V. Young, A. H. Winch, G. Marriner (Leatherhead), F. Oakshott (Epsom), E. G. L. Coward (Dorking), J. Cooper (Ashford, Kent), J. Calder, G. L. Grover, F. Ledger.

Mesdames Russell, Newbrook, Rosevear, Hazelden, (representing Mr. A. C. Hazelden), Hurst, Robinson, Staniforth (Leicester), and Collins (representing S. Nicolas, Guildford Ringers).

The Misses Avenell (Worplesdon), B. Jupp. The Holy Trinity Society, Guildford was represented by Messrs. C. A. Hopper, T. Mark White, T. W. White, E. R. Warner and Supt. R. J. C. Hagley.

There were also present representatives of the Grammar School and Old Boys.

Wreaths were sent from the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford Society of Change Ringers and the Old Guildfordians Association. There were also a number of personal tributes.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Seven towers were represented when the Society held its first meeting at Bradfield, Nr. Sheffield on July 11th. Anthony Stables (Cawthorne), Dianna Staniffe and Catherine Robinson (Tankersley) were elected as members.

The next meeting will be held at Ackworth, Nr. Pontefract. Early reminiscences of Bradfield were given by Mr. John Bearley. Canon A. King, who presided, was elected a life member of the Society.

OBITUARY

MR. D. GARDINER

We regret to announce the death on June 15th of Mr. Douglas Gardiner, aged 41. 'Doug' as he was known to all, was once a very popular figure in the Margotsfield Branch. He started ringing in 1934 and was elected Secretary of the Bristol Rural Branch in 1945, a position he held for two years. He gave up ringing in 1950. The funeral service was at Margotsfield Church, conducted by the vicar, the Rev. W.F. Beard, and followed by cremation. A Quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half muffled, conducted by F. Skidmore, Master of Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

MR. V. JONES

The death occurred suddenly on June 13th, at the age of 84, Mr. V. Jones, of Coleshill, Berkshire. He was a keen ringer until the 1939—45 war, often ringing at Faringdon. Mr. F.H. Whipp represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild at the funeral.

On July 3rd the bells of Coleshill were rung in his memory. That day the Church was reopened after being closed for five years for major repairs.

MR. J. LEATHERBARROW

The death of Mr. Joseph Leatherbarrow, a past vice-president of the Lancashire Association occurred on June 9th at his home in the village where he was born.

Aged 71, he had been captain and tower keeper at Newchurch Parish Church for 48 years and was instrumental in the introduction of change ringing at Newchurch when a new band was formed after the building of a new church on the site of one burnt down in 1904. Previously only call changes had been rung.

Mr. Leatherbarrow was appointed captain, and, after three-months' hard work with lashed bells, he had them ringing 720 on open bells. The band, which included his father, brother and son, became well known in the district for their method ringing and perfect striking.

He took a great pride in the tower and it was a well known fact that any visiting band would never find a broken rope, and would always find the tufts at the correct height. He rang over 100 peals, many of which he conducted, and took part in the record peal of Oxford T. B. at Heptonstall. Ill-health brought about his retirement from ringing four years ago.

A memorial peal was rung in tribute. S.L.

MR. JOHN LEWIN

A former captain of Cranford, Northants, ringers, Mr. John Lewin (Jack) died on June 20th after a painful illness. He was aged 78. Except for a break during the 1914-18 war, he served with the choir as well as being a regular service ringer on Sundays for many years. He was a member of the Parochial Church Council, and a free life member of Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

As a tribute to his memory, on the evening of June 25th, 720 Plain Bob half muffled was rung by the Sunday Service band. C.H.N.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

At their quarterly meeting at Chipping Barnet the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths elected the following new members:- Miss Elizabeth Yardley, Birmingham; Miss Ivy Roe, Farnsfield, Notts; Messrs. C. A. Pound, Liss; C. M. Smith and A. J. Strathee, Sutton Coldfield; J. H. Allen, Wolverhampton; C. R. S. Coussmaker, Milford-on-Sea; B. J. Willis, Finchley. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sept. 12th.

GREAT YARMOUTH BELLS BLESSED

The largest congregation seen in Great Yarmouth for some time, estimated at 3000, assembled on June 21st when the Dean of Norwich blessed and named the new ring of 13, prior to them being taken up into the tower. This was also the civic thanksgiving for the granting of Yarmouth's first charter, 750 years ago.

Handbells were rung to Grandsire Caters as the B.B.C. commentator described the scene. The procession of Magistrates, Mayor, Corporation and Clergy, with colours carried by various units and the Mother's Union, entered the Church, and the opening hymn was sung unaccompanied.

After prayers and lesson, the Dean approached the bells, which had been hung on a low scaffolding beneath the tower, and named them. The treble is named Herbert after the first Bishop of Norwich who first built Yarmouth Church; the 2nd is Walter, after a Bishop who enlarged it; the 3rd, Felix, after the first Christian missionary to East Anglia; the flat 6th, Gabriel, after him who announced the Saviour's coming. The others are named after the nine churches in Yarmouth parish—Luke, John, James, Peter, Paul, George, Andrew, Thomas and Nicholas.

The bells were sounded during the service by a specially trained group of musicians, and the remaining hymns were accompanied by them. As the processions left the Church the 'orchestra' played the Bach quarter chimes.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Members from all parts of the Guild's area were welcomed by the master (Mr. F.W. Rogers) who presided at the annual meeting held in Cathedral House, Portsmouth on July 4th. Silent tributes were paid to three members who had died—Miss Sparshott, Christchurch; Mr. H. Newham, New Alresford; Mr. S. J. Sanders, Twyford.

The reports and accounts had been previously circulated but verbal reports were given by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (library) and Mr. C.H. Kippen (Central Council). The new rules to come into force next January were adopted, an amendment to increase members' subscriptions to 5/- being defeated.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary Mr. R. Savory, 32 Thornbury Avenue, Southampton; treasurer, Miss M. Beamish; Central Council Representatives, Miss Beamish, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead; Messrs F. W. Rogers and R. A. Reed.

Whitchurch was selected for the next annual meeting to be held on the first Saturday in July.

A short service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Rev. E. Lowman followed. Afterwards at the buffet tea in the Cathedral House, the Master presented Mr. George Pullinger with a portable radio set and a cheque in appreciation of his services to the Guild which he joined in 1908. He is shortly leaving. Offices Mr. Pullinger has held have been peal recorder, assistant general secretary, general secretary (six years), master (six years), vice-president (since 1955), Central Council representative (since 1932), Southampton District Secretary (16 years). Taken by surprise Mr. Pullinger thanked the members for their gift and mentioned his early ringing days with Mr. George Williams who 'either pushed you on or pushed you out'.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The 13th Annual Festival of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at St. David's, on Saturday June 13th. The Bishop (the Rt. Rev. R. Richards) and the Dean called in at the Bell Tower and spent half an hour with the ringers before attending the service at the Cathedral. The Dean (the Very Rev. T. J. Jenkins) officiated and the address was given by the Bishop. After the service the members were entertained to tea, given by the ringers' wives and ladies of the Cathedral. This was very much enjoyed by 84 people, and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to them by the Master, Mr. Gwyn Thomas of Tenby.

The usual business meeting followed, at which the Bishop, who is president of the Guild, presided.

The meeting was opened by the Master, and a token of respect was paid to two honorary members who had died since the last meeting, Mr. David Francis of Llanelly and Mr. Williams of Llanstephan.

The following officers were elected:

Master of the Guild, Mr. Gwyn Thomas, Tenby; secretary, Mr. C.H. Hawkins, Llanelly; treasurer, Mr. W. P. E. Sage, Burry Port; ringing master, Mr. R. Scudamore, Llandilo; auditor, Mr. B. H. Rees, Burry Port; Central Council Representative, Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Llanelly.

Mr. Chris Hawkins, C.C. Representative for St. David's Guild, made a strong appeal to members to buy 'The Ringing World', to increase its circulation, which would help to keep it at its present price.

Sunday Service ringing in the Diocese was fairly good, but there was still that old stigma of ringers ringing for service and not staying to service, it was said.

The Secretary stated that he was not happy about the future of the bells in the Diocese, unless some servicing or re-hanging was done soon. After a very long discussion, the Bishop advised efforts to get the matter discussed with the Standing Committee of the Diocese, but reminded the meeting that the incumbent of the parish concerned was the right person to approach on the matter.

The treasurer presented a cheque for £10 to the Dean towards the Sound Proving Project which will be carried out in the future, and a Grant of £5 was agreed upon towards the Bishop Havard Memorial Fund.

When told that the Dr. Prosser Shield, which is used for competition in the Guild needed a new set of lapels, the Bishop readily defrayed the cost. For this kind gesture he was thanked by the Master of the Guild. The Bishop also invited the Guild to the Palace for their annual meeting in 1960, which was readily accepted.

A very hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Bishop and to the Dean of St. David's for having the Guild at St. David's.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Two new members were elected at the Beverley and District Society meeting at Rise on June 13th, which was attended by 25 members. Wives of local ringers served an excellent tea. A wide variety of Doubles methods was rung.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Many ringers and friends attended the St. Albans District meeting at Wheathampstead. The meeting wished Mr. George W. Debenham a speedy recovery from his accident and hoped he would be back ringing again. The Rector was thanked for taking the service and the ladies for a splendid tea.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Peal withdrawn.—Mr. Alan R. Pink withdraws the peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superalive rung at Olney on Jan 26th., 1952.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Wakefield Cathedral on June 20th. is the first in the tower since the first ever in 1822.

The parents of Miss Hilda Snowden celebrated their diamond wedding on June 27th. Hilda conducted a peal of Yorkshire in honour of the event on Halstead bells on June 27th.

The composer of the peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Longley was Arthur Knights and not W. E. Critchley. see page 417.

The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters for the Norwich Diocesan Association was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich on June 23rd.

Mr. William Beard has completed 50 years as a ringer at Ruardean, Gloucester. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the occasion on June 20th.

The 80th. birthday of Mr. W. J. Prescott, tower master of Bath Abbey was honoured by a quarter of Gandsire Caters on the Abbey bells on June 21st.

Mr. P. Minchin was elected "Ringing World" representative for the Swindon branch at a meeting at Bishopstoke on June 13th. Miss L. J. Hawes of Stamford Hill was elected a life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The University of Bristol Society rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Laurence Church, Reading on June 27th. A peal of Stedman Cinques, conducted by Frank B. Lufkin was rung at High Wycombe on July 4th.

An Ashstead all ladies band, five of whom are still at school, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on June 18th.—and this in a tower where the probability of work on bells and frame has restricted ringing to Thursday practice and Sunday Service.

The Northern District of the Surrey Association held their striking competition in summer instead of autumn this year. For the second successive year St. John's Croydon had least faults for their touch of 252 Grandsire Triples and second were St. Mary's, Beddington, who rang Stedman Triples. Mr. C. H. Kippin was the judge, with Mrs. Parrott acting as marker.

Cambridge University Guild had an outing on June 9th. in the Bedford area: six cars and two motor-cycles conveyed the party. A gremlin was busy attacking the secretary's motor-cycle, the president's car and also the aged Austin seven. Ringing took place at Goldington, Willington, Felmersham and Kempston. Jim Taylor is to be congratulated on his faultless organisation.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS' WHIT MONDAY

Parts of Leicestershire and Staffordshire were visited on Whit Monday by a party of Bedfordshire ringers, the outing being arranged by Keith Flemming.

After ringing at Lutterworth and Burbage, lunch was taken in Tamworth, followed by ringing at St. Editha's. When Rugely was reached, 30 minutes late, due to Whit Monday celebrations at Lichfield, the Vicar's wife said she knew nothing about the belfry key, so this tower was missed. The good eight at St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, was a compensation. Wigston Magna and Bosworth tower were visited after tea. Ringing during the day was of a good standard and a variety of methods was rung.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Anstey 1, J. Ferris 2, D. Elliott 3, T. J. Jefferies 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, F. Lewis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Susan Walters, baby daughter of Mr. T. T. Walters (tower captain) and Mrs. Walters.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

ARTHUR.—On Sunday, July 5, 1959, at the General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, to Margaret, wife of Kenneth Arthur, a son, Adrian Kenneth. 4648

SEMMENS.—On July 17, 1959, at 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough, to Barbara, (nee Knee) and Peter Semmens, a daughter. 4658

ENGAGEMENT

HOBBS—WATERFIELD.—The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs. E. C. Hobbs, of Retford, Notts., and Valerie Anita, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waterfield, of Retford, Notts. 4658

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. A. H. Pulling, of 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, returns sincere thanks for the many letters of sympathy and the beautiful flowers sent in her recent bereavement 4662

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Pages now available from all District Secretaries.—F.V.C.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual tour Aug. 8-15. Could anyone wishing to come who has not received a circular write at once stating for which nights accommodation is required.—D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 4677

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Burwell, Saturday, Aug. 1. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m., tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4664

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District). — LADIES GUILD (Southern District). — Meeting at Chobham, Saturday August 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham. 4615

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Shipbourne on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6), 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday July 29th to Mr. J. Beach, 3, New Cottages, Shipbourne, Nr. Tonbridge. 4613

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting at Accrington, Aug. 1. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided. Meeting to follow.—Charles Blakey, branch secretary. 4670

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Aug. 1, Corsley, Bells (6) 5.30 p.m., service 6 p.m.—E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 4675

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, hon. sec. 9668

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting Ixworth (6), Aug. 1. Names for tea to L. Wright, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 3. Bells from 3, service 4.30 tea in Church Hall 5.15. Notifications to G. Marriener, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. More ringing after tea. 4667

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ackworth, nr. Pontefract, Saturday, August 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring your own food.—J. W. Buxton. 4581

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Sandy, Saturday, Aug. 8. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court, Bedford Delight. A good meeting called for.—A. Smith, District Secretary. 4669

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bridlington, Sat., Aug. 8. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food, cups of tea only available. 4679

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 4th to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—J. Good, dis. sec. 4657

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe, August 8th. 'Tea at the 'The Half Moon.' Names early please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4666

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Acton (5) on Saturday, August 8th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 4663

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. Gillsborough Branch.—Meeting Oxendon with East Farndon, Saturday, August 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. M. Thresher, Watson Road, Long Buckley. 4683

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield not Walthamstow, Saturday, August 8th. Ringing 3.45 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5 and evening ringing until 7.30 p.m. Tea only provided for those notifying by August 8th D. E. Towers, 52, Brodie Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, August 15th, by kind permission of Lincoln Guild, evening meeting Claypole. Bells (5) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, hon. sec. 4645

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Old Coudsdon (5) on Saturday, August 15th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 12th to Miss R. Naylor, 6, Hartley Way, Purley. 4684

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District). DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint Meeting, Tickhill, August 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Public Library 5 p.m., 2/6 per head. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, by 13th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert and G. Watson. 4678

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Barkby, Saturday, August 22nd. Ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Learners particularly invited. 4674

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringers' service at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on Sunday, September 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) from 4.30 until service time and after service. All welcome. Buffet tea.—J. W. Clarke (Master), Henry O. Baker (Gen. Secretary). 4660

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner at Bolland's, Chester, on Saturday, October 10th. Meet 5.30 p.m. Tickets 14/6 each. Accommodation limited.—Henry O. Baker, gen. sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 4661

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE

An enjoyable day in the Cotswolds was spent by Burghill ringers and a few friends on June 27th. Ringing took place on the recently rehung bells at Quedgeley, Wolton-under-Edge, Dursley, Tetbury, where the bells have frequently been broadcast, Stroud and St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester. Special thanks are due to Mr. Leslie Barry for arranging the tour.

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QUARTER PEALS

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss E. Hatch 1, W. Ward 2, F. May 3, F. Ely 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, A. House 7, M. Hallett 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Woodward 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Miss E. A. Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, I. Tilling 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, D. French 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to John Abbott, 76 years a chorister at this church, who was interred the previous day.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On May 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): R. Pawson 1, A. Sheppard 2, Mrs. J. Render 3, J. Potts 4, H. Sandham 5, K. B. Sissons (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): H. Paul 1, A. Sheppard 2, Mrs. J. Render 3, J. Potts 4, H. Sandham 5, K. B. Sissons (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On June 9th, 1,320 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): K. Wakefield 1, Deborah Hopkins (first of Minor 'inside') 2, J. Long 3, R. L. Piron 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Evelyn Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, on the eve of her 80th birthday.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 8th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): C. J. Gibson 1, E. T. Chapman 2, W. B. Duncan 3, A. W. Bird 4, L. E. Etheridge 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. N. Pyke, former Vicar of Southwold, and Rural Dean.

WESTONING, BEDS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Sharpe 1, G. M. Payne 2, T. Harris 3, K. C. Fleming 4, D. Brazier (cond.) 5, C. Mann 6. Rung as an engagement compliment to the tenor ringer and Miss Mary Tysoe, of Bromham, Beds.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Turner 1, G. Turner 2, D. Murfet 3, C. W. Cook 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6.

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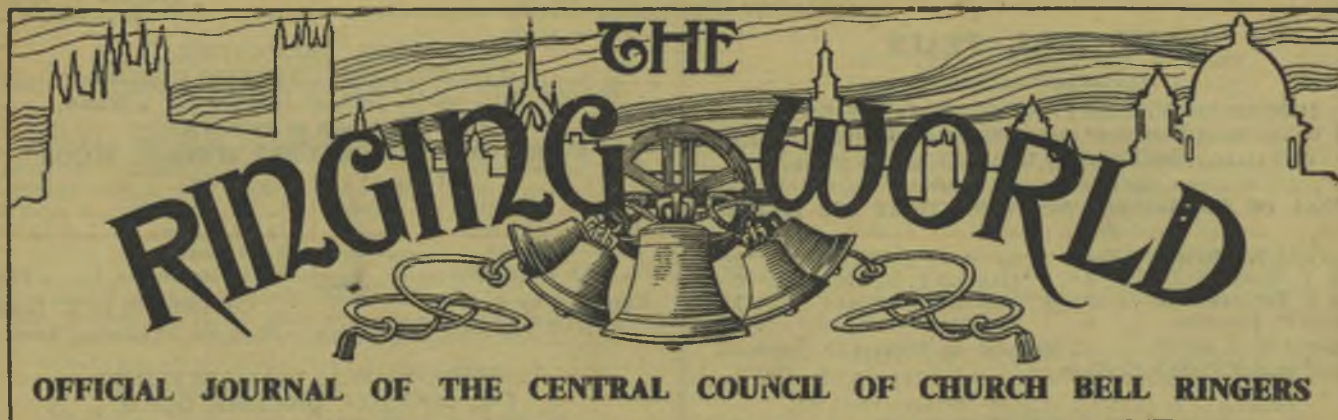
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SCHIZOPHRENIA

(Dementia Campanalogia)

WHILST going through my list of ailments in the Medical Dictionary section of Pear's Cyclopædia the other day I came across schizophrenia. It gave the following:—

'Typically the schizophrenic has been a sensitive retiring child and may have been above average intelligence, but in the early twenties peculiar behaviour starts to develop. There may be hallucinations (i.e., hearing imaginary voices) or delusions (e.g., that he or she is being persecuted) and the patient tends to become more solitary, sitting alone and smiling to himself. On other occasions there may be violent outbursts.'

On studying this list of symptoms it appeared obvious to me that a large number of ringers that I knew were suffering from this disorder, which, as it does not appear to have been classified before, I have called dementia campanalogia.

To elaborate on the symptoms, how many ringers were shy and retiring when children? I was, and so were most of the ringers I have seen grow up. Obviously we were all above average intelligence, otherwise we should never have become ringers!

Dementia campanalogia is different from normal schizophrenia in that the peculiar behaviour in the former develops at an earlier age, about 16–19, notably when the subject takes up tower snatching, peal grabbing, handbell ringing and, of course, courting. When one of your ringers approaches you in a hesitant and shy manner on a Sunday morning after ringing, and bashfully asks if he need attend evening ringing (when normally he is there half an hour before everyone else, pulls all the bells up, gets out all the ringing mats and is sitting waiting for you to arrive), then that, obviously, is peculiar behaviour.

We are all familiar with the ringers who have hallucinations. The hearing of voices is quite common—many of us ring with our head on one side in a listening attitude—others of us nod our heads in reply. Some of us even talk to these voices—how many ringers do you know who carry on a silent conversation whilst ringing?

The feeling of persecution is common to all except conductors, who are, in the main, the persecutors. Even though

you might be an adept belfryman, there are times when you feel hounded by an irascible conductor.

Persecution is not confined to conductors, though. Many a ringer has written a simple and maybe appealing letter to 'The Ringing World' for assistance in a technical matter—perhaps he wants to know if the extent of Grand-sire Doubles that he has composed is one that everybody else has missed—only to be verbally torn to shreds by sarcastic composers, indignant 'Churchyard Bob' advocates and Plain Bob enthusiasts.

There is no doubt, though, that the most persecuted ringer is he that innocently adds the footnote to a peal, 'My 3,000th tower, 222nd peal in 189 towers for 15 Associations in 19 counties with 891 ringers.' He, poor fellow, is pilloried from Pentland Firth to Penzance, and probably has to do most of his ringing abroad afterwards.

The next symptom in dementia campanalogia takes several forms. First, there is the ringer who slinks off on his own to have a 'quick one' on the outing. When you catch up with him later he is sitting alone in a strange pub, smiling to himself.

Secondly, there is the ringer already mentioned who arrives early at the tower, pulls up all the bells—except one—and then sits down smiling to himself till the rest of the band arrive. He tells you, of course, that all the bells are up, but takes care not to ring in the first touch.

Thirdly, we have the case where the ringer sits in the tower when a touch is in progress, smiling to himself with eyes half closed, and follows two of the bells with non-existent handbells. This is also known as dementia tintinnabula.

Fourthly, we have the old roué, who sits on his own smiling to himself, no doubt recalling outings of twenty years ago.

Our last symptom deals with violent outbursts. These are not so common now as they were at the turn of the century, when the ringing journals of that period carried records of violent effusions of a bitter nature. Happily nowadays this is decreasing, and one only occasionally meets with a violent outburst after a peal or touch has broken down. (This ties up with the persecution complex, and leads to the patient sitting alone.)

Before you all go off to see your psychiatrist, psychologist or whoever deals with these disorders, you must read the next article, which will be entitled, 'Is my subconscious a better ringer than I am?' **WILLIAM BUTLER.**

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	<i>Treble</i>	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER ...	5
MRS. P. HARRIS ...	2	*HAROLD F. RAXTER ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	4	PATRICK HARRIS	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., May 28th, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

NORMAN W. COTTON	<i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
JOHN K. SMITH	... 3	DEREK P. JONES	... 7
DAVID G. BRUNNING	... 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung for the fourth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day,

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours 3 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY	...	<i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. COTTON	...	5
DEREK P. JONES	...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	...	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	...	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	...	7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	...	4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	<i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by D. P. JONES.

*First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*ERNEST MORRIS	...	<i>Treble</i>	*†FRANCIS R. LOWE	...	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	...	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	...	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	...	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	...	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	...	4	*DEREK P. JONES	<i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by D. P. JONES.

*First peal in the method. †100th peal of Surprise Major.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*JAMES H. PAILING	...	<i>Treble</i>	*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	...	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT	...	2	*JEREMY A. M. SALTER	...	6
*ANDREW N. STUBBS	...	3	*DAVID T. DARBY	...	7
*JOHN G. PUSEY	...	4	STEPHEN IVIN	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by J. H. PAILING.

*First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

MRS. S. H. JONES	...	<i>Treble</i>	J. W. COTTON	...	5
B. G. WARWICK	...	2	G. H. LANE	...	6
F. E. WILSHAW	...	3	S. H. JONES	...	7
J. A. UNDERWOOD	...	4	D. P. JONES	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by D. P. JONES.

First of Yorkshire on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 2 Hours 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

PETER R. JOHNSON	<i>Treble.</i>	F. R. LOWE	...	...	5
J. W. COTTON	... 2	G. M. BRENIN	...	...	6
MRS. G. A. HALLS	... 3	E. J. JELLEY	...	...	7
J. M. JELLEY	... 4	G. R. EDWARDS	...	<i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G,

RUTH M. BORDER	<i>Treble</i>	FRANK W. PERRENS ...	5
DAWN V. ELSON ...	2	DAVID A. CARPENTER ...	6
*IAN F. GARVIE ...	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ...	4	PETER BORDER ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

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

50th peal on the bells since being augmented to eight in 1947.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

MRS. C. N. LEA	<i>Treble</i>	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	... 5
*MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	... 6
CHARLES N. LEA ...	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	... 7
EDMUND P. CROWDY ...	4	BRYAN PATTISON	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

*First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

HUNTLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

Being 42 six scores (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM E. SPIERS	<i>Treble</i>	JOY SMITH	... ..	4
LEONARD SMITH	... .. 2	REGINALD G. POWELL		5
CHARLES PHILLIPS	... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY	... ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal on the bells since 1888 and for the Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Ann Hyatt, niece of the Rector, Canon J. A. Lister, and the Rev. Simon Wakefield Wilfink.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2160 and four 720s.

Tenor 19 cwt, in E.

*LEONARD MILLS	Treble	†ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	...	4
*ARTHUR A. JOPP	...	2	†HAROLD E. RAXTER	...
COLIN B. LONGMORE	...	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	Tenor

Conducted by H. E. RAXTER.

*First peal of Surprise and 25th peal. †First of Surprise Minor.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

This quarterly peal of the Association was rung in memory of Mr. E. C. Moore, ringer at Elmley Castle, whose funeral was this week.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

OWEN J. J. ROGERS	Treble	ROBERT R. CHURCHILL	...	4
HENRY B. WHITNEY	...	2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	...
ALFRED B. RUSHTON	...	3	KENNETH G. SPAVINS	Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

A compliment to Miss E. Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, on her 80th birthday.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F

BERYL W. ABBOTT	Treble	JANE K. A. COOK	...	4
*BARBARA STEPHENS	...	2	MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	...
ROYSTON BLACKLER	...	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

*First Peal.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	Treble	A. EDWARD REEVES	...	4
*ALLAN D. MOGG	...	2	PETER E. CUMBERLAND	...
BRIAN P. MOGG	...	3	PHILLIP W. MOGG	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

*First attempt for a peal.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID J. MARSHALL	Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	...	4
MICHAEL F. AMOS	...	2	†JOHN E. GODDARD	...
†MARTIN J. BAILEY	...	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

*First Peal. †First peal 'inside.' ‡First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 19 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER	...	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	...	5-6
ERNEST MORRIS	...	3-4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	...	7-8

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe, a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Minor in 35 methods was rung at Disley, Cheshire, on July 15th.

The Rambling Ringers three-weeks' tour started on July 25th. The route covers several counties in the Cotswolds area with Bristol and Oxford forming the approximate boundaries.

King's High School, Warwick, have their own band of ringers, about 11 in number, who ring for the school's services at St. Mary's and St. Nicholas, Warwick. For the school's 80th birthday past and present girls of the school rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Sherborne on July 22nd.

The Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, held at Beverley, on July 18th, sent their congratulations to Mr. T. H. Huddleston, of Sheffield on his recent award of the George Cross in recognition of his bravery in arresting a dangerous criminal.

Mr. Russell S. Young, M.A., from Groton School, Mass., U.S.A., is in this country visiting various towers in order to gain knowledge regarding traditions and methods of English change ringing. The Ringing Exercise generally extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Young, he has already been well received in London by the College Youths and other Guilds. He was also chosen to reply to the Toast of Visitors at the 'Ringing Festival of the Oxford Guild, in the Great Hall at Christ Church. Mr. Young will be pleased to hear from any English ringers and he can be contacted at the address of William H. Coles, 92, Harlington Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex.

The first peal of Swindon Surprise Royal was rung at Christ Church, Swindon, on July 18th, conducted by Mr. John R. Mayne.

Mr. G. Nelson Sloan of Christchurch, New Zealand, rang his first peal of Major at Church, Lancashire, on July 21st. It was Mr. Arthur Tomlinson's 700th peal.

The main objective of Sheffield Cathedral Company's outing on July 27th, was Lincoln Cathedral where during 75 minutes on the Cathedral bells touches of Kent, T. B. Maximus, Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Double Norwich on the back eight were rung.

The occasion of the first peal of Cinques by the University of Bristol Society at Reading was somewhat of a reunion since the band was representative of the last 10 years of the Society's life. Tudor Edwards conducted his first peal of Cinques and for Jack Worrall it was his first peal since 1955 and the first time he'd touched a bell-rope since last August! The composition was a new one by Albert Tyler, an honorary member, making a truly all-Society effort.

There have been some interesting peals during July at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham. Peals have been July 11th Cambridge Surprise Maximus (conductor Robin G. Leale); July 18th Yorkshire Surprise Royal (conductor Peter Border); July 23rd Yorkshire Surprise Royal (conductor Peter Border); July 25th Stedman Cinques (conductor Albert Walker). This was Mr. Walker's first peal since February 1958, and his friends will note with pleasure that he is back in peal ringing form.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIX SECONDS BROADCAST

The following letter of protest has been sent to the Programme Director, B.B.C. from Mr. Fred Price, of Bournemouth, concerning the broadcast of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on July 19th:—

Sir,

The broadcast of the bells of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, this evening, will have given offence to all lovers of these beautiful bells.

Six seconds only were the bells allowed to send their message and their music, before being 'faded out' to allow music from an instrument which was to be heard for much of the service.

It was insulting to the ringers, who must have practised for that occasion, and on their behalf, and that of all bell lovers I strongly protest.

NO CLAIM

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. C. Ridgway's letter re the Birmingham University Society's handbell peal, I would like to remind him that the footnote to the peal read "first on handbells for the Society". There was no claim whatsoever that this peal was the first rung by members of Birmingham University or the first rung in the Guild of Undergraduates Union, therefore the footnote was completely correct.

We were well aware at the time of the previous handbell peal, which was rung for the Universities Association, and which is also included in our records, simply because it was rung by members of Birmingham University in the Union.

As a conclusion, I should like to add that at present the Society is progressing slowly and now has upwards of 20 resident members.

—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Secretary

Kings Norton, Birmingham.

NOT UNIQUE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. E. Box, St. Chad's Cathedral is not unique. One ascends the South West tower and crosses over to ring in the North West tower at the Priory Church of S.S. Mary and Cuthbert, Worksop, Notts.

—Yours sincerely,

W. L. EXTON.

Newark, Notts.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL ALSO

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W.E. Box's query—St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham is not unique in that one has to ascend the south west tower to get to the north west tower.

There is the same arrangement at Llandaff Cathedral—one enters a spiral staircase in the south west tower—proceeds along a narrow balcony over the west door to the north west tower to the ringing chamber.—Yours sincerely,

F. J. HANNINGTON.

Cardiff.

SILENT PEAL AT DORE

Dear Sir,—We were unable to obtain an umpire for the silent peal of Spiced Surprised at Dore on June 6th. I rang the treble and was appointed as a kind of umpire. I was in a position to check that no word or sign was made in what was a good peal.—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD SCOTT

Doncaster.

MEMORIES WANTED

Dear Sir,—Is it possible to read of Ringing events in and around the City of London at about the turn of the century and up to the last war? I am sure such stalwarts as Thomas Taffender, Rueben Saunders, Joseph Hawkins, and Alfred Statham could write some very interesting articles, such as ringing at St. Magnus Tower Thames St. and what the 10 bells there were like.

Come now, you old worthies, pass on some of this sort of information and thrill us young ones with your reminiscences.

I can assure you they will be well received.

—Yours truly,

JOE THORNLEY

Bolton, Lancs.

OBITUARY

MR. R. T. SIMPSON

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Robert T. Simpson of Holy Trinity, Darlington, which took place on July 7th, after a short illness.

Bert, as he was popularly known, learned his ringing in the adjoining village of Heighington, and spent all his working life in the service of British Railways at their locomotive works, Darlington and wagon works, Shildon.

He joined Holy Trinity, Darlington in 1931, and quickly progressed to Surprise Minor, being a steady and accomplished ringer. He rang in all 47 peals.

Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he had a keen sense of humour and wide interests. His passing in middle life came as a shock to his many ringing friends.

The funeral service on July 9th, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Goldie, who made reference to his service to the belfry and Church.

THE GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

A week-end meeting of the Guild took place on July 4th-5th, in the vicinity of Wareham, Dorset. As last year, the arrangements had been made by Dr. C. T. Brown, and were even better than before, in that the weather was really summery—if not indeed tropical. On Saturday the party visited Lytchett Minster (6), Wareham (8), Milton Abbey (8) and Puddletown (6). Of these there was no doubt that the Wareham octave, recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor, was the 'highlight.' At Puddletown, on the other hand, much hard and hot work had to be done to achieve a not always euphonious result. Saturday concluded with a most enjoyable dinner party at Wareham, followed by some touches in hand at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Brown, for whose hospitality then, and earlier at lunch, the Guild was most grateful.

Before going our various ways home on Sunday it had been hoped to achieve a 'quarter' at Wareham, but unfortunately, the time between services did not quite allow of this; Dr. Neal Smith had to call round the bells in Bob Major after some 1150 changes only. All the same, it was a renewed pleasure to visit the belfry again.

It was enthusiastically agreed to accept Dr. Brown's offer to do it all again in 1960, so will members please note now the first weekend in July, 1960, for what is becoming one of the most happy of the Guild's annual fixtures.—D.L.G.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett

June 20th saw the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford in Lichfield once more for its annual meeting. A fine warm afternoon resulted in a very well attended meeting. During the afternoon and evening the bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), and St. Michael's (6), were put to a very good use. The service was held in St. Michael's Church, being conducted by the vicar, the Rev. V. S. Allen. An address was given by the Rev. Vernon Nicholls, vicar of St. Matthew's Walsall.

After the service an excellent tea was provided by the Lichfield ringers. This was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary, presiding. Before the meeting began the assembly stood in silence in remembrance of the late Herbert Knight, a stalwart of the Society for many years.

The committee report was presented by Fred Bennett who said the feature of the year was the increased attendance at meetings, 554 as against 467 in 1957-8. The fact that a large number of young people were attending held out a promising outlook for the future. During the year 63 peals had been rung, an increase of 21 over last year. Mr. Frank Brotherton, the Hon. Treasurer, presented his report which reflected a healthy financial position. Central Council representatives, B. G. Key and G. W. Hughes reported on the meeting at Southport mentioning the discussion on the financial standing of the 'Ringing World,' and on the survey of Sunday service ringing. It was pleasing to note that this Society compared very favourably with other associations as far as Sunday service ringing was concerned.

The following elections were made:—Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Dinenage; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; Clerical Secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; Lay Secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter; Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith; Peal Secretary and Auditor, Mr. E. E. Speake; Central Council Representatives, Mr. B. G. Key and Mr. G. W. Hughes.

A proposition was put forward that an approach be made to the North Staffordshire and Shropshire Associations with a view to the establishment of a 'Lichfield Diocesan Ringing Festival.'

At the close of the meeting, the Rev. C. H. Barker gave an appreciation of Mr. Fred Bennett's (retiring lay secretary) services to the Society in the past. He presented to Mr. Bennett a silver tankard suitably inscribed, and to Mrs. Joan Bennett a stainless steel salver. Five year old Miss Lesley Holden presented Mrs. Bennett with a bouquet of flowers. In his reply, Mr. Bennett thanked the Society on behalf of his wife and himself and said how touched they were by this gesture. They would have many memories of their association with the Society to treasure for many years to come.

The attendance at the meeting was 140 ringers and friends.—D.J.T.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 6th, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles; Miss J. I. Frost (first quarter) 1, F. Benfield 2, R. Old 3, P. M. Giles 4, B. E. Frost (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Canon H. J. Boyd as Rector.

HENDON'S MILLENNIUM

A little under three years ago, the young band at St. Mary's, Hendon, put forward to their Parochial Church Council the suggestion that the ring of six bells should be augmented to eight. The P.C.C., because of repairs to the organ and the extension of the vestry, did not feel that it could launch another appeal for sometime. If the ringers would launch their own appeal, the Church would give them its blessing.

This was all the ringers required, and a fund was started with the 'model fee' which came from the advertisers of a certain well-known margarine. Leading organisations in the Borough, and every house and flat in the Parish received an appeal. Fees from weddings helped the amount to swell, and as Christmas, 1956, drew near the handbells came out, and for nine or ten evenings the ringers rang carols round the streets. This raised about £50, and it was repeated at Christmas, 1957 and 1958.

The fund grew faster than they had dared to hope, and when, two years later, in 1958, they heard about Hendon's Millennium, they began to see their dream come true. In 959 St. Dunstan assigned the estate of Hendon to the Abbey of Westminster, and we may be sure that if there was not already a Church or Chapel in Hendon, that year could be taken as the starting date of the history of Hendon's Church and Parish. Plans were made for the 1,000 years to be celebrated during 1959. The Dean of Westminster was invited to preach at a service on July 2nd, the day of the Patronal Festival, and the Bishop of London to preach at Evensong the following Sunday.

The ringers asked if the two new bells could be installed by then and dedicated by the Bishop of London. The P.C.C. was delighted with the idea, and things began to move. They nearly didn't move fast enough, however. There was a little delay over the faculty and then the founders Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had a lot of other work already in hand. On June 4th, a party from the Church, including the Vicar and a Churchwarden, as well as ringers, went to Whitechapel to see the bells cast. Other ringers prophesied that the bells would never be ready by July 5th. The ringers thanks are due to Mr. Theobald and Mr. Rowe and their helpers for their hard work.

July 5th dawned, boiling hot, and having rung the old six for morning service, the ringers went to the belfry again in the afternoon to try the eight for the first time. Highly satisfied after their short practice, they went to pull the ropes up to the Clock-Room for safety until the evening and found that the old rope put on the new treble, to make ringing it easier, was nearly frayed through. Another rope was hurriedly put on—they aren't risk it breaking in the middle of the service.

At 5.30 that evening, the ringers turned up at the Church again, and this time they were reinforced by visitors. Among these were Mr. T. Price (Master, Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Price, and Mr. T. J. Lock (Secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. A. Cutler and Mr. D. Smith. There were also representatives from the neighbouring towers of Finchley and Kingsbury, together with Mr. W. Theobald, of Mears and Stainbank.

Receiving the rope from the Steeple-keeper, Mr. H. Arnold, the Bishop of London dedicated the new treble 'in memory of Ernest Edward Pratchett, for 66 years a ringer at St. St. Mary's.' This bell was then rung by his grandson, Gerald Pratchett. The new 2nd bell

was dedicated 'in memory of all past ringers of this church,' and this bell was then rung by the Mayor of Hendon (handstroke only—he is a non-ringer) and the Ringing Master, Miss Ruth Foreman. Immediately after the dedication, the new eight was rung by the local band, and after the service, the visiting ringers were able to try them out. They all agreed that Mears had done a very good job, and the locals had the pleasure of hearing a perfect course of London rung on them.

Hendon has only eight Sunday Service ringers, but they have also four-learners with two more starting shortly and they hope in time to have a good eight-bell band which will do credit to the eight bells they now possess.

OUTINGS WOODFORD

A very enjoyable day was spent on July 11th, by ringers from Woodford and neighbouring towers visiting Marlow, Nettlebed, Caversham and Pangbourne.

St. Mary's Church is thanked for their contribution towards the cost of this annual event.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, DARLINGTON

For their annual outing on July 11th, ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, reinforced by members from St. John's, took the road south, and made their first stop at Sharow, near Ripon.

Here, for about an hour, there was enjoyable ringing on a pleasant light eight, with Plain Bob, Stedman and a nice touch of Superlative to finish up with. The tower at Sharow has been redecorated recently, and presents a most pleasing appearance. Of interest was the stained glass window commemorating a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung for Queen Victoria's jubilee.

An hour or two was spent among the varied attractions of Harrogate, and an excellent tea, enjoyed before the coach set off for Birstwith. The heavier ring of eight there was a most agreeable surprise to visitors previously unacquainted with the tower. The tone is splendid, and the bells go very well, so that the ringers regretted the shortness of their stay. A touch of Grandsire Triples ended the day's ringing, and the homeward journey by Harrogate, Ripon, Thirsk, Northallerton and Richmond, ended, as the day had begun, in rain.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

After an interval of almost 21 years, an Eastern Branch meeting was held in the remote Norfolk coastal village of Happisburgh (6) where 43 members and friends gathered on July 4th. The very long draught of rope for this ground floor ring did not deter anybody.

At the business meeting all seven members of the youthful local company were elected to membership of the association and in welcoming them the President, Mr. Nolan Golden, congratulated the boys and girls on their wonderful initiative in getting together and forming a ringing company after the bells had been silent for so many years, largely because the tower required attention.

With the leader Mr. G. Larter, all the youngsters started from scratch and are teaching themselves from "Ropesight". They can now nearly all ring Plain Bob Minor. Mr. Golden commented that these keen novices had given the Diocese a splendid example of what could be done if there was a will.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The 31st Annual Festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Brecon on June 20th. Approximately 80 members and friends were present, including Dr. J. J. A. Thomas, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The service which was held in the Cathedral was conducted by the resident Canons. The Voluntary before the service was a plain course of Grandsire Triples on Handbells rung by members of the Guild and the sermon was preached by the Rev. I. J. Richards, Vicar of Leanorth, Mon.

The business meeting which followed tea, was opened by the Bishop who presided. He extended a welcome to Brecon. A letter of good wishes for the meeting from Mr. Ernie Stith was read by the secretary. The meeting then stood in silence for the late Mr. Ted Phillips, and all those who had passed on since the last annual meeting.

Arising out of the minutes an explanation was given why the shield was not returned to the Cathedral. The Bishop thought it would be very nice to have the shield in the Cathedral, but the meeting decided otherwise. A motion that Cadoxton Band retain the shield and house it in Cadoxton was carried.

All the various officer's reports were accepted including the report of the Central Council meeting at Southport. The officers were all thanked by the President. The high light of the reports was the re-consecration of St. Mary's Church, Swansea.

The statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer, Mr. D. Stokes. It was noted that the Northern district were not carrying out the Guild's Rules in respect of the two-thirds balance to the central fund, and were asked to abide by them.

After all the officers had been re-elected, the peal records officer was asked to write in the book the name of the person who gave the peal records book to the Guild, Mr. G. I. Lewis was again elected the peal records officer.

Mr. John T. Williams moved that the secretary proceed with the arrangements for badges and get a supply as soon as possible.

Mr. M. O. King proposed St. Mary's, Swansea, for the 1960 Annual Festival. This was carried unanimously. It was decided that the revision of the rules governing the Ringing Competition be left to the Committee members, with a view to a competition in the near future.

A proposal to give £10 each to St. Mary's Church, Swansea and Llangorse towards the restoration of the bells was carried. Mr. Barry Gladwin was proposed a member of the Guild.

A warm welcome was extended to the visitors especially the visitors from Bridgewater, Somerset.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Bishop and the Dean. The collection for the Bell Restoration fund realised £2 3s.

J.A.H.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Morris rang his 1,845th peal on July 18th at Clifton. Northants.

Morpeth Town Council has been hot and bothered over the continuity of the eight o'clock curfew rung from the 12th century clock tower. Attempts have been made to reverse a decision of the Council that on the ringers' practice night the curfew need not be rung. A motion by Ald. W. S. Sanderson that the curfew should always be rung was defeated by eight votes to four. When it was suggested that the curfew could be rung during the practice Ald. Sanderson commented 'We don't want the curfew made into a 'rock-n-roll.'

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BIRTH

ROBBINS.—On July 26th, 1959, at St. Hilda's Vicarage, Prestwick, Manchester, to Betty (nee Spice), wife of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, a daughter (Margaret Anne). Address after September 1st: Lower Halstow Vicarage, Sittingbourne, Kent. 4692

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Taysom have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their son Henry, of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, to Janice N. Organ of Purton, nr. Berkeley, Glos. 4695

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

BARTHOLOMEW-CARNOCHAN.—The marriage between Donald R. Bartholomew and Mary G. Carnochan, will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, on Saturday, August 22nd, 1959, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. 4747

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—No practice during August at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, but Sunday service ringing as usual. Visitors welcome. 4685

'LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual outing, Saturday, September 12th. Coach from Bath-Bristol area. Ringing includes Culmpton, Topsham and Tiverton. Lunch and tea provided en route: those members interested are asked to send names at the earliest opportunity, if possible before September 1st.—B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bishopston, Bristol 7. 4691

MEETINGS

BEDS. ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting Flitwick, Saturday, Aug. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea in the 'Fir Tree', 5. K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 4704

BACK TO NORMAL!

A complete edition of 'The Ringing World' will appear next Friday, August 14th.

Please send Notices early.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Tideswell on Saturday, August 8th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 4687

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe, August 8th. Tea at the 'The Half Moon.' Names early please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4666

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 4th to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—J. Good, dis. sec. 4657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, Saturday, August 8th. Ringing from 2.30. Possibly at Leck after tea. Please bring own food.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 4663

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Acton (5) on Saturday, Aug. 8th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 4663

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, August 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service 5 p.m. Names for tea must be received by August 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4696

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Swainby (6), on Saturday, August 15th, 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify T. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Ave., Middlesbrough, to be followed by ringing at Carlton-in-Cleveland. 4702

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts. District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Sat., August 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 5, service 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4700

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Terrington St. Clement, Sat., August 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Easter, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn.—J. Fox. 4706

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting Corsham (6) August 15th. Bells 3, service and tea. Names by August 13th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 4706

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, August 15th, meeting at Broxbourne, 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4693

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Stone-in-Oxney, Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gill, Chequertree, Acton Lane, Wittersham, nr. Tenterton, by previous Thursday.—C.T.H.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, August 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names to E. C. Shepherd, Church Cottage, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Strand, Whitefield, Saturday, August 15th. Ringing at 3, Cups of tea at 5.—J. Porter. 4701

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield on August 15th at 6 p.m. Special methods for practice Double Court and Double Oxford.—B. C. Castle. 4699

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, August 15th, by kind permission of Lincoln Guild, evening meeting Claypole. Bells (5) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, hon. sec. 4645

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Old Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, August 15th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 12th to Miss R. Naylor, 6, Hartley Way, Purley. 4684

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Arley Kings, Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 18th to Mr. G. Lewis, 38, Dudley Road, Stourport-on-Severn.—F. Hyde, branch sec. 4703

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District). DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint Meeting, Tickhill, August 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Public Library 5 p.m., 2/6 per head. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, by 13th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert and G. Watson. 4678

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, August 22nd, 6 p.m. Ringing 4 p.m. at St. Clement Danes. Strand. No practice at St. Paul's Cathedral until further notice.—John Chilcott.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bourne (6), Saturday, August 22nd. Bells 2.30, service 4.15, tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Freuch, 90, West Street, Bourne, Lincs., by Monday, 17th.—F. G. Vickers, hon. sec. 4690

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Andrew's Kildwick, an ideal tower for a summer meeting with large doors for the ground floor ringing room was the venue for the annual meeting of the Western District on June 20th. The attendance of 40 included visitors from Oxfordshire and Lancashire. Some measure of improvement in the striking was noted.

At the business meeting news of the passing of Mr. A. J. Coldrick of Armley was given, and members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Five nominations were received for the three members of the district committee. A ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. P. Birkett, H. Lofthouse and I. Slack. Mr. Birkett was also elected to the general committee of the Association. New members elected were Barrie Dove and Robin Brown, Leeds Parish Church and John Reynolds, Guiseley.

In view of a general meeting of the Association at Pudsey on Sept. 19th., it was decided to forego the District meeting usually held that month. The next meeting will be on Dec. 19th. possibly at Almondbury.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. P. J. Stanforth on becoming president of the Ladies Guild at the meeting of the Midland District of the Guild at Ibstock on June 6th. The memory of Mrs. White, a founder member was honoured in silence. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Goadby were elected honorary members. The next meeting will be a joint one with the Lincolnshire Branch at Grantham.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On May 30th. 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Tarbatt 1, H. Rusby (cond.) 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, N. F. Moxon 5, H. Mann 6. To mark the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY REFLECTIONS

By RUSSELL S. YOUNG, M.A.

BELLS have figured more than once in Anglo-American history. One hundred and eighty-three years ago, on July 4th, a Whitechapel bell proclaimed American Independence. Later on, a lantern was hung in the tower of Christ Church, Boston, a few feet from the earliest English peal in America, and Paul Revere rode off to Lexington announcing the arrival of the Redcoats to the Minute Men.

But the severance of political ties was obviously unable for long to weaken the deeper bonds between the two countries. In many other areas—cultural, literary, ecclesiastical—the seeds of Anglo-American friendship were destined to flourish, and bells continued to play their role.

It was England which furnished all the rings now existing in America. It was Englishmen who have instructed the few American ringers in the art of change ringing. It is England who continues to furnish the ever-growing number of handbell devotees with their instruments of fine music.

I am sure your readers will all be interested in what is going on at present on the big bells in the United States. If expert ringing of the more complex methods is beyond us, good handling can be seen and good striking heard on a grand family of Whitechapel bells. The time is every Sunday morning for a solid hour, and the place is Groton School, in Massachusetts. Our chapel tower and that of Kent School, Connecticut, contain the only two rings (out of the ten originally hung for change ringing) where the art is actually practised.

We have at Groton School a band of ringers and a band of learners. The latter are boys' about to be third-formers (age 14), who began their instruction only this past spring. The former are upper school boys, most of whom have been ringing for only a year. In view of the little time available for extra curricula activities in a tightly-packed daily schedule, their accomplishments have been commendable. With one hour a week available, in addition to the Sunday ringing on open bells, with a minimum of instruction possible because of the fact that their ringing master knew little more than they, they have managed to ring call changes, plain hunting and Grandsire Doubles

with ease. Their enthusiasm is boundless; they are determined to do quarter peals this coming year, and a full peal before they graduate three years hence.

To further this end, they hope to come to England in July of 1960 to see at close hand the source of this great tradition. Serious coaching from experienced ringers and a tour of the English towers is the purpose of the journey, for the opportunity to watch and ring with experts simply does not exist at home.

Bellringing, some have said, tends to be a clique. It does indeed have its inner mysteries, musical and mathematical, which seem incomprehensible to many. If the bells reveal their secrets reluctantly the ringers are full of charity. There is a bond between them which I have seen in few places elsewhere. If I can judge from my rich experiences in English towers this summer, the welcome to the stranger, to the guest, to the amateur ringer from America, is comparable to that of the mediæval monasteries whose hospitality was a rule by which they lived.

For our part, we wish that there could be a flood of English ringers pouring constantly into Groton tower. We will feed you and we will put you up, but we will make you work on one of eight ropes!

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON 7
ANGELA GRAINGER 2	†BRIAN J. WYLDE 8
PATRICK J. BIRD 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 9
PATRICIA M. BOURN 4	JACK R. WORRALL 10
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 5	FRANK D. MACK 11
*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN 6	†MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal on 12 and of Grandsire. † First on 12. First on 12 for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 6
*LEONARD GOODALL 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 7
CYRIL RUSBY 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 8
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON 9
NORMAN SMITH 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on ten bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

AVRIL THACKRAY Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
*DIANA J. PERRINS 2	†JOHN A. ACRES 7
†JACK P. KESTERTON 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY 8
BRIAN MARTIN 4	E. ALAN JACQUES 9
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* 100th peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ 550th peal and first on ten tower bells as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 6
DORIS E. LIDBETTER 2	GEORGE SAYER 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	BERT GOGLE 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	FRANK C. PRICE 9
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5	CLIFFORD BIRD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	STEPHEN IVIN 6
MRS. N. J. DISERENS 2	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY 7
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 3	FRANK W. LEWIS 8
JOHN N. DISERENS 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 9
AVRIL THACKRAY 5	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,440 each London and Rutland, 800 Bristol, 480 each Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 124 changes of method.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	*JOHN G. PUSEY 5
STEPHEN IVIN 2	*DAVID T. DARBY 6
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 7
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 YEADING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

DENNIS KNOX Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

First peal in the method.

BLACKHILL, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE WILKINSON Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON 5
NICHOLAS WEBB 2	NORMAN ERRINGTON 6
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
RICHARD OLIVER 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

A 36th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilkinson.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
*NORMAN G. GOODMAN .. 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
*JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

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

* 100th peal together.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT, BISCOP.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

MURIEL REAY Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	NORMAN G. GOODMAN .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

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

On Mon., June 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
PAUL J. RIGBY 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
GORDON A. HALLS 2	MRS. G. A. HALLS 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 30).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., June 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
BRENDA E. DOWNING .. 2	*ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 6
CECIL W. PIPE 3	ROBERT F. DOWNING .. 7
DAVID H. BUXTON 4	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Squadron-Leader R. I. P. Barker, a lay reader of this church.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

SHIRLEY HARRIS .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
*JOHN GUILDEN 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	BASIL JONES 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal of Major and first away from the treble.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*PATRICIA HEATHER .. Treble	LUCY E. E. ALLEN 5
*PETER M. WILKINSON .. 2	*DAVID A. SEMPLE 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	JAMES P. BLOND 7
†JANET K. SECKER 4	†JOHN J. COATES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES P. BLOND.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

DENNIS MADDOCK .. Treble	ROY FOSTER 5
*JOHN HAYES 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
JOHN RYDER 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
CECIL RADDON 4	ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Walker, and the 80th birthday of Miss E. Houghton, former sexton.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

J. W. Parker's Original.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*BRYAN PATTISON .. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA 5
ERIC N. HARRISON 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
*MRS. C. N. LEA 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
GEORGE S. DEAS 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal in the method.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal in this method, which was performed on these bells, using the same composition.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	BERT GOGLE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	*FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Bristol 'inside.'

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALISON M. MANN .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. BRUNT 5
*BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*HARRY R. APPLETON .. 3	*BERNARD C. MANN 7
*ARTHUR HUBBLE 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Treble	*GRAHAM T. BALL 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 6
AVRIL THACKRAY 3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

BERKHAMSHED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

NEVILLE JENKINS .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	BARRIE HENDRY 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
VERNON GREEN 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	†STANLEY JENNER 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS 6
*RALPH BIRD 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
*†IAN H. ORAM 4	†COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 50th peal together. † 75th peal for the Association. ‡ First of Bristol. First in the method as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 5
E WINIFRED KEYS .. 2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Weller.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

RONALD W. GIBBONS .. Treble	†PETER J. HAWCOCK .. 5
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 2	†EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 6
*CAROL EUSTACE .. 3	MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICOLL. Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal of T.B. Major. † First of Treble Bob. First in the method as conductor.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
JILL MAYES .. 2	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 6
GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. 7
JACK S. DEAR .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW Treble	DAVID YOUNG .. 5
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 2	PETER CROOK .. 6
STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 7
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

Ring half-muffled as a memorial tribute to Joseph Leatherbarrow, who for 48 years was tower keeper and captain of the local band.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Middleton's.	
RONALD K. RUSS .. Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS .. 5
MRS. N. J. DISERENS .. 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

A welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. J. F. Pratt).

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*LEONARD SMITH .. Treble	*ERNEST W. PENN .. 5
*JOY SMITH .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB .. 6
LESLIE BARRY .. 3	FRANK REED .. 7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4	†ARTHUR HALLING .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

A compliment to William Beard on completing 50 years as a ringer at Ruardean.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 6
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
*GORDON A. HALLS .. 2	*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 6
*MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 3	*†RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5
PETER R. JOHNSON .. 2	GRAHAM T. BALL .. 6
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
E. ALAN JACQUES .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., June 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 5
JOHN D. ROCK .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. 6
*DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 4	ROBIN G. LEALE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Surprise.

Ring for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR B. COOPER .. Treble	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 5
*CAROLYN COLLIER .. 2	†JOHN ARTHUR FORD .. 6
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3	BYRNLEY RICHARDS .. 7
†MALCOLM PHIPPS .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD HOWES .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 6
*GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 3	BERT GOSLE .. 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	*FRANK C. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

Arranged from the Rev. H. Law James's composition without the 2nd in 6ths.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON .. 5
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 2	DENIS MADDOCK .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	CYRIL VALENTINE .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores and 11 240's by A. J. Pitman and L. O. G. Morris.
Tenor 7 cwt, 2 qr. 2 lb.

MELVILLE V. ALCOCK .. Treble	RALPH SCUDAMORE 4
*LLOYD JENKINS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
EDMUND J. MORRIS 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal away from treble.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Fri., June 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

JAMES M. BAILEY Treble	ALAN S. PIPE 4
RAY PECK 2	PETER S. BEDFORD 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	ALAN R. BRIDGES Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. BRIDGES.

First peal as conductor.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

RICHARD CARTLIDGE .. Treble	WALTER SHERRATT 4
*NORMAN SHERRATT 2	ROY WORRALL 5
VICTOR STONIER 3	BARRY CORBISHLEY Tenor

Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.

* First peal. First peal in more than one method as conductor.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Treble	†PETER WARREN 4
*LEONARD MILLS 2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN 5
ROBERT W. COLE 3	*HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* 25th peal together. † First on six, and first on an 'inside' bell.
First in the method by all the band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., June 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt, 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 4
ERNEST J. JELLEY 2	MARTIN G. FAULKES 5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 3	PETER R. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ROUSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

On Tues., June 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 60 methods, being two extents each of (1) Reverse St. Osmund and Rev. St. Vedast; (2) Rev. St. Remigius and Rev. St. Vedast; (3) Rev. St. Martin and Rev. Huntspill; (4) Rev. Winchendon and Rev. Huntspill; (5) Rev. St. Simon and Rev. New Bob; (6) Rev. St. Nicholas and Rev. New Bob; (7) St. Simon's, Slapton, Rugby, St. Martin's, Merton, St. Osmund; (8) New Bob, Oakley, Itchingfield, Huntspill, Chipstead, St. Vedast; (9) Westminster, Broughton, Chesham, Blackburn, Ockham, St. Hilary; (10) St. Nicholas, Thornborough, Longford, Winchendon, Hascombe, St. Remigius; (11) Rev. Union, Boveney, Bedford, Rev. St. Faith, Eton, Rev. St. Julian; (12) St. Simon's, Braywood, Welford, St. Martin's, Longworth, St. Osmund; (13) New Bob, Fornett, Ellingham, Huntspill, Bedingham, St. Vedast; (14) Westminster, Knpton, Lyng, Blackburn, Intwood, St. Hilary; (15) St. Nicholas, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Winchendon, Harpley, St. Remigius; (16) Plain Bob and Candlesby; (17) Plain Bob and Boxford; (18) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Raveningham; (19) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Dorton; (20) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook; (21) Shipway's Place and Tandridge. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. Treble	ANDREW N. STUBBS 4
*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 2	*JAMES H. PAILING 5
*JOHN G. PUSEY 3	DAVID T. DARBY Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN J. ELLIOTT.

* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. First in 60 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., June 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: St. Clement's College Bob (2), Oxford Treble Bob (2), Kent Treble Bob (1), Plain Bob (2).
Tenor 8 cwt, 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

*JOSEPHINE HARRIS .. Treble	DERECK DAVIES 4
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 2	GEORGE E. HANCOCK 5
LESLIE W. BACON 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edward Pich, a ringer at this church for 40 years.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., June 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr. in A flat.

REG. HOUGHTON .. Treble	PETER G. SMITH 4
BRYAN F. SIMS 2	ALAN S. SMITH 5
*FRANK H. BRISCOE 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal of Surprise.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 6 lb.

GERALD PENNEY .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ELLIS 4
*CLARE CHAMBERS 2	STANLEY HUCKLE 5
†CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Stanley Huckle.

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DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN HAYES	Treble	GEOFFREY PARTING	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	WALTER ALLMAN	5
JOHN S. DEAN	3	†DENIS MADDOCK	Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

* First peal of Minor. † 75th peal. First in four methods as conductor.

A birthday peal for Harold Hayes, father of the treble ringer.

BERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALAN KENT	Treble	HOWARD COLLINGS	4
KEITH PRIME	2	VICTOR ROBERTS	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

COGENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb.

ROBERT S. ROBERTS	Treble	TERENCE M. HAINES	4
JACQUELINE A. DOWNING	2	ERIC BILLINGS	5
PERCY AMOS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method by the band and for the Guild.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

*ANTHONY J. CARTER	Treble	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	4
ALAN J. BUTCHER	2	ERIC H. KNAPP	5
†JUNE F. CARTER	3	*MICHAEL PROBERT	Tenor

Conducted by ERIC H. KNAPP.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES W. COOK	Treble	DONALD F. MURFET	4
*GRAHAM TURNER	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	MANSFIELD GINN	Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal in the method.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Childwall and Thelwall, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Single and Double Court.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	LOUIS WILLIERS	5
PETER A. SHARP	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) College, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JAMES T. ROOKE	Treble	*WILLIAM DICKINSON	4
*REGINALD LUCAS	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
*DENNIS SMEDLEY	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents St. Simon's, 12 extents Reverse Canterbury, six extents April Day, eight extents Plain Bob, ten extents and one 240 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	Treble	*C. WILFRED LORD	4
*JAMES A. LORD	2	DONALD WHITE	5
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	JAMES A. ROBINSON	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal in five Doubles methods. † First of Doubles.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

JOHN J. MORRIS	Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	PHILIP IMMINS	5
GEORGE DUDLEY	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Derek Bray and Jennifer Sterland, who were married at this church this day.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	Treble	†ERIC N. HARRISON	4
*FREDERICK ROSS	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
CHARLES N. LEA	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † 100th peal for the Association.

WOOTTON-WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being nine 240's (four callings) and 24 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*JEAN MORRISON	Treble	†H. JAMES TURNER	4
†ALMA M. GREAVES	2	†NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
PETER S. BENNETT	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21' 240's by A. J. Pitman, Tenor 8 cwt, 2 lb.
 EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Treble | GWYN I. LEWIS 4
 *DONALD WYATT 2 | BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 5
 HAZEL WAY 3 | JOHN MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., June 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with all 56's at backstroke.

Tenor 9 cwt, 13 lb. in A.

*JILL V. MORGAN Treble | MICHAEL W. FAIREY 4
 CLIVE M. SMITH 2 | FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK 5
 MARGARET PRITCHARD 3 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. First in the method on the bells, for the Society, and by all the band except the conductor.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob,
 Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROY D. TOMLIN Treble | MARK F. HATCH 4
 GERALD D. J. SANDWELL 2 | MICHAEL J. HALLETT 5
 HERMON J. OLIVER 3 | ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B.,
 Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 *JAMES L. TOWLER Treble | ARTHUR HUBBLE 4
 BRIAN J. HOWARD 2 | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5
 JOSEPH SAUNDERS 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Simon's, four of St. Martin's, ten of Grand-
 sire and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. DOBBS .. Treble | GEORGE A. INGLEBY 3
 DENIS A. FRITH 2 | *JOHN H. BROWN 4

WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal. All are officers of the G.P.O.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5280 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in. C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1—2 | JOHN FREEMAN 7—8
 FRANK LORD 3—4 | GEORGE E. FEIRN 9—10
 JACK BRAY 5—6 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE 11—12

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

First peal of Little Bob Maximus 'in hand' by all and for the Guild.

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Mr. Frank Claydon, of Earls Colne, who celebrated his 78th birthday on June 6th, is well known in North Essex for his powers of concentration, especially when peal ringing. Frank rang the third at Halstead to 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major on June 27th and did not make a false blow throughout. The peal was rung to commemorate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Snowden, of Halstead, who received many messages of congratulation, including one from H.M. the Queen.

What is claimed to be the first peal on Hucknall bells, Nottinghamshire, was rung on July 22nd, conducted by Mr. James H. Pailing.

The peal rung at Hingham on May 6th was one of St. Stephen's Bob Triples and not a new method as was at first believed!

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Lincoln Cathedral on July 23rd in 3 hours and 42 minutes.

Conducted by Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, a peal of 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung on August Bank Holiday on the bells of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge.

With the peal at Wootton-Wawen, Warwickshire, on June 23rd, Mr. H. James Turner and Mr. Norman J. Goodman have rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

Six quarter peals were rung by the New South Wales Association for the Queen's birthday. Of these, three 'in hand' were rung for St. Jude's, and two on tower and one 'in hand' for St. Mary's R.C. Basilica.

Miss Cherie Payne, late of Epsom, is believed to be the first lady to ring a quarter peal on the bells of St. Peter's, Brighton. To the regret of the company she is leaving shortly for a teaching appointment in Birmingham.

RELFRY GOSSIP

St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, have lost a very useful member in Mr. W. Abrahams, who is returning from South Africa to Bristol. A farewell quarter peal was rung on July 5th, and on July 4th Mrs. Ratcliffe and Mrs. Hewitt gave a dinner party to all the band and amidst abounding hospitality leave was taken of Mr. and Mrs. Abrahams. 'His ever bright and smiling countenance will long be remembered at Woodstock,' writes Victor Sheppard.

At Barkston, Lincs, on June 27th, a peal of Doubles was rung by officers of the G.P.O.

Oxford University Society have entered the Doubles field with a peal in 60 methods.

When the morning service at Liverpool Cathedral is televised by A.B.C. on September 13th the bells will be on the air for three minutes—from 11.15 to 11.18 a.m.

Mr. E. A. Palmer, who despite his 76 years of age rings twice every Sunday at Carlisle Cathedral, walking about 12 miles to do so, is leaving for U.S.A. shortly. He rang in a farewell quarter peal at Great Salkeld on July 25th.

The bicentenary of George Frederick Handel (1685-1759) was marked by a peal of Grandsire Minor at Cogenhoe, Northamptonshire, on June 20th. Some might regard Grandsire Minor as a poor compliment to one who did so much to enrich English music.

The activities of the Central Council at Southport loom large in the latest issue of 'The Ringing Towers,' the monthly journal of the New South Wales Association. Mr. Philip J. Gray contributes a witty and admirable summary of the proceedings and Mr. G. W. Pipe has written an appealing editorial dealing with 'The Ringing World' and the need for more subscribers.

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If enthusiasm were proportional to something tangible with peals then the Adelaide ringers would all be thousand peelers!

Almost 50 ringers, including nine from St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and St. Andrew's, Walkerville, with members from Ballarat, Bendigo and the Melbourne towers, took part in the Queen's birthday week-end ringing festival in Victoria. The visit was in one sense a return of the Melbourne expedition of January, 1958, in another get-together of our scattered towers.

Activities commenced in the morning at St. Peter's, Ballarat, when methods up to Stedman Doubles were enjoyed. (The treble is at present being recast in England.) After an early lunch and the arrival of the Melbourne coach, the whole company assembled at the City Hall to be met by the locals under Alex Herrman and the Bendigo men under Warne Wilson. The fine 'Alfred Memorial' octave (tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat) were rung almost incessantly for three hours, for the Adelaide chaps meant business, and they were determined to use every minute to advantage! Ringing included call changes and plain hunting on six or eight, Bob Triples and Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Very often in small corners one could see Bob Minor being 'rung' (very seriously, too!) on 'thumbs' during the ringing. The ringing was of good standard, and what a treat it was to see Enid Roberts' superb handling of the tenor. A highlight was the ladies' touch with Miss Richards on the seventh.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED

After an official welcome by Councillor Roff on behalf of the Mayor, the Bob Major peal board was unveiled by Mr. Jack Roper, and a substantial tea served in the City Hall. The time to depart for Melbourne came all too quickly! Ken Minchinlar's house is the 'Glyn Garth' of Melbourne, and on Saturday evening a goodly company spent a fine time there. Tunes and methods on handbells, songs and an abundance of good wine and food were the keynotes of an enjoyable evening. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by Barbara Beeson 1-2, Graeme Heyes 3-4, Enid Roberts 5-6, George Pipe 7-8, Jack Roper 9-10.

Very pleasing was the response to Corporate Communion at St. Paul's Cathedral next morning when the Precentor celebrated. Then, for morning ringing, the company was split up between St. Patrick's R.C. and St. Paul's, and, following lunch, a pleasant afternoon was spent at the two towers (8, 13cwt. and 12, 31½ cwt.). The newly-formed St. Patrick's Society, under John Davis, made us very welcome, and together with ringing was a tour of the Central tower. A near-faultless course of Double Norwich and some Whittington's, etc., on the 12 brought the evening's ringing to a close.

A BUSY MONDAY

Sunday evening was free—most judicious! But, unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to Enid, who was travelling back to South Australia that night, and very sorry we were to see her go. And so to Monday, when for the morning Graeme Heyes had arranged a mystery tour. Visits were made to St. James' Old Cathedral (8, 13 cwt.), Toorak (13, 11 cwt.), both from Whitechapel. Burnley (8, tenor approximately 3 cwt.), cast by John Danks and Hawksborne (eight tubes). The latter three are, of course, hung for chiming only, and although we only chimed at St. James', determined efforts are being made (against stiff opposition) to get these bells rehung. A stunt to round off, was some good handbell ringing in the Myer Music Bowl in King's Domain, the arena-like construction which has recently won such fame.

Thirty-six sat down to a traditional lunch in the Chapter House of St. Paul's, when Hervey Bagot thanked the ladies for their contribution to the week-end. Extensive ringing to Bob Royal, with everyone getting their fill, took place in the afternoon and again after tea until 7.15 p.m. And so, goodbye to the visitors—with 'come again soon'—and a final course on the platform as the Overlander left with the Adelaide band.

GEORGE W. PIPE.

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Because of the emergency most of our postal subscribers overlooked the renewal of their subscriptions. To ensure continuity of delivery, these should be sent at once to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

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ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH, BROADCAST

Mr. Fred Price, of Southbourne, has received the following reply regarding his protest over the time allowed for the broadcast of the bells of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, from the Rev. Martin Willson, director of Religious Broadcasting, West Region:—

Dear Mr. Price.—Thank you very much for your letter, which has been sent down to us from London.

Our good intentions to give the bells of St. Peter's the customary full minute on the air were defeated by a misunderstanding. We are very sorry about it. Every care was taken to ensure that they were properly treated, but once the mistake was made there was nothing we could do to rectify it. We did, however, record the bells for five minutes after the service and sent a copy of the recording to the ringers!—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN WILLSON.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Sad to relate, only three teams entered for the Halifax and District 6-bell contest at Denholm, near Bradford. The draw and results were: Shelley 173 faults, Friesland 151 faults, Thornhill 105 faults and rung out.

The judge, Mr. Edward Earnshaw, president of the Association, in his remarks said the ringing had been far below the usual standard of the Association, and Thornhill would definitely have won if they had not had the misfortune to break down. At that time they were well over half way through their test piece and had only 70 faults.

At the annual meeting that followed the contest, all the officers were re-elected and the balance sheet showed a gain of £2 on the year. It was resolved that in future only two contests be held yearly—the annual meeting being the prize contest, with another contest in October and a ringing meeting in April. In view of the cost, it was decided to leave the matter of badges in abeyance for the time being.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members and friends returned to the tower for further ringing in both major and minor methods.

NOTES ABOUT THIS WEEK'S PEALS

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Wakefield Cathedral was the first in the tower since the first ever in 1822.

Oxford University Society state regarding their peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, that it was the first true peal of Spliced Surprise in which all the working bells were rung by undergraduates.

Reading University Society rang their first peal of Triples at Aldermaston on June 17th. It was a congratulatory peal to Mrs. Jean Ireland (née Dawson), a former Master, on the birth of a son.

The peal at Brenchley on June 20th was rung on the occasion of the admission of Mr. Peter N. Bond, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, as a lay reader in the Diocese of Rochester.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick conducted his 300th peal for the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on June 22nd.

The peal at Benhall, Suffolk, on June 12th, was a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Woollard.

At Astbury, Cheshire, the crowning of the village May Queen was marked by a peal of Minor on June 13th. Better late than never!

The wedding of Miss Cynthia Cole and Mr. R. Yeo on June 6th was honoured by a complimentary peal at Crophorne, Worcs, on June 13th.

Another peal in honour of the 80th birthday of Miss E. Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, was rung at Tempsford on June 19th. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Peter G. Smith.

The confirmation of three members of the Danehill, Sussex, band, was commemorated by a peal of Plain Bob Doubles on June 20th. It was also a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. P. Cornish, R.D., and a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of Mr. Ivan A. C. Butcher.

CARILLON BELLS GREET QUEEN AT CHICAGO

The Queen's visit to Chicago was marked by special ringing as the royal party passed the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel. A 'Swinging Peal Extraordinaire' was the music provided by Mr. James A. Lawson, the carillonneur. The main fuse is apt to blow if the 72 electrically-operated bells are rung for more than 10 minutes. To keep within this time limit Mr. Lawson had two look-outs with binoculars to alert him at the appropriate time.

LONG PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE RUNG

The long peal of 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major was successfully rung at Quex Park on June 28th, but not without incident. With eight courses to go, one strand of the tenor rope parted below the sally and subsequently unravelled until, as the end approached, several feet of loose rope and one third of the sally were flapping around the ringing chamber.

The 'tenor king' is to be congratulated on his masterly handling of two ropes. His comment that the stupendous thunderstorm which accompanied the last few courses was 'just a shower,' was belied when it culminated in a flash of lightning which scored a direct hit on a tree only a few yards from the bell-tower.

LOCAL HISTORY IN THE MAKING

'All men that heare my mournful sound
Repent ye before you lye in ground.'

Thus reads the 1658 inscription on the tenor bell at St. Michael's, Waddington (Lincoln). On the morning of Whitsunday last, however, the voice of the tenor seemed to the ringers present in quite a different mood. The occasion was a landmark in the history of the bells in that the special ringing of the day also greeted a new addition to the old family of five, namely one treble, dedicated this day and bearing the proud lettering—

'S. Michael + 1959 + Give glory to God
And live in harmony with one another.'

The ceremony took place at the close of the Family Communion service after the Rector (Rev. John Woollan), preceded by the choir and churchwardens, moved in procession to the foot of the tower.

No doubt many bands limited to 5-bell ringing would like to see their own rings augmented in this fashion, but not all might display the keenness of the local band at Waddington. Since the consecration of the present church in 1954 the sixth-bell fund has been in action and the local ringers themselves have contributed about a quarter of the total cost.

It was indeed fortunate that the ring of five with its 15th century fourth bell ('Ste Johns Baptiste') were there at all. In May, 1941, a land-mine, parachuting deadly and inescapably, crashed through the roof of the ancient parish church and came face to face, metal to stone, with the might of the mediæval mason. The old stone walls which had withstood the weather of the Lincoln Heath for so many years could not survive this devilry of mankind. The holy place was flattened, and only the bells, firing the once on their swift descent, survived unharmed. The church had gone, but its presence had saved the village, for the annihilating blast scarcely reached the surrounding buildings. No doubt in thankfulness the village never forgot their old church and that modern miracle of survival: much effort, sacrifice and prayer eventually made a dream into a reality. A new building, of contemporary design, has been created and the bells have been raised in their new home.

To share in the pleasure of achievement on June 6th came the newly-formed Lincoln Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild—the first meeting since the constitution was approved in January last. The Branch Ringing Master (Mr. Jack Millhouse) found little difficulty in 'filling-up' from the 50-odd members who attended. In parenthesis, it might even be whispered that despite the meeting of a non-territorial Association not many miles away, a ladies' band was called for and not found wanting in either eagerness or accomplishment.

A further contribution to the sixth-bell fund, now very near its target, came with the charge levied on those who sat down for tea. Whilst the general opinion seemed to be that the chicken salad was good value for money, the fund benefited by the handsome amount of £5 10s.

The service was taken by the Rev. Kenneth Richardson, who was renewing an old association with the Guild, and who at the business meeting spoke freely from the chair of his pleasure at being invited for such an occasion.

The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. John A. Freeman), replying to a question from Mr. Sidney Chambers, spoke feelingly on the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' so much so that the chairman indicated that he himself would seriously consider renewing a long-expired subscription!

The question of local news and its paucity in the pages of 'The Ringing World' was also raised, and the Branch Ringing Master agreed to forward all items of interest which came to his attention.

R. F. S.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Most towers were represented at a well-attended meeting of the West Lindsey Branch held at Willingham-by-Stow on July 18th, and members were also present from the Central Branch, together with visitors from Yorkshire and Coventry.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. Nicholson) and the lesson was read by Mr. G. Bingham, lay reader, whose father was a well-known ringer at Willingham for over 50 years. An excellent tea, generously provided at Mr. Bingham's expense, was served in the Schoolroom by Mrs. Bingham and helpers.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Rector, five new members were elected, and the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) reported with some satisfaction that all the towers in the Branch were now represented. He also gave the news that it was hoped to install a ring of six in the newly-rebuilt tower at Hibaldstow.

Reporting on the Central Council meeting, the Ringing Master (Mr. G. E. Feirn) said that he hoped members would study the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing so that they could discuss it at a future meeting. He also stressed the need to improve the financial position of 'The Ringing World' and urged that more members should become postal subscribers.

Further ringing followed in the evening, when Stow bells were also available.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Annual Meeting

About 35 members, representing 16 towers, attended the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Beverley on July 18th. Good use was made of the two exceptionally fine rings of ten at the Minster and St. Mary's Church. The service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Vicar.

The business meeting followed an excellent tea in St. Mary's Hall and was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers). Mr. H. S. Morley was re-elected District secretary, a position he has held for over 27 years, and the three committee members were re-elected. Cottingham was chosen for the September meeting. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. T. H. Huddleston, of Sheffield, congratulating him on his recent award of the George Cross in recognition of his bravery in arresting an armed and dangerous criminal whilst on duty as a police sergeant, and wishing him a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

ERIN TRIPLES

50th Anniversary of First Peal

This week we publish the peal rung at Gateshead on June 17th to commemorate the first peal of Erin Triples, which was performed on the same bells using the same composition.

Mr. K. Arthur writes that it was at the beginning of the present century that the late Gabriel Lindoff produced the methods as a development of Stedman, with the employment of slow sixes only in its construction. He was then living in Dublin and he named the method after the land of his adoption—the Isle of Erin.

The method proved a stumbling block for composers, however, and no one was able to produce a true peal of Triples until 1909, when the late J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, became acquainted with it. Up to this time the late William H. Barber had been keen to ring a peal of Erin but old Bill was ever a purist and declined to make an attempt even at Caters or Cinques until the method 'proved' itself by producing a true peal of Triples.

About the end of May, 1909, Barber and Parker were present at a meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association and during a discussion over the tea table J. W. P. was introduced to Erin and all its apparent complexities of composition. This was a challenge to the skill of Parker the composer and so it was that on Tuesday, June 1st, 1909, Barber received a letter from Parker and with it was enclosed the 'Original' of Erin Triples. W. H. B. was seemingly overjoyed at this and straightway arranged a band for an attempt for the peal at St. Mary's, Gateshead, on the following Saturday.

The composition of the 'Original' is far from an easy one, with 360 bobs and 98 singles, but to the genius of Barber, who had just then called Carter's Odd Bob Stedman Triples blindfolded, this proved no obstacle and the peal was rung in 2 hours and 54 minutes by a band stationed as follows:—

A. F. Hillier treble, W. T. Robson 2, J. W. Parker 3, R. W. Falconar 4, J. E. R. Keen 5, W. Story 6, W. H. Barber (conductor) 7, J. Stuart tenor.

None of these ringers is alive to-day, so we are unable to get a first-hand report of the peal but the names of them are sufficient, I think, to give credit to the performance.

Following this success Barber called the first-ever peal of Erin Caters at Christ Church, North Shields, on Monday, July 12th, 1909. The first peal of Erin Cinques was rung by a Birmingham company.

It was resolved by present members of the Durham and Newcastle Association that the 50th anniversary of this double achievement in composing and conducting should be appropriately celebrated and after a successful 'dummy run' last February, an attempt for the 'Original' was made on Thursday, June 4th last, but after 2 hours and 5 minutes the attempt fired out. Determined for success, however, another attempt was made on June 17th and a peal, as recorded elsewhere in this paper, was the happy result.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HIGH ERCALL PEALS

Dear Sir,—The peal at High Erccall on June 6th is believed on good authority to be only the fourth on the bells in 147 years. The trebles were added by Briant, of Hertford, in 1812, at which time Richard Wilding was the village schoolmaster. He was a prominent member of the Union Society of Shrewsbury and took part in a number of their peals, including the 10,097 Grandsire Caters at St. Chad's in 1808. Wilding composed the quaint verses cast on the trebles. On the treble is—

'Twin sisters we unite our tuneful powers
With this sweet band to charm the vacant
hours.
In mazy changes cheer the landscape wide
And court coy echo from yon mountain's
side.'

On the second is—

'To where meand'ring Roden gently glides,
Or Tern's proud current fills its ample sides,
Thence meditation views our calm abode,
Heals the sick mind and yields it pure to
God.'

In that year (1812) two peals of Major (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob) were rung by the Union Society.

Some time during the latter half of last century the ringing floor was pulled down and the bells rung from the ground floor. This made it a very long draught, and as there were no guides and it is an 'anti-clockwise' circle with the ringing chamber wide open to the church, this was always considered a formidable tower. Many attempts were made for peals through the years but without success: the draught of rope beat them.

Then in October, 1910, Mr. Ernest Weatherby (now of Los Angeles) erected temporary guides made of wire and curtain rings, and a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by an all-Shropshire band, conducted by William Short, who was working at Church Stretton at the time.

Not long afterwards they had a new vicar who did not like bells and said so in no uncertain terms. He had Weatherby's guides pulled down because, he said, they 'rattled,' and he banned all visiting bands during the years of his incumbency. In this he had the support of the local call-change men, who were bigoted against change-ringing. I asked for the bells for a peal in 1914 and again about 1922, but had a flat refusal both times.

In recent years they have had a new vicar with a different outlook. The bells have been put on ball-bearings by Mears and Stainbank, and Mr. Reg. Austin, the blacksmith and head ringer, has made an excellent set of guides.

So there is no trouble now except for the left-handed circle and the fact that people walk about the church while you are ringing, and it's rather unnerving when someone asks: 'How much longer are you going to ring? You've been on two hours now'; and 'Has the Vicar given you permission to ring?'

On June 6th a very good peal in a new Plain Major method was scored, and we are indebted to Mr. Bennett, of Shrewsbury, for consulting the Vicar and Mr. Austin and 'breaking the ice' after all these years.

Personally, I have waited 45 years for a peal at High Erccall, which is more or less on my 'native heath.'

My grandfather and his brother walked five miles from the old homestead every day to attend school there, and some of the family are buried there. I had given up hope of ever ringing a peal there but it has come at last.—

Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

NON-ASSOCIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—In view of recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' I wonder if Mr. D. Matkin would be kind enough to print a final list of those peals not paid for which will not be included in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild records.

I expect there are a number of ringers like myself who have rung in these peals now classed as non-Association peals who will be glad to put their records straight.

Like Mr. Felstead, I agree that it is a great pity that the first peals on the bells of the Channel Islands should have to be rung for a new Association comprising six members because our own Guild decides to impose a six-penny peal fee to enable us to print our annual report every three years, and because we have a committee strong enough to enforce its peal fee rule—the only Guild so far to take this action.

But perhaps our own members are to blame for this in not being enterprising enough to go out and snatch these two peals themselves; after all, nothing ventured nothing gained.

I only hope that our sixpenny peal fee will not be a deterrent to any other keen young band of ringers who wish to come into Hampshire to ring their peals.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift and their son, Michael, were among the visitors to the Suffolk Guild meeting at St. Mary's, Ixworth, on August 1st. Methods rung included Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Little Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

The Vicar (Rev. L. Baker) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea provided by the ladies. At the next meeting at Mildenhall on October 1st, the new officers for the amalgamated District which takes effect from January 1st, 1960, will be elected.

Ode to Modern Bells

Wool is going, nylon's come,
Ring the bells and bang the drum.
When ringing peals what can one do
When jumpers rise a foot or two?
This really puts wool in the past,
Now it can retire at last.
Its shape it really does not keep,
Better leave it on the sheep.
With Acrilan and Tricel gay—
Go and put that wool away.

'FRAT.'

A DAY IN THE COTSWOLDS

On July 11th a party of ringers from St. Mary's, Handsworth, had a minor trial of strength and endurance in the Cotswolds, beginning at Shipston-on-Stour. Shipston has a clear-sounding six, but the heavier bells were found to have a tendency to drop swiftly unless pulled hard, so we contented ourselves with Plain Bob and moved on to Stow-on-the-Wold.

Stow has a magnificent eight, and we were sorry to leave. The heavy tenor was turned in to Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, heavily interspersed with rounds.

Bourton-on-the-Hill (6) provided interesting exercise before lunch, as the bells are hung in quasi-anti-clockwise fashion with the treble between and in a line with the tenor and third. At least one noble soul courted dislocation of the neck by trebling to Treble Bob. Kent and Cambridge were brought round—though not without a few interesting sidelights on some well-known bell music, as the third and fourth both strike the same note and the other bells are not perfectly in tune with each other.

Longborough bells, another six, also required plenty of collar-work on the heavy end; but those who felt it to be their vocation in life ever to ring heavy bells by way of penance or stern duty—or merely to keep the Ringing Master off the heavy bells at any price—bore up passively, and the result was plenty of Kent, with short pauses for Cambridge, Plain Bob and rounds.

The above-mentioned stoicism had worn rather thin by the time we reached Chipping Campden, where the bells have such dignity that it seems presumptuous to ring them at all. The majestic tenor was clearly affronted at the indignity of being 'thumped behind' to Triples, so she was allowed to supervise rounds instead. Finally she was rung down with due honours, and we crept silently from her presence to a tea in the town.

The final ring was at Mickleton, whose beautiful church has a very pleasant medium-weight eight. After ringing here pretty solidly for an hour, the band mysteriously melted away, and not even an optimistic call for London would fetch them back. There was just nothing for it but to ring down and go home. M. F. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The first meeting for a number of years of the Devizes Branch at Corsley on August 1st attracted about 25 ringers with visitors from Frome, Chippenham, Bridgwater, Bath and Mells. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector, who gave a hearty welcome to all present.

Joint Meeting of North Wingfield

Between 30 and 40 ringers attended the joint meeting of the Chesterfield District of the East Derbys and Notts Association and the Manfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild held at North Wingfield and Clay Cross on July 25th. There was two hours' ringing at North Wingfield in the afternoon and after tea at Clay Cross for three hours. At both towers a variety of methods was rung. The next Manfield District meeting will be held at Eastwood on September 26th.

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HALF PEALS

FLOCKBURGH, LANCS.—On June 20th, two 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Park 1, R. Dennison 2, T. Metcalfe 3, F. Anderton 4, J. Dickinson (cond.) 5, A. Edgar 6. First quarters by all. Rung by the Sunday service ringers for Flockburgh summer fair.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On April 25th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wilson 1, J. Parish 2, R. J. Moore (cond.) 3, R. Bacon 4, R. Burgess 5.

ABSON, GLOS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rita H. Webb 1, S. G. Burrage (first of Minor) 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, Sandra Lewis 4, T. J. Milsom (first of Minor 'inside') 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mack, of Bristol, on the birth of a son, Peter John; also for 19th birthday of Sandra Lewis.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On June 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Tyson 1, K. Newby 2, V. Forshaw 3, R. A. Wilton 4, H. Barnes 5, J. Bagnall 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, W. T. Turner 8. Rung during the procession of witness for Sunday School anniversary.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, O'd, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew): F. Mills 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, S. A. Read 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, W. Bush 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hobbs on the birth of a daughter. Also at the Abbey, on June 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. J. Merrett 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, S. A. Read 4, H. D. Taylor 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, J. Hallett 7, J. W. Owen 8, P. W. Weeks 9, W. H. Hurford 10. An 80th birthday compliment to W. J. Prescott, tower master of Bath Abbey.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

BOOTLE, LANCS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Knowles 1, T. M. Fitzgerald 2, C. Byard 3, T. S. Horridge 4, F. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, C. Knowles 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper 1, Maureen Allen 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. For the wedding of Robert Richard Jacoe and Hilary June Rodder.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill N. Richardson (first quarter) 1, G. C. Jackson 2, F. Derry (cond.) 3, W. L. Eton 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6. For the children's festival.

BREDWERDINE, HEREFORDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Chillingford 1, R. Hatcher 2, J. Hope 3, A. Williams 4, G. J. Price (cond.) 5, P. Watkins 6. A farewell compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. Goowther Smith).

BREDONS NORTON, GLOS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Spiced Single Oxford and Plain Bob): E. T. Newbury (cond.) 1, F. E. Wood 2, O. J. Attwood 3, C. G. Bryant 4, E. W. Penn 5, P. D. Warren 6. First Quarter of Minor in three methods for all the band.

BRISTOL.—On May 24th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger (cond., 50th quarter) 1, Elizabeth Jackson 2, Beryl Abbott 3, M. Taylor (first quarter 'inside') 4, Jane Cook 5, R. Blacker 6. Also on May 31st, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,287 Stedman Caters: P. J. Bird (cond.) 1, Jane Cook 2, Angela Grainger 3, M. J. Austin 4, R. Blacker 5, J. A. Bennett 6, F. D. Mack 7, B. J. Wyld 8, D. Heighon 9, M. T. Rothwell 10. First of Caters for 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10. Both by the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann 5. A farewell to Mr. Mrs. John and David Couperhaite on leaving for Preston, Lancs; also a farewell to the ringing master (Mr. A. R. Mann) on completion of instruction here.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, C. J. Gould 3, T. Beaumont 4, F. J. Cheal 5, R. E. Norris 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, D. Norris 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Eaves (14, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, Joan Cotton 3, J. W. Cotton 4, W. F. Woodward 5. First quarter on the bells.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Howard (first quarter) 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, J. Benfield 4, I. Harris 5, A. Leech 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, R. Howard (first quarter) 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, A. Grant 2, P. Woodrayer 3, John Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For Evensong and the christening this day of Christopher Philip Dean.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on June 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick (first quarter) 1, T. Cooke (cond.) 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pennell 5, T. Senior 6, E. W. Mashiter 7, F. Hodson 8. For Evensong.

HACKNEY, E.—On June 24th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Steele 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. First quarter on the restored bells. Rung on the first anniversary of the church's rededication.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. M. Yardley 1, Ann Cook 2, J. B. Perkins 3, M. F. Hall 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Burt 6. For Evensong.

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Severs 1, J. Ward 2, R. Asher (12) 3, R. Trevitt (11) 4, E. Cole 5, A. Dixon 6, R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, C. Asher 8. First quarter 3, 4 and 8. Rung by the local band.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. W. Graham 1, R. Wright 2, P. Dundergale 3, G. Ingham 4, M. E. Stacey 5, I. Hatch 6. Conducted jointly by 2 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Roy Throsby.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Godfrey 1, A. R. Pargeter (first quarter on tower bells) 2, M. Ann Mitchell (first quarter) 3, C. R. C. Coussmaker 4, F. Harris (cond.) 5, F. Feltham (first quarter) 6.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Monckton 1, J. W. Drew 2, R. C. Beale 3, J. Cornelius 4, G. E. Monckton 5, E. White 6, J. T. Locke (cond.) 7, M. Harwood 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Victor Crabb, a member of the Ilminster band for over 50 years.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Sylvia Parris (first quarter) 2, B. P. Moss 3, A. E. Reeves 4, W. J. Foot 5, P. W. Moss (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. W. H. Parsons, who is leaving for Essex.

LYDD, KENT.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Cooper 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Maizie Vantom 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, G. N. Sloan (first of Triples) 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, A. L. Terry 8. Rung to commemorate the visit of Mr. G. Nelson Sloan, captain of Christchurch Cathedral (New Zealand) ringers.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on May 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, J. R. Cooper 2, B. F. Baker 3, Olive D. Coughman 4, F. Leeson 5, L. Head 6, H. S. Wickens 7, J. Wallis 8, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 9, F. Thwa 10. For Evensong.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Jefferies 1, M. Jefferies 2, A. C. Baker 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, F. Skidmore (cond.) 5, J. Jefferies 6, W. Richings 7, E. Cooksley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Douglas Gardiner, well respected and loved member of Mangotsfield Guild.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,250 Doubles (Cand esby S.C., New Boh. All Saints, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): Mrs. R. Quint 1, D. Cobb 2, Monica Horseman 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, D. Yeo 6.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): D. M. Hibbert 1, Mrs. W. M. Hatchett 2, S. J. Sade 3, D. C. Batholomew 4, M. Hatchett (cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6. For the Whitsun festival.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, F. Wright 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, B. C. Burton 4, A. A. Livings 5, J. Terry 6. For patronal festival.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On June 28th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, J. Hulme (first quarter) 3, J. Burgess 4, A. Farrand 5, B. Bucklev (first quarter) 6. For 'Sing' Sunday afternoon service, and to celebrate the attainment of the degree of B.Sc. (Tech.) by the ringer of 6.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, B. Russeil 2, A. Wenban (cond.) 3, S. King 4, G. Godfrey 5, G. T. Acott 6. For the Masonic service (Pilgrim's Lodge), also a compliment to the ringer of 4.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Livingston (first away from tenor) 1, D. Ward (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Birt 3, A. D. Rivers 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, Janet L. Adamson 6. Rung to mark the ordination of the Rev. P. Swindle (curate and ringer) to the priesthood, and a compliment to Mr. Livingston and Miss Adamson on their engagement.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Chillingford 1, R. Hatcher 2, J. Hope 3, G. Parker 4, J. Price (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Lillian Griffith, former ringer and organist at this church.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Fellows 1, F. V. Nicholls 2, D. H. Watson 3, M. D. Fellows 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. W. Webb 6, F. B. Cookson 7, P. J. Brown (first quarter) 8. To commemorate the granting of the charter by King Edward VI. on June 17th, 1552, to King Edward VI. Grammar School, Stourbridge. Ringers 3, 5, 6 and 7 are past members and 4 and 8 are present members of the school. Also on June 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Sprackling 1, M. D. Fellows (aged 14, first 'inside') 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, H. J. Shuck 4, J. G. Pusey 5, R. Smith 6, D. H. Watson 7, F. B. Cookson (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright, parents of the ringer of 3, on their golden wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith on their 11th wedding anniversary.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On June 14th, at St. Mary's R.C. Basilica, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Wendy A. Nichols (first quarter) 1, Audrey E. Peters (first 'inside') 2, R. J. Klima 3, J. H. Fryer (first as cond. on tower bells) 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. C. Sheehy 6. For the Queen's birthday. Also on June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey E. Peters 1, J. C. Sheehy 2, R. J. Klima 3, J. H. Fryer 4, W. D. Watson 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6.

TODMORDEN, YORKS.—On June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. M. Jowett (first of Major) 1, Miss B. G. Schofield 2, D. V. Hodson 3, P. Whitham 4, J. Kershaw 5, H. B. Schofield 6, J. H. Fielden 7, P. Schofield (cond.) 8. For family service on anniversary Sunday.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On June 21st, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. W. Gray 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Scrimshaw (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. G. Roberts 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, F. Tomlin 4, P. Laws (first 'inside') 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, R. D. Pearson 8. For Matins, and also a birthday compliment to the father of the tenor ringer.

WATH, YORKS.—On June 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Harrop 1, Miss J. Porter 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, T. W. Thirkel 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Duckor (cond.) 6.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Barker (first quarter) 1, T. Barker 2, K. Stainton 3, J. Charnock 4, N. Kitchen 5, S. Tuson (cond.) 6. A farewell to the ringer of 3 on joining H.M.F.

(Other Quarter Peals on back page)

OBITUARY

MR. REGINALD BROWN

We regret to record the passing on July 25th of Mr. Reginald Brown, at the home of his daughter at Twickenham, Middlesex, after a long illness. He was in his 80th year.

Reg Brown was a native of Swanage, Dorset, where he was taught to ring. He was apprenticed as a plumber and early in life moved to Southampton, where he was employed on ship repairs by Messrs. Harland and Wolff. He rose to be head of his department and retired about 12 years ago.

For many years Mr. Brown was a member of the St. Mary's band, Southampton, and a regular attender at the practices at North Stoneham, in the time of the late George Williams. He rang 99 peals, and several attempts were made to ring the one to make the century, but it was not to be. Most of the peals were rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, with a few for the Cumberlands and several for the Salisbury Guild.

Because of illness he was unable to take an active part in ringing for some years. His genial personality and unfailing good temper will be sadly missed in the Southampton District. G. P.

MR. H. CRABB

The bells of St. Peter's, Pentre, Rhondda, were rung half-muffled during the week-end of July 18th-19th to mourn the passing of Mr. H. Crabb.

A devoted service ringer for 51 years, Mr. Crabb was well known throughout South Wales for his activities in the Church. He was secretary to the governing body for the Church of Wales and also secretary of the Bible Society.

Cremation took place on July 18th, his fellow ringers at St. Peter's acting as bearers.

MR. ALFRED H. PULLING

AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep regret that I learned at a late date of the passing of one of our greatest ringers. The sad news of his passing did not reach me until the day he was laid to rest, and it was, therefore, impossible for me to be present at that time to bid a final farewell to my dear friend, Alfred Henry Pulling. I am, however, grateful to the Editor for allowing me, through 'The Ringing World,' to pay tribute to the memory of this great and well-known ringer.

He was an excellent teacher, and insisted in strict discipline in the belfry at all times. He loved every minute of his ringing and was a regular Sunday service ringer for a great number of years at his beloved tower, Holy Trinity, Guildford. It was at this tower that he did so much for me in my early ringing days some 35 years ago. The example he set in the belfry as teacher and leader was one to be admired.

He was undoubtedly one of the greatest conductors of his time, and his peal ringing was of the highest standard. He would not tolerate bad striking, and when the ringing was spoiled by a trip he would show his disapproval by stamping his foot on the floor and shouting out 'Bust it!'

His great number of peals included many outstanding records and performances both on tower bells and handbells. I think it is reasonably true to say that Stedman was his favourite method.

His passing is the termination of some 67 years' faithful service to the Church; and so, too, ends another great chapter in the history of our art.

May he rest in peace.

N. V. HARDING.

King's Lynn.

FOUR RINGERS' OUTING

ST. PAUL'S BEDFORD

This year's outing of the St. Paul's, Bedford, ringers took place on July 18th, when a visit was made to the Lincoln area.

With characteristic thoroughness, Bryan Pattison had planned a pretty full day, and an early start enabled us to reach Surfleet in comfortable time. The leaning tower, with its light ring of 12, was of interest to ringers and non-ringers alike, and we were delighted to renew our acquaintance with Mrs. Richardson.

At Boston we had rather a setback, the church authorities apparently having overlooked our visit; but smart work by Bryan produced the key to the belfry in time to allow us to try this excellent ring of ten. The famous 'stump' caused us to stand back and marvel at the building skill of our forefathers.

The next call was Lincoln, with its glorious Cathedral and its splendid ring of 12—surely one of the best rings of 12 of moderate weight to be found anywhere—and here we were met by Mr. J. A. Freeman and other local ringers.

At Newark we took tea in relays, whilst the bells were kept going, and our last tower was that of the magnificent parish church at Grantham, with its equally grand ring of ten.

At Bedford we dispersed with hearts full of thanks to the organiser and those by whose kind permission we had been allowed to practice our art in some interesting places and on some excellent bells. A. E. R.

MAULDEN, BEDS

Memories are still fresh of the excellent outing of Maulden ringers on June 20th, so admirably planned by Colin Mann. The party, which numbered about 50, reached Leicester in time to ring on the splendid ten at St. John-the-Divine.

The next stop was at Shepsted, and then a short run brought us to Cole-Orton, where the church stands in the grounds of a mansion now used as offices for the National Coal Board.

After lunch, a pleasant 45 minutes was spent in the beautifully-kept belfry of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. Then came a journey to the most distant tower, Hoar Cross, with its majestic ring of six (tenor 284 cwt.) and the dignified splendour of its church. Heading south, Over-seale and Market Bosworth—both pleasant octaves—were visited. Lusty singing of the Maulden 'signature tune,' 'Sailing the Ocean,' enlivened the homeward journey. A. E. R.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

Sheffield Cathedral company made an 8 a.m. start for their outing on June 27th. The old ring of eight at East Markham was a very good appetiser for the hour and a quarter's ringing at Lincoln Cathedral, where methods rung included Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Double Norwich on the back eight.

Following lunch, St. Giles' was visited. Enjoyment here was curtailed when our Ringing Master lost the clapper of his bell during a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. An anxious five minutes was spent while 'experts' investigated. Happily, no harm was done.

Despite the long draught, there was some very good ringing at Sleaford, and Cambridge Major was attempted with excellent results. After tea came Newark, where the 32 cwt. tenor proved quite a handful. After one member had revealed its difficulties by sweating profusely to Kent Treble Bob Royal it was decided to ring the tenor behind to Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The last tower was Tuxford, and here the high standard of ringing throughout the day was maintained in a variety of methods. G. K. C.

HORNCHURCH

In a recent issue, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, posed the question as to what could be more pleasant than travelling through the highways and byways of Berkshire on a glorious day in May, and we at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, would proffer the same question, for we indeed found the same counties equally delightful on July 4th, when our route was along the Thames Valley.

Unfortunately we were unable to ring at Windsor owing to an accident during a peal attempt the previous week, but Mr. Welling fixed us in at Old Windsor at very short notice. Hurst, Reading (St. Laurence's), Caversham, Wargrave and Burnham followed in succession. At all these towers we were met by local ringers and enjoyed making their acquaintance and ringing their bells.

For a band without a tower we think we acquitted ourselves well. We shall never forget the tea in perfect surroundings at Wargrave and, of course, the ebullient George Gilbert provided a perfect ending to a delightful day.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

It would be difficult to find a more delightful place for a summer meeting than Packwood, the venue of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, on July 4th. The beauty of the surroundings, and the lovely summer weather, attracted over 60 members.

Situated in the centre of the Forest of Arden, the ancient Church of St. Giles has many historical associations. In this church the parents of Dr. Samuel Johnson, the lexicographer, were married in 1707. Near the church is Packwood Hall, completely surrounded by a water-filled moat, and Packwood House, with its neat topiary gardens.

The bells are a useful ring of six, recently rehung in a new iron frame for eight. The enthusiasm of Packwood ringers is such that the trebles' pits are not likely to remain empty for long!

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. D. Campbell Miller) who gave an interesting account of the history of the church and its bells. Tea was most kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tallis and Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes in the grounds of their home, Bentley Manor.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Blundell and Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Layton, of Edgbaston, Mr. M. C. Hughes, Mr. R. E. Tallis, Miss H. M. Thacker and Miss P. M. Turner, of Packwood, Mr. J. Clarke, Mr. P. Robinson and Mr. A. Smith, of Knowle.

The tower elections, as life members, of Mr. J. G. Pusey, of Stourbridge, Mr. N. Bennett, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mr. E. T. Chapman, of Lowestoft, were duly ratified.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Coleshill on September 19th.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the North Staffs Association was held in December, 1958, with the president (Ven. George Youell, Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent) in the chair. The following officers were elected: Chairman, G. W. Biddulph; vice-chairman, A. W. Hall; secretary, E. H. Edge; treasurer, N. Sergeant; Ringing Masters—10- and 8-bell towers, G. Wilkinson; 6-bell towers, W. Hazeldine; auditor, J. G. Burton.

Prior to the business meeting, Mr. Biddulph paid high tribute to the services Mr. R. S. Anderson had rendered to the Association during the 13 years he had held the office of chairman, and expressed the Association's extreme regret at his decision to retire. To mark the occasion the president, on behalf of the Association, presented Mr. Anderson with a wristlet watch in recognition of the work he had done for ringing and the Association in North Staffordshire.

The secretary reported that 11 peals had been rung during the year, including the first on the bells at Standon. Eleven meetings had been held, at which average attendances had shown a considerable increase over previous years. The Association had agreed to take part in the Central Council Survey of Sunday Service Bands and Ringing, and some 90 per cent. of the towers in North Staffordshire, affiliated and non-affiliated, had contributed their returns. The Association would consider in due course what positive action was required as a result of the information furnished by the Survey.

Considerable discussion took place on the decision to permit the installation of recorded bells at Ashley and Bagnall, and regret was expressed at this development. It was agreed that the authorities should be approached regarding possible future applications of this nature.

A THOUSAND PEOPLE VISIT BELFRY

When reporting the Snowdon Dinner in 1957, Jayfus wrote of the approach to Rotherham Parish Church ringing room: 'To get to the ringing room it is necessary to crawl through a flue-like opening by means of hauling on steel hand-holds up a vertical steel ladder, to reach some steps not designed for the infirmities of old age.'

Although this rather exaggerates the difficulties, almost 1,000 inhabitants of Rotherham visited the belfry of All Saints' Parish Church on July 18th, when a general church 'Open Day' was held in aid of the Mayor's appeal for £15,000 for repairs to the fabric.

The interest shown by men, women and children in the tower, bells, clock and handbell ringing was really overwhelming, many queuing for half an hour for an opportunity to ascend. Watching the bells being rung fascinated many and difficulty was experienced in getting some visitors 'off the premises.' One or two were obviously reversing direction on the stairs and rejoining the upstream.

Rotherham High School handbell team entertained thousands of passers-by during the morning and afternoon in the churchyard.

The public responded to the efforts of the ringers by contributing well over £50 to the Appeal Fund, and the Lady Mayoress and the Mayor personally attended and thanked the ringers for their efforts.

GIRLS RING FOR ANNUAL SERVICE

Rotherham High School girls excelled themselves with a remarkably high standard of ringing for their annual service at the Parish Church on July 21st. They rang Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor on the front six, and, with two of the local company to ring the tenors, rang Grandsire Triples. Little Bob Major and 240 changes of Plain Bob Major (conducted by Miss Susan Chaddock). The ringing concluded with call changes on the 10 bells. Three towers—Whiston, Thrybergh and Rotherham—were represented. S. C.

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WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On April 25th, at the College, 1,680 Plain Bob Minor: J. Steadman 1. J. G. Pusey 2. H. J. Verity 3. D. J. Roaf 4. A. S. Watt 5. B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6. After an unsuccessful peal attempt by a band of Old Wykehamists.

WING, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger 1. Mary Tapley 2. I. Knox 3. I. Pett 4. P. Newing (cond.) 5. R. R. Churchill 6. A farewell to Mary Tapley, who is leaving for Reading.

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ENGAGEMENT

WINDLEY—AINLEY.—The engagement is announced between Peter Francis, son of Rev. Canon F. M. Windley, of St. Martin's, Vicarage, Scarborough, and Catharine Mary, elder daughter of the Rev. Charles and Mrs. Ainley, of Scarborough. 4732

MARRIAGE

ROAST—DOWSETT.—On Wednesday, Aug. 5th, 1959, at Danbury Church, Essex, Joseph, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roast, of Danbury, to Mary, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. S. Dowsett, of Writtle, Essex. Future address: Kewset, Danbury. 4715

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

POYNER—PAYNE.—The marriage between Harry Poyner and Mary C. Payne will take place at St. Peter's, Syston, Leics, on Saturday, Aug. 15th, at 11 a.m. All friends welcome at the church. 4720

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The address of the hon. secretary is now W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor, Berks. Would readers of the ringers' magazine please note. 4735

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL.—Commencing Monday, Aug. 31st, and until further notice, ringing practices will be held on Monday evenings, 7.30 to 9, instead of Tuesdays. 4716

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Will members please see notice re Selston Parish Church and accept invitation of the same, this to serve as monthly meeting.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4714

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, Aug. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4700

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, Aug. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—J. Fox. 4736

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton (8), Saturday, Aug. 15th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4731

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Evening meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, Saturday, Aug. 15th, 5.45 until 8 p.m.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4724

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Claypole, Saturday, Aug. 15th, by kind permission of Lincoln Guild. Bells (5) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 4665

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Old Coulsdon (5), on Saturday, Aug. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4684

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Tickhill, Saturday, Aug. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Public Library 5 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head). All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert and G. Watson. 4678

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 6 p.m. Ringing 4 p.m. at St. Clement Danes', Strand. No practice at St. Paul's Cathedral until further notice.—John Chilcott.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 4710

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Alderton (6), on Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names by August 18th to Mr. R. Dowdeswell, 38, New Barn Close, Prestbury.—Mary Bliss. 4727

HAWKHURST GUILD and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 22nd, Salchurst. Names to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle, Sussex. 4723

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 22nd, Kingstone. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to T. E. Wood, 30, Venns Lane, Hereford. 4718

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Newtown Linford (5), Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Please note arrangements: Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—cafés nearby—after meeting. Swithland (6) available, 6 to 7.30 p.m. 4717

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting at the Fox Inn, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. Wm. Martin, 6, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4719

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Aug. 22nd, Quorn (8). Bells available 4.30 onwards.—C. W. Hall. 4722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bourne (6), Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Monday, 17th, to Mr. F. French, 90, West Street, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4690

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by August 20th Mrs. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton. 4730

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Open day at Alton, Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4729

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. Chenies, August 22nd. 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Talk 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea by 18th.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 4734

SELSTON PARISH CHURCH, NOTTS.—Thanksgiving service and reopening of the rehung bells on Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 6.30 p.m. The Vicar, wardens and local band invite all ringers to this service. Ringing after the service till 9.30 p.m.—A. L. Rawson, Tower Capt. 4713

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Joint meeting with Hawkhurst and District Guild at Salehurst on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Sussex. 4726

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Arley Kings on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 18th, to Mr. G. Lewis, 38, Dudley Road, Stourport-on-Severn.—F. Hyde, Branch Sec. 4705

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Tea will be free for those who notify by Wednesday, Aug. 26th. Names to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4721

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Meeting, Wapley (5), Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Ringing, Westerleigh (6), 6.30 p.m.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 4709

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Walesby, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Picnic tea.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 4728

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Holkham, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own teas. All welcome.—C. Tovell. 4733

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Harlestone (6), Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Saturday to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 4711

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Half-yearly ringing meeting, Haslingden, 3 p.m., and committee meeting in St. James' School, Haslingden, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells available: Haslingden (St. James') (8), from 3 p.m. and after tea; and Helmshore (St. Thomas') (8), from 3 to 5 p.m. and after tea. Tea 5.30 p.m. at 3s. per person. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to Miss A. Williams, 2, Park Avenue, Haslingden, Rossendale.—F. Dunkerley, Gen. Sec. 4708

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On June 16th, 1,260 Erin Triples: H. W. Knight 1. Gladys Bishop 2. Marjorie Legg 3. H. A. Price 4. R. H. Brice 5. C. Bishop 6. G. Prescott (cond.) 7. S. G. Smith 8. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and in the Deanery.

QUARTER PEALS

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, Miss E. L. Badcock 2, E. G. Swift 3, P. G. Badcock 4, K. C. Vickers 5. Conducted by 2 and 4. Also on July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, Miss E. L. Badcock 2, C. J. Shepherd 3, P. G. Badcock 4, M. G. Swift 5, E. G. Swift (cond.) 6. For patronal festival.

MERROW, SURREY.—On June 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Shirley A. Bundy 1, Jill M. Lane 2, Shirley B. Aston (first of Treble Bob) 3, Pamela A. Warren 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Jillian Wilson (once a ringer at this church) to John A. Sawers.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): M. McQuistan 1, Wendy Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to J. McPhail.

OVERBURY, GLOS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Siedman, St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Grandsire): G. A. Payne 1, A. G. Pulley 2, P. D. Warren 3, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 4, F. E. Wood 5, D. Deverluxe (first quarter) 6. First quarter in seven methods for all the band. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the Rector's ordination. Also on May 27th, 1,260 Minor (540 Single Oxford and 720 Plain Bob): G. A. Payne 1, Wendy Bird 2, F. E. Wood 3, C. G. Byrant 4, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 5, P. D. Warren 6. A farewell to G. A. Payne, who is moving to Wimbourne, Dorset.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Cane 1, Margaret Cane 2, Doreen Cane 3, D. Cane (cond.) 4, Maureen Butler 5, H. Allen 6. First quarter 1 and 5. Also on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Cooper (first quarter) 1, Margaret Cane 2, Doreen Cane 3, D. Cane (cond.) 4, Maureen Butler 5, H. Allen 6. A farewell to the Rev. D. L. Board on his retirement.

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AN EDITOR'S TRIBULATIONS

LAST week we returned to a normal 16-page issue; our last full issue was dated June 16th, the day the printers terminated their employment. During the interval we have produced four emergency issues under the greatest of difficulties. The staff of our printers was reduced to apprentices. The emergency issues had to be printed four pages at a time; in the latter issues peals and notices were set on movable type, and the whole of these in the last issue were set by the Editor, who some 47 years ago left the composing room for the reporters' room. Such is the circle of life.

As soon as the strike was declared the Editor received letters from readers demanding that he should produce some sort of an issue—a roneo publication was suggested—to keep the Exercise informed of the weekly happenings. At that time his mind was fully occupied with production problems of three other emergency weeklies. Out of chaos emerged a sense of order, and the second week saw the production of the first eight-page issue. But it was produced by "black labour." A new difficulty then arose. The staff of the big wholesale newsagents in London refused to handle the paper, with the result that the only readers who were absolutely sure of their copies were the postal subscribers. These copies have since been distributed to newsagents and, although late, we trust that readers will take them. Newsagents have been heavily hit by the strike; their normal return is one-third of the selling price of a publication, and with the stoppage of a very large number of weekly and monthly journals they have had a very poor return.

The six weeks' break from normal production has meant a six weeks' accumulation of peals and quarter-peals. Our method of condensing will have been observed in our last issue. Footnotes are being severely dealt with, and except those actually relating to the performance are mentioned in a separate news column or Belfry Gossip. We do not want to depart from the traditional style. Because of staff difficulties in our printing works, it will not be possible to introduce 20-page issues until the issue of September 4th. (It must be remembered that the greater part of 'The Ringing World' is set up a week in advance.) Then we propose to issue larger numbers until the arrears are substantially reduced.

We thank the many of our readers who have sent appreciative little notes of our efforts 'to keep the flag flying.' There is one real way of showing appreciation—by the prompt payment of subscriptions and by inducing your ringing friends to take the journal. Another quarter's subscriptions became due in July, and it was felt to be a poor reward for the hours spent in emergency productions when other people were normally indulging in their hours of recreation and leisure for the Editor to have to send out 180 postcards to readers reminding them that their subscription was now due and payment was necessary if they wished to receive the journal.

A temporary stoppage of publication is always a serious matter for any newspaper or journal. Some publications have gone so far as to anticipate a loss of 25 per cent. of their readers. We do not expect that the Exercise will desert us to that extent; but this thing has to be remembered: newspaper reading is a matter of habit, and once broken is not resumed by all. It behoves everybody who appreciates the place of 'The Ringing World' in the Exercise to make certain that their friends have not allowed their support of the paper to lapse. We are encouraged by the fact that each week lately we have been getting new subscribers, and we do not want losses to cancel out these gains. Another encouraging factor was that for the April quarter our losses were among the lowest on record, and some of these are inevitable with deaths and marriages.

At the present time we are not in a position to deal with the financial implications of the strike. This we do know, that labour costs will be up at least $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. by the terms of the agreement, which has yet to be ratified. An onus of responsibility rests on every reader as to how about £12 a week extra is to be found. Methods were suggested at the Central Council meeting at Southport. One was a contribution with peals and quarter peals. Another is by an extended use of our Notices page. For 48 years 'The Ringing World' has surmounted trials and tribulations. It has, we know, hosts of friends and well-wishers, and with their goodwill the Editor is confident ringers throughout the world will see that its continuity of publication is maintained and that its finances are kept at an even keel. It can be done; it *will* be done. One reader in a congratulatory message summed up the situation as follows: 'It makes one realise what a disastrous vacuum would be caused by the complete disappearance of "The Ringing World."'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

FRANK B. LUFKIN Treble	*DENNIS KNOX 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 9
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON 10
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 11
JEFFERY HARRISON 6	SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN PINFOLD Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 9
ROBIN G. LEALE 4	PETER BERESFORD .. 10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
HENRY H. FEARN 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

FRANK E. DARBY Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 8
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 9
*BARRIE HENDRY 4	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 10
ALAN J. FROST 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
*JOHN D. ROCK 6	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Maximus. First of Pudsey Surprise Maximus by all except ringers of 5, 7, 9 and tenor.

TEN BELL PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN O. WELLER Treble	*RALPH BIRD 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	JOHN R. COOPER 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 8
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 9
*IAN H. ORAM 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First 10-bell peal as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR B. COOPER .. Treble	*WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 6
*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 7
SAMUEL SCATTERGOOD .. 3	CYRIL WRIGHT 8
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 4	JOSEPH SAXTON 9
*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 5	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT.

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First of Royal. First of Royal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. D. H. Rooke.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ALAN E. HARTLEY Treble	GRAHAM T. BALL 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	*PETER R. JOHNSON .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	JOHN VERNON 8
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 9
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 25th peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., July 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*PAT WALKER Treble	SUSAN CHADDOCK 6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. 2	†GEORGE S. LEE 7
†ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	FRED FISHER 8
†IAN TILLING 4	†JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 9
†DAVID G. FRENCH .. 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Little Bob Royal. ‡ 50th peal for the Association. In memoriam Mr. A. H. Pulling.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., June 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

RONALD CHAFER Treble	JACK BRAY 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 2	ARTHUR CROWDER .. 6
GEORGE W. MOODY 3	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 4	SEPTIMUS NEAVE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung with bells half-muffled following the funeral of Mr. J. W. Denby, 20 years Vicar's warden.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,536 Rutland, 768 each of Ealing and London, 576 Bristol, and 384 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*IAN A. RICHARDSON (12) Treble	†S. LESLIE BARLOW .. 5
†GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 2	JOSEPH SAXTON 6
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS .. 3	LESLIE W. BACON .. 7
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Little Bob.

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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
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On Fri., June 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

PAT WALKER Treble	DAVID G. FRENCH 5
*RAYMOND WOODWARD 2	FRED FISHER 6
IAN TILLING 3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK 7
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JUDITH R. COX Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON 5
*MARGARET A. LADD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	†ERNEST J. LADD 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 4	†ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. 17). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 75th peal together. First of Cambridge as conductor.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GERALD WILSON Treble	JOHN JACKSON 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 2	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY 6
*KENNETH BONEHILL 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE 7
THOMAS BARKER 4	*ARTHUR RIGBY Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	ALAN R. SYDER 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

Rung to commemorate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Snowden, parents of the conductor.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

M. VIVIAN COPPING .. Treble	ROBERT E. MOULDS 5
SHEILA M. TAYLOR 2	COLIN SWEENEY 6
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3	E. MARTIN FIELDEN 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris's variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN W. RAWSON Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
ALAN HOUGH 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 6
*RACHAEL GRAVER 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
HARRY HOLLIS 4	ROLAND W. PROUDMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal. Ringer of the treble has 'completed the circle.'

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	LEONARD GOODALL 7
CYRIL RUSBY 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G sharp.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON 5
MARGARET A. SWANN 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE 6
WALTER TOMLINSON 3	*RAYMOND F. SMITH 7
*G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by G. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	*WALTER BAILEY 5
WINIFRED WHEELER 2	IVAN COOPER 6
*ANN PRYKE 3	GEORGE N. ORMAN 7
ROY DUESBURY 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	*ERIC EDMONDSON 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	*PETER J. COLES 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	*GEORGE A. SPENCER 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN H. BAILESS .. Treble	MICHAEL VERNON 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED 2	GRAHAM T. BALL 6
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 3	JOHN VERNON 7
*JAMES A. HILL 4	JOHN B. BENNETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

MURIEL REAY Treble	PETER BERESFORD 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN J. STANIER .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING 5
*BRENDA M. SMITH 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	†THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
DEREK PRICE 4	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 450th peal for the Association.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 28, 1959, in 8 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF 13280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Witnessed by BARWELL B. DIBBEN.

This is the greatest length of Cambridge Surprise Major yet rung.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., June 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 111 lb. in G sharp.

PETER G. RICHARDS Treble	GRAEME W. HEYES 5
DIANA M. PIPE 2	BARBARA J. BEESON .. 6
GEORGE W. PIPE 3	ARTHUR H. FISHER .. 7
KENNETH J. MINCHINTON .. 4	JOHN J. F. ROPER .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal of Kent Major by all the band except the conductor, and

the first in Australia by a resident band.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ARTHUR J. HART Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
*THOMAS E. SONE 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
†HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX (No. 7).

* 50th peal of Yorkshire Major. † First in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	DIANA J. PERRINS 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5120 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

STANLEY W. GALL Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	DAVID HEIGHTON 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except ringers of second and fourth.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., July 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of every method for each bell.

ANTHONY A. UPTON Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
PETER BORDER 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 1,500th peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

DENNIS WEST Treble	WALTER R. FELGATE .. 5
JOHN F. FELGATE 2	LEONARD E. SHARP .. 6
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 7
IVAN COOPER 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

A birthday compliment to the second ringer.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
ROGER K. STREITON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 5).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 600th peal.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	RICHARD HOBBS 5
LOUIS WILLIAMS .. 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 7
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Heywood's Transposition.	
JOSEPH MARKS Treble	GEORGE E. GREEN 5
JOHN MEAGER 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 6
HARRY SEAR 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
*ALBERT DANIELS .. 4	FREDERICK PATEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Stedman. Mr. H. Sear's 51st peal on the bells, and rung on the eve of his 81st birthday.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

PAUL MARTIN Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2	TERRY I. ROPER 6
CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD .. 3	REV. PETER R. BLACKMAN .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
FRANK TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE DAVIS 5
*PATRICIA H. JONES .. 2	JOHN E. MORGAN 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	DAVID J. KING 7
ROBERT E. COLES .. 4	ROBIN LEE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal 'inside'.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	ROY DUESBURY 5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 6
RONALD G. BUGG .. 3	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. Treble	*D. JOHN HUNT 5
*JOHN BRAIN 2	*JOHN H. GILBERT 6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY 3	FRANK D. MACK 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN 4	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Major on the bells.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WISEMAN Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

MRS. HANBURY CARTER .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
WALTER C. MEDLER 2	N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY .. 6
JOHN R. SMITH 3	RAY W. BALLS 7
REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON .. 4	HANBURY F. CARTER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by HANBURY F. CARTER.

First peal of Major as conductor, who has now 'circled the tower.'

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

ERNEST F. WILLCOX Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 6
BARWELL B. DIBBEN 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

JILL TOMBS Treble	PAUL W. WEBB 5
*MARTIN D. FELLOWS 2	RAYMOND SMITH 6
FLORENCE L. SMITH 3	DEREK H. WATSON 7
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 4	F. BRIAN COOKSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. BRIAN COOKSON.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major (aged 14).

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 47 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 5
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
MARGARET A. SWANN 4	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 50th peal together.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN 5
*IVOR JENKINS 2	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. No. 4).

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

WITTON (NORTHWICH), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WORTH Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
HAROLD LONYON 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
*EILEEN M. FEARN 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., July 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE SKINNER Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	†SIDNEY F. SKINNER 6
*HEATHER HOOD 3	†FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 7
NORMAN MALLET 4	*GEORGE E. RETTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., July 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 VERULAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Capel Treble Bob; (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob; 43 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER Treble	*RONALD A. WRIGHT .. 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
DAVID STAPLES 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal. The conductor's 50th peal of Minor.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. . Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 2	J. HARRY COOK .. 5
PERCY BALDOCK 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Single Oxford.

*MARY MADDISON .. . Treble	*GEOFFREY DREW .. 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH 3	*BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* First peal in seven 'Plain' methods.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5400 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 120's with ten callings: Pitman's 240 and Morris's 240.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. TRENDALL .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 3
HENRY PRATT 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4

*WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Doubles.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 4
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAITHNESS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST 4
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY 5
JOHN D. ROCK 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method.

CAITHNESS SURPRISE MINOR

—36—, 14, —12—, 1236, —34—, 36
2nd place lead-end.

RATTLES DEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. . Treble	JOHN L. GIRT 4
JOHN E. IVINGS 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 5
HUBERT A. MITSON 3	DAVID BRAND Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford, and two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*J. E. ANDERSON .. . Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 4
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON .. 5
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 3	CHARLES N. LEA .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

* First peal. 50th peal on the bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE .. . Treble	PETER M. ADCOCK 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 2	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Doreen Mary) to Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. J. Arnold.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt

JOHN F. WRIGHT .. . Treble	FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 4
*HORACE GROCOCK 2	EDGAR A. COLE 5
PETER A. HILL 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First of Minor. A birthday compliment to Lucy, wife of conductor.

KIRBY WISKE, YORKSHIRE

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: One each of Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*W. EDWARD MASHITER .. Treble	*THOMAS M. COX 4
*ROHILLA M. COOKE .. 2	*FRED HODGSON 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	THOMAS COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) York Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. . Treble	*IAN R. PANTON 4
*JOSEPH SAUNDERS 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* Most methods to a peal.

MINETY, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 13 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. . Treble	*VICTOR GRIFFIN 4
*PETER WAKEFIELD 2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 3	*BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Surprise. † 50th of Surprise. ‡ First in the method. First peal on the bells and in the method for the Association.

TYSOE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb.

*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. Treble	†ROBERT A. REEVES.. .. 4
†JOHN H. GREGORY 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON 5
†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	*EDGAR S. HITCHCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in 14 methods. First in 14 methods as conductor.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A.

*DAVID J. TUBBS (15) .. Treble	†DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 4
†TREVOR A. CROSS 2	†PETER G. SMART 5
STANLEY G. PONTING 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First in seven methods.

ST. MARTIN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN R. THOMAS Treble	*GUY PICKAVANCE 4
REGINALD H. NEWTON 2	*COLIN SMITH 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE COLLEGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*COLIN A. MORRIS Treble	†JOHN G. PUSEY 4
*A. RAYMOND CRAWFURD .. 2	DERMOT J. ROAF 5
†H. JOHN VERITY 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First in the method, and 25th peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung by past and present members of the school on Founders' Commemoration Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., June 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5760 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being eight extents, each called differently (three callings).

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 1—2	CLIVE M. SMITH 3—4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

LITTLE ASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., July 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At ARBORFIELD, ROSEMARY HILL ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5160 COXWELL PLACE BOB DOUBLES

Being 43 extents (seven callings).

Tenor size 7 in D.

CLIVE M. SMITH 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
MICHAEL W. FAIREY 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method.

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The sexes are evenly balanced for the University of London Society's ringing week in Northumberland and Durham which starts tomorrow (Saturday). There are 23 adult males and 23 adult females and two children. In the party are seven married couples. The headquarters will be at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street. Mr. Denis A. Bayles has planned an attractive week as the tour covers practically all the ringable bells of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

On tour this week in Southern Ireland is Mr. A. P. Cannon's party.

Coming-of-age greetings were extended by this week's peals to Mrs. Douglas H. Rooke (at Chesterfield) and Mr. John H. Jelley (Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough).

'Ex-Pealer' writes suggesting that at all dinners and similar functions a collection be taken for 'The Ringing World,' and the length of the report would depend upon the amount collected.

By one of those strange happenings that occur in print offices, the line 'Scottish Association' appeared after 'Swansea and Brecon Guild' on page 438. The Editor is entirely to blame and offers his apologies.

The annual tour of the Cambridge University Guild starts tomorrow in Yorkshire. Twenty-nine members are expected. One young member, writing at the last moment to ask if there was room for him in the party, offered to sleep under a hedge!

Yesterday was the silver wedding anniversary of our esteemed contributor, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, and Mrs. Shepherd. The wedding in 1934 was marked by a peal of Stedman Caters at Solihull, called by Mr. Albert Walker. In the band were also Mr. James George and Mr. John Neal.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The Sunday service band at the Church of All Souls, Halifax, rang Mr. A. J. Pitman's 5,152 Spliced Surprise Major in four methods on June 27th. We should be pleased to hear if any other Sunday Service band has put up such a performance. The peal was a farewell tribute to the Rev. E. C. Henderson.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick passed another century of peals (his sixth) at South Wigston on July 1st. Mr. Peter N. Bond rang in his 2,000th tower while touring with the St. Christopher Society. It was at Hope, Flintshire, and was accomplished with hopes for his 3,000th!

Mr. George A. Fearn, of Birmingham, rang his 1,500th peal on July 1st at Shirley. It was a birthday compliment to two of his ringing friends—John Pinfold and John A. Anderson.

The band who rang the quarter peal at Sutton-on-Hull on July 19th for the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Ducker was composed of parents and godparents.

The Norwich Diocesan Association rang a farewell peal of 5,075 Grandsire Caters at St. Peter Mancroft's on July 28th to their patron, the Rt. Rev. P. M. Herbert, who has resigned the Bishopric of Norwich.

English ringers, especially those who attended the Central Council meeting at Dublin, will congratulate Miss Jean Stewart on her engagement. In honour of the announcement a peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at St. Mark's Church, Dundela, on August 8th.

'Noye's Fludde,' the Chester miracle play, which is set to music by Benjamin Britten, was recently performed in Godmanchester Church, the two performances attracting full houses. The handbell part which comes in towards the end of the play was played by a team organised by Mr. H. S. Peacock, the Ely Diocesan Association's general secretary.

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WHAT SORT OF RINGER ARE YOU?

A Questionnaire By Professor Dodge (Foreword By Harold Chant)

The following questionnaire was presented to me by Mr. Dodge, together with permission for its publication. I first tried it out on myself with the surprising result that I discovered that I am not half so good as I thought I was. Ringers should answer the questions truthfully and conscientiously and afterwards consult the answers (or a psychiatrist).

- When 'rounds for learners' is suggested at a meeting, do you
 - Sit down with patient resignation?
 - Be prepared to help either by taking a rope or standing behind a learner?
 - Go outside for a 'smoke'?
- At a meeting when one or two learners stand in for a 'touch' of plain bob, do you
 - Immediately offer to ring one of the bells in 'touch'?
 - Offer to stand behind one of the learners?
 - Sit down quietly and wait for the next 'touch'?
- If, whilst sitting down in the above 'touch,' one of the learners gets lost, do you
 - Shout instructions to him across the belfry?
 - Jump up, stand behind him, and tell him what to do?
 - Leave it to the conductor who was telling him anyway?
- When meeting for service ringing with only five ringers for 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells, do you
 - Wait outside to see if more ringers turn up?
 - Wait in the belfry to see if more ringers turn up?
 - Suggest that John pops round to Willie's to see if he has got out of bed. If not, 'call it a day'?
- When asked to stand in a peal, which do you first consult—
 - Your diary?
 - Your wife (or sweetheart)?
 - Your memory?
- Having decided to stand in, what is the first thing you enquire about—
 - The method(s)?
 - The bells?
 - The team?
- If you are conducting a peal and miss a 'bob,' do you
 - Wait until the next trip, sail into it and make a proper mess?
 - Call 'Stand' and confess your crime?
 - Call 'Stand' and say there has been a shift course?
 - Panic?
- When conducting a peal or 'touch,' do you
 - Call the bobs and hope for the best?
 - Transpose the coursing order at each call?
 - Call the bobs and have a 'spot check' at intervals throughout the composition?
- When asked to ring a method that you don't know, do you
 - Refuse to ring, saying that you have not rung the method for 10, 20, 30 years?
 - Refuse to take part, admitting that you don't know the method?
 - Glance at the method and have a go, willy-nilly?
- When you get lost, do you
 - Shout, 'What am I doing'?
 - Start shouting at someone else?

- Think quickly and try to put yourself right?
 - Panic?
- If the conductor instructs you to do something that you are *certain* you should *not* do, do you
 - Start to argue and refuse to do it?
 - Do it and say nothing?
 - Do it and shake your head?
 - Nod your head and carry on what you were doing?
 - What is your opinion of lady ringers? Are they
 - Decorative material for otherwise drab surroundings?
 - Useful stop-gaps for Sunday service ringing?
 - Equal in all respects, apart from brute force, to their male counterparts?
 - When discussing or arranging a ringers' outing, do you
 - Accept it as a heaven-sent opportunity for tower snatching?
 - Consider and make arrangements for wives, children and other sundry embellishments?
 - Regard it purely as a *ringers'* outing?
 - In a discussion, open leads v. closed leads, do you say that
 - You have no time for open leads?
 - You hold no brief for closed leads?
 - You don't mind which so long as the striking is good?
 - What is your opinion of the C.C. (Central Council)?
 - They are a sincere body of people doing a good job of work.
 - They are a meddlesome collection of busybodies, each anxious to obtain the limelight.
 - You are surprised to learn that C.C. stands for Central Council. You had always been under the impression that C.C. was a typographical error which should be preceded by an 'M.'
 - When a service is held at a ringers' meeting, do you
 - Complain that these take up too much ringing time and stay outside?
 - Complain, as above, but attend nevertheless?
 - Take part in, and enjoy, the service?
 - When the conductor says to the team in general: 'Listen to the striking, please,' do you
 - Feel a little surprised?
 - Listen to hear which fool is 'mucking things up'?
 - Listen to hear if your striking is all that it should be?
 - When the conductor tells you to 'Hold the fourth off at backstroke,' do you
 - Hold the fourth off at backstroke?
 - Set your bell and leave in disgust?
 - Ignore him, knowing that your hearing is as good as his?
 - Tell him to push the tenor on at hand-stroke?
 - When names are required for tea at the next meeting, do you
 - Send your name in good time?
 - Go to the meeting and hope for the best?
 - Wait until someone else offers to write and ask him to include your name?
 - At tea time, not having sent your name, do you
 - Sit down quickly at the tea-table?
 - Make your own arrangements about tea?
 - See the person in charge and ask him if there is a place to spare?

- When 'The Ringing World' is mentioned, do you
 - Complain that it doesn't cater for learners/advanced ringers, etc., etc.?
 - Encourage people who are not regular subscribers to start taking it?
 - Say that many articles are a waste of space and that you could write better ones yourself?
- When you read of 'the quickest peal on the bells,' do you
 - Resolve, if possible, to ring a quicker one at some future period?
 - Wonder what virtue there is in such a performance?
 - Glance at the weight of, and the ringer of, the tenor, and offer mental congratulations?
- When 6-5s at backstroke are mentioned, do you
 - Shrug your shoulders in indifference?
 - Resolve to try them out to test their interest and musical qualities?
 - Condemn them out of hand?
- On the question of irregular methods, do you
 - Shrug your shoulders in indifference?
 - Resolve to try them out to test their interest and musical qualities?
 - Condemn them out of hand?
- If, after wading through the questionnaire, you find that your total marks are low, will you
 - Dismiss the whole thing as a stupid joke?
 - Criticise the marking scheme?
 - Mark well your faults and try to amend your ways?

MARKING SCHEME

1: (a) 0, (b) 4, (c) 0; 2: (a) 4, (b) 3, (c) 0; 3: (a) 0, (b) 2, (c) 4; 4: (a) 0, (b) 0, (c) 0 (full marks) (4) if you suggested ringing five bells; 5: (a) 3, (b) 4, (c) 2; 6: (a) 2, (b) 3, (c) 4; 7: (a) 0, (b) 4, (c) 0, (d) 0; 8: (a) 1, (b) 4, (c) 2; 9: (a) 0, (b) 3, (c) 4; 10: (a) 3, (b) 0, (c) 4, (d) 0; 11: (a) 0, (b) 3, (c) 4, (d) 0; 12: (a) 1, (b) 1, (c) 4; 13: (a) 0, (b) 4, (c) 2; 14: (a) 1, (b) 1, (c) 4; 15: (a) 4, (b) 0, (c) 1; 16: (a) 2, (b) 3, (c) 4; 17: (a) 2, (b) 1, (c) 4; 18: (a) 4, (b) 0, (c) 2, (d) 1; 19: (a) 4, (b) 1, (c) 2; 20: (a) 0, (b) 3, (c) 4; 21: (a) 1, (b) 4, (c) 1 (write them and send them to the Editor—he will be delighted to receive them); 22: (a) 1, (b) 4, (c) 3; 23: (a) 2, (b) 4, (c) 0; 24: (a) 2, (b) 4, (c) 0; 25: (a) 0, (b) 3, (c) 4.

GRADING

85–100. You are an adornment to the Exercise, a pattern for all learners, or an extremely good liar.

60–84. A quite good-to-average type of ringer.

40–59. Beginning to come apart at the seams. Below 40. You would be better employed, as 'Old' Jack Brothwell used to say, 'Ringing a pikelet bell.'

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

It is many years since the Barnsley and District Society visited Ackworth, near Pontefract. The meeting on August 8th will be remembered by the excellent tea provided in the Vicarage by the ladies of the village free of charge, and the splendid arrangements made by the Vicar (Rev. A. F. Armstrong). At the business meeting the Vicar presided, and Mr. Lamprey, of Ackworth, who has been a ringer from 1887, is now 84, was made a life member. Mr. Donald Gleason, of Darfield, was elected a ringing member and the Vicar an honorary member.

The next meeting will be the cup contest at Hoylandswaine on September 12th. The votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. James Thorley.

NOTES ABOUT THIS WEEK'S PEALS

The first peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells of All Saints', Maidstone, was rung on June 27th.

For the annual procession of witness at Chorley on June 27th, which was attended by the Bishop of Lancaster, a peal was rung on the bells of St. Lawrence's Church.

The in memoriam peal to Mr. Alfred H. Pulling at Rotherham on July 8th was rung by the Sunday service band. Mr. Pulling joined the Yorkshire Association in 1930. Other in memoriam peals were rung at Erith, Whitwick and Guildford.

The peal at Handsworth, Yorks, on June 27th, was a wedding compliment to the Rev. T. N. Evans, who has been curate here for three years and is leaving for his own parish at Mexborough. He married on June 20th, at Handsworth, Miss P. M. Sparkes.

With the peal at Market Bosworth, Leics, on June 27th, which was a silver wedding compliment to him and his wife, Mr. John W. Rawson 'completed the circle' of these bells to peals.

The peal of 5,120 Kent T.B. Major at St. John-the-Baptist's, Worcester, was rung to mark the ordination of the Rev. Anthony Riley Williams, cousin of the conductor (Mr. Gerald C. Hemming) and nephew of Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming, who was ordained at Bangor Cathedral on May 23rd, when a peal attempt failed.

Mr. Kenneth J. Minchinton, who rang in the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by a resident Australian band at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on June 28th, had only previously rung three leads as a touch in the method.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Rotherfield on June 28th was rung specially for the visit of the Bishop of Chichester for Confirmation. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. A. Riddington.

Fourth-place bobs were used in the composition of 5,120 Norfolk Surprise Major rung at Hingham on July 1st. This composition of Mr. Nolan Golden's contains at course-ends 6th extent home and all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Bristol Cathedral on July 4th was for the wedding of Miss Hilary Monica Harrison, daughter of the Very Rev. Douglas Harrison (Dean of Bristol), and Mr. David William Hide.

Mr. Hanbury F. Carter called the peal of Plain Bob Major at Marsham, Norfolk, on July 4th in honour of the 30th anniversary of his wedding. His wife shared in the rejoicings by ringing the treble.

The bicentenary of the bells at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, was commemorated by the Sunday service band ringing a peal on the bells. It was also for St. Thomas' Boy Scouts' jubilee.

Local congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Ogden on the birth of a son (Philip Mark) were extended by a peal of Yorkshire at St. Paul's, Walkden, on July 4th. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. William H. Dowse.

At Broadclyst, Devon, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John L. S. Glanville and Miss Muriel C. Medler, both of Woodbury.

The peal rung at Cowbridge on July 4th was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Jones, who was ringing her first peal 'inside,' and a farewell to Frank Taylor and Robin Lee, who left Cowbridge Grammar School at the end of the term.

The peal at Great Glen, Leics, on June 27th, was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Cook on the birthday of a grand-daughter, and for the 17th birthday of the conductor (Mr. Roland H. Cook).

Mr. Walter Arnold, of Essex, has rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. The Doubles peal was rung at Black Notley on June 29th.

The bells of Rattlesden, Suffolk, rang on July 3rd for three wedding anniversaries—the Rector and Mrs. Evans', Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitson's and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Girt's (silver). It was also a birthday compliment to Sandra Goodship.

CHISELDON'S BANK HOLIDAY

Along with a carload of friends from Aldbourne and Swindon, eight Chiseldon ringers set off on August Monday for a tour around the Andover district.

At Thruxton (6, 8 cwt.), the first tower, the sound of the bells was muffled by that of the motor-cycles. Before lunch we also rang at Abbot's Ann (5, 9 cwt.), and afterwards on the excellent six at Goodworth Clatford (8 cwt.), the five at Leckford (8 cwt.), hung in a curiously low-gabled tower, and Barton Stacey (6, 7 cwt.). Finally, to end the day, came Longparish (6, 7 cwt.) and St. Mary's Bourne (6, 12 cwt.).

Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, All Saints, St. Nicholas' and St. Simon's Doubles and Plain Bob, and Kent T.B. Minor.

Our thanks are due to all those who helped to make this such an enjoyable day. R. J. J.

AN OUTING IN THE LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS

Seventy years ago, a youngster named Joe Cheetham was learning to handle a bell. On July 11th that same youngster journeyed with members of the Dunholme and Saxilby bands on a tour of towers in the Lincolnshire Wolds. In the intervening period Joe had for more than 40 years been a popular and respected tower captain at Dunholme.

The party set out just after 9.15 on a trail blazed by the Vicar of Dunholme (Rev. G. Tyson) and the present captain, Stan Smith. It was not then known that before the day had run its course the variety of transport in use would add spice to the proceedings.

Horncastle proved a good jumping-off place, not only because of the good bells there but also because of the really warm welcome received from the Vicar and two members of the local band.

The storm which had been threatening caught up with us at Old Bolingbroke, but your scribe graciously declined to borrow someone else's jacket and made a dash from church to car through pouring rain in a rapidly-moistening shirt. His own jacket? Still hanging in the tower! He remembered it when we got to West Keal, and good old Jack Godfrey had to take him back to recover it.

The bells at West Keal have characteristics not often met with, and we made hard work of them, so that the really excellent coffee the ladies produced with the aid of Stan's primus was doubly welcome.

East Keal, with its anti-clockwise ring, and Stickney, have good bells; but at Stickney we had to terminate ringing 20 minutes earlier than planned as some young lady thought her affairs to be more important than ours. But we tried to produce some good ringing for her special benefit, and she made a charming bride.

Paul Coddington and David Fox had spent the morning at school trying to keep thoughts of bells out of their minds. They managed to escape detention and caught up with us at Stickney, where Paul rang for the first time in a tower other than his own. Rosemary now decided she'd like a ride in Martin's sidecar,

and that was the only time during the day that the bike refused to start. We found the pair of them standing disconsolately outside a garage on our return from Sibsey, but repairs were almost complete.

At Sibsey the Saxilby contingent were pleased to see William Wilkinson, whose name has a definite place in the records of their tower—he was a member of the band which rang the first peal on their bells.

Holton Holgate, Spilsby for tea, Raithby (where Mr. Tyson was able to ring in the church of which he was once the incumbent), and finally the lovely church with a really grand ring of bells at Alford. We had visited eight 6-bell towers and one 8-bell tower. There was only one bad ring among them; and if any outing organisers have not tried this part of the country we can recommend it, as we know that there are plenty of other grand old churches with good bells in the area.

Eighty-one-year-old Joe Cheetham rang in all towers except the last. Maybe he was anxious to get off to the Windmill Inn where dinner was awaiting us.

It was 10 o'clockish when our vehicles finally turned their backs on the bright lights of Alford and nosed their way out into the darkness of the surrounding countryside. And now it was that Harry's 1936 Wolsley showed us the stuff of which she was made. Like an advancing army in the face of great odds, she fought for every mile of the way. When her headlights refused to work she used her spotlight, and when top gear was too much for her she rattled along in third. When someone in Horncastle stopped and stared she exploded her silencer at him with a crack like rifle-fire. We finally limped to a halt in Dunholme early on Sunday morning, breathing exhaust fumes and many a silent prayer, and Stan ran us over to Saxilby in his Dormobile.

Thanks go to the Vicar of Dunholme, Stan, Jack, Harry, Peter and John—who—as a member of the Saxilby band and instructor at Dunholme—is the link between the two towers.

H. W. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STEDMAN TRIPLES COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—We must all thank Mr. Shirley Burton for bringing to light some once-rung but now forgotten peals of Stedman Triples by the late John O. Lancashire ('Ringing World,' February 27th, 1959).

I was especially interested in the odd and even bob and single composition with the 4th as observation. With the experience of having called it recently I can earnestly recommend it to any band who wish to ring Stedman Triples, apart from the usual twin bob compositions on Thurstans' plan. It is rather fearsome to look

at but relatively easy to memorise and call and, according to the remainder of the band, interesting and easy to ring, with the great number of phrases bringing up the music in unexpected places and in interesting ways.

Whilst on the subject of forgotten compositions, I enclose the figures of an excellent composition in five equal parts by John Carter which, in my opinion, is well worth ringing.—Yours sincerely,

J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES ODD BOB AND SINGLE FIVE-PART

By JOHN CARTER

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423651	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
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125346	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	E

Repeat four times.

Courses A contain 16 sixes, C and E 12 sixes.

The first peal composed with only seven calls in each course.

First rung November 27th, 1905, at St. Mary's, Gateshead-on-Tyne, conducted by William H. Barber.

MORPETH WATCH TOWER

Dear Sir,—With reference to the paragraph on page 438, the exception is taken to the peal ringers and not the practice night. On the practice night, Monday, the bells are so 'shuttered' that they can only be heard a few yards away. They stop for the Curfew, and after that the bells are again 'shuttered' and the practice continues. The ringers have practised for years, and still practise. People wonder what it is all for as there are no 'church bells,' only myself at the Ellacombe.

I do hope the president of the Durham and Newcastle Association will respect the Curfew when arranging peals.—Yours sincerely,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth.

Note.—At the last meeting of the Morpeth Town Council the Mayor was emphatic that it was not the intention of the Council to do away with the Curfew. There was strong resentment at the view expressed by the B.B.C. in an interview with Miss Armstrong.—Ed.

THANKS TO EAST HERTS

Dear Sir,—Through the columns of your paper, I should like to thank my many friends in East Hertfordshire who have been so kind to me, and with whom I have spent so many happy hours, during my five years' sojourn in that district.

I have at last realised my greatest hopes for Little Hadham—a complete restoration, which, it is hoped, will be completed by Easter, 1960.

I have left the village with the satisfaction of knowing that my efforts were not in vain.

Also, as I am making a double move, and leaving Wavendon, where my first introduction to change-ringing took place, I should also like to thank all my friends in North Bucks and Bedfordshire for their kind help, especially at Woburn and Husborne Crawley.

My address from the end of this month will be 105, Tutbury Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

I hope that we will meet again some time in the future, and I feel certain that I will be very happy ringing for the Midland Counties Guild, but none the less, I shall miss you all.—Yours, etc.,

ADRIAN C. WEDGWOOD.

THE FIRST BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Caleb Fenn's inquiry, the first broadcasting of church bells for a service was some time in 1923, from Crowland Abbey, and the time allowed was five minutes. Just before the service the wires and cables were cut so that it should not be broadcast, and later on another attempt was tried. In the meantime the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields went on the air, and carried on once a month afterwards for five minutes with tune playing and call-changes. Once at Bow Church, during a children's broadcast of the bells, a bell had a stay broken, and we heard it run down. I believe Mr. Willie Roughton was in charge at the time.—Yours, etc.,

Kempston, Beds.

PEARL INSKIP.

CRACKED CHURCH TOWERS

Dear Sir,—A crack has developed in the north wall of the tower of St. Peter's, Bolton, Lancs. It is a large tower, about 150 feet high, buttressed and built of dressed stone. It has always been understood that the foundations are as much below the ground level as it rises above. This was done to get on to rock. The tower contains a ring of eight bells (tenor 15½ cwt.). To my own knowledge the 'go' has been excellent during the past 54 years.

My interest now is to try to ascertain the cause. I have a theory that the cause may be ringing call-changes. For many years, much longer than my first contact there, there was a good change-ringing band: 840 for matins and evensong was the regular order of ringing, and a large number of peals have been rung there. The war altered the order of ringing from change to call-changes.

The bells are hung so that four swing east and west and four north and south, the heaviest weight of metal being east and west. When there is change-ringing there is a definite shake felt in the tower walls, but is only of seconds duration, obviously being countered by the ever changing swing of the bells. If when ringing call-changes the four bells swinging east and west were left in that rotation for a considerable time, the shake in the fabric would develop into a swing and be accelerated instead of countered.

Perhaps some other ringers have had experience of cracked tower walls, and if so, had there been much call-change ringing done there? I would welcome observations because, if it was thought that this may be the cause, then perhaps the best advice would be to change the order of ringing very frequently. This is no reflection on call-change ringers, but it may be, perhaps, a prevention of another cracked church tower.—Yours, etc.,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Dear Sir,—With reference to my previous letter respecting the non-payment of booking fees for a number of peals published in the columns of 'The Ringing World' under the heading of the above Guild, it was unanimously agreed by the executive committee at the Guild's annual meeting at Portsmouth the following peals be deleted from the Guild records, as the booking fees for them had not been paid.

12/7/58: Seven methods Minor at Upton Grey (conductor, R. G. Leale); 28/9/58: Bristol Surprise Major at Hawkley (R. G. Leale); 2/10/58: Two methods of Doubles at Heckfield (F. R. Scott); 8/10/58: Winchendon Place Bob Doubles at Abbot's Ann (R. G. Leale); 8/10/58: Four methods Minor at Lockerley (R. G. Leale); 15/10/58: New Doubles at Silchester (R. G. Leale); 20/10/58: Yorkshire Surprise Major at Liss (R. G. Leale); 27/12/58: Six methods Minor at Speen, Berks (R. G. Leale).

Will the Central Council Peals Committee please note these peals should not be credited to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Yours faithfully,

D. T. MATKIN, Peal Recorder.

Bournemouth, Hants.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALBERTON, WILTS.—On June 20th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Bob Doubles: Rita M. Webb 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Sandra Lewis 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milson 5. For the church fete and as a 17th birthday compliment to Gloria Newton. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells for about 30 years.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, June Dear 2, C. Harwood 3, A. Lezait 4, L. Scott 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, R. Haynes 8.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On June 10th, 1,250 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Robinson 1, W. Ilston 2, R. D. Flowers 3, T. H. Earby 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond., first quarter) 5, D. M. Barrett (first quarter) 6. A welcome to a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Flowers, born May 30th. Also 15th birthday compliments to the ringers of 5 and 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On June 28th, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston Variation): Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, M. Bland 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. North (first quarter) 1, Betty Stephenson 2, A. W. Bond 3, L. Batting 4, C. W. T. Riddeston 5, W. A. Riddington 6, H. A. Woolven 7, Cherie Payne 8. Rung for Patronal Festival Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On June 17th at St. Stephen's, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: B. Shackleton 1, Monica Horseman 2, F. Mack 3, D. Cobb 4, A. Lee 5, M. Horseman 6, J. Brain 7, J. Hunt 8, R. Hooper 9, A. Tyler (cond.) 10. First of Surprise Royal by all except 5, 9 and 10. Also, on June 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,328 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: J. Hunt 1, Molly Smith 2, Audrey Bailey 3, T. Jesson 4, M. Horseman 5, J. Brain 6, D. Cobb 7, J. Gilbert (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BRAY, BERKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): T. D. Mitchell 1, Kathleen North 2, Janet Adamson 3, D. Livingston 4, Doreen Hague (cond.) 5, Barry May 6, H. Ozlesley 7, J. Norsworthy 8. Rung in memoriam Mrs. D. Backmore.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Kirby 1, Mrs. F. Threlfall 2, I. H. Oram (cond.) 3, R. Bird 4, D. J. Kirby 5, M. Powell 6, P. J. Spice 7, R. T. Newman 8. For the Patronal Festival.

CADOXTON, near NEATH.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. O. Alcock 1, Lloyd Jenkins (first quarter) 2, R. Scudamore 3, G. I. Lew's (cond.) 4, B. Williams 5, E. Morris 6.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Wadman (first in method) 1, Mary Wadman (first in method) 2, E. Wadman 3, R. Beck 4, D. Tarzist 5, E. Chivers (cond.) 6. For the baptism of the first grandson or the ringers of the 4th.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Farnes (14, first attempt) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, Joan Cotton 3, J. W. Cotton 4, W. F. Woodward 5.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 21st, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, Brenda M. Ball's 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, R. Preston (first on eight) 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. Also, on June 27th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Preston (first of Treble Bob) 1, E. W. Furbank 2, U. Wildney 3, H. Eglestone 4, D. S. Symonds 5, F. B. Lufkin 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method for 4 and 5. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Parsons.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Naish 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, S. J. Oram 3, Mrs. J. M. Haskins (first of Minor) 4, R. M. Virgin (first of Minor) 5, J. W. Owen (cond.) 6.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Branter (first quarter) 1, Mary Funnell 2, J. Gay 3, J. Purnell 4, J. White (cond.) 5, W. S. Wilks 6. For Crewkerne School Founder's Day commemoration service.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral on May 31st, 1,240 Cambridge Surprise Royal: John B. Stennitt 1, Mrs. G. A. Hall's 2, E. Walklate 3, E. Thompson 4, W.

Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, W. Walklate 7, A. Halls 8, R. Bore 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. Also on May 31st, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Freebrev 1, C. Walklate 2, H. Taylor 3, G. Halls 4, F. Lowe (first in method) 5, Clive Walklate 6, R. Pocklington 7, Michael Bore (first in method as conductor) 8. Also, at the Church of St. Andrew, on June 4th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. G. Halls 1, C. Walklate 2, F. R. Lowe 3, M. R. Bore 4, Clive W. Walklate 5, R. Pocklington 6, G. A. Halls 7, H. Taylor 8. Longest of Bristol for 2, 4, 5 and 6. Birthday compliments to Mr. C. Walklate and Mr. H. Taylor.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Rockett (first quarter) 1, S. Dolve 2, Monica Horseman 3, C. Bennett 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, M. Horseman 6. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,250 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss C. Lawrence 1, J. Sims 2, R. Clarke 3, I. Oram 4, K. Small 5, F. Harrell 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, P. Clarke 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Small on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Jane.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Cobb 1, J. Gilbert (cond.) 2, Monica Horseman 3, J. Hunt 4, B. Shackleton 5, M. Horseman 6, J. Brain 7, E. Hitchings 8. For the annual Glastonbury Pilgrimage.

GORING, OXON.—On June 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. R. Cross 1, Miss P. E. Buss 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, Miss J. M. Davies 4, J. J. Coate 5, M. E. Downs (cond.) 6, Miss L. E. Allen 7, J. P. Blond 8. First of Major for 2 and 5. Rung by members of Reading University Society.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS.—On June 24th, 1,800 Plain Bob Minor: Tessa Kemp (first of Minor) 1, Brenda M. Smith 2, G. C. Hemming 3, G. J. Hemming 4, N. J. Goodman 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6.

GREAT SALKELD, CUMBERLAND.—At St. Cuthbert's Church on July 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: 1 E. A. Palmer (aged 76), 2 Jane Hodgeson, 3 Alison Callum, 4 J. W. Brownrigg, 5 A. Hodgson, 6 Alex Forsyth (cond.). Believed to be the first quarter on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who leaves for the U.S.A. next month.

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE-WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. L. Pare 1, Diana M. Lawless 2, F. A. Ginns 3, D. C. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. A welcome to Canon L. Hall, of Cleveland, Ohio.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Smith 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, D. Shaw 3, A. Corran 4, T. Durn 5, J. Grace (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. L. Grace, captain of the tower, and Mrs. Grace.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Drury (first in method) 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, D. Wright 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, D. Wright 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, V. Neil 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Newton (first attempt) 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, D. A. Cornwall 3, J. D. Kape 4, P. Newton 5, A. Foxall 6, A. E. Cox (cond.) 7, R. Schofield 8.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. Sharp 1, D. West 2, U. Wildney 3, E. Smith 4, W. Rouse 5, W. Ayre (cond.) 6, L. Sharp 7, F. Lufkin 8. For evening service.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On June 7th, 1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (two extents of Oxford, Camel, Sanda, Kingston and London Surprise Pleasure Treble Bob): M. Mackay 1, D. Stafford 2, W. H. Dowse (cond.) 3, B. F. L. Croves 4, A. Osbaliston 5, F. Osbaliston 6. First of Spliced for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie P. Colegrove 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. Pittham 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

OXFORD.—On June 28th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,250 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. J. Roaf 1, J. H. Gardner 2, H. J. Pratley 3, J. Allsworth 4, E. Venn (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6. For Evensong.

FINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss S. Dorey 1, Mrs. E. Hart 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, G. Hart 4, E. R. Wilkinson 5, D. K. Walters (cond.) 6, D. Livingston 7. For Church Gift Day.

PYTBLEY, NORTHANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): J. Merritt 1, A. Fowler 2, T. Wooding 3, A. Henman 4, R. Henman 5. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Blower 1, G. Sandwell (first in method) 2, M. Hatch 3, F. May 4, P. Coward 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Diserens 1, R. W. Rex 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, R. K. Russ 4, E. J. Munday 5, C. E. Lewington 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, J. N. Diserens 8. For the induction of the Rev. J. F. Pratt as Vicar. Also, on June 28th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Lewis 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, M. D. Ling 4, R. K. Russ 5, E. J. Munday 6, R. F. Diserens 7, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 8.

SEND, SURREY.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, J. Martin 2, Miss P. Drury 3, D. Wright 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung on the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Checkley (first quarter) 1, Judy Robinson (cond.) 2, R. E. D. Henebury (first 'inside') 3, J. J. Green 4, C. D. Baugh (first 'inside') 5, J. T. Clark (first away from treble) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Jones 1, D. Huss 2, M. J. Thomas (first as cond.) 3, Jill Swanne 4, Janice Williamson 5, B. Harvey 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

TREVETHIN, MON.—On June 27th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: G. Marchant 1, W. Harford 2, B. Taylor 3, A. M. J. Edwards (first of Major) 4, J. D. Rickards (first of Major) 5, G. Stickland 6, J. Goodfellow 7, D. Pike (first of Major as cond.) 8. For the wedding of Mr. S. Bridges to Miss Beryl Lodge.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Barbara J. King 3, J. S. Spurles 4, P. G. King 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival. Also a 21st birthday compliment to John T. Robson.

WELCOMBE, DEVON.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sanzwin 1, Jean Horton 2, H. Stacey 3, A. Heard 4, C. Sanzwin 5, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Old Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, G. F. Roome 3, P. Amos 4, R. S. Roberts (cond.) 5. In memoriam T. Loake and W. A. Gamage.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 24th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Pamela Jervis 1, Monica Baggrove 2, W. Butler 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, K. Buckingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, W. Birmingham 7, F. T. Baggrove (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Hill 1, B. Coggins 2, P. Beedie 3, L. T. Olliffe 4, E. J. Townsend 5, B. J. Coggins 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, P. Pearce 8. First in method 1, 2 and 4. A compliment to Miss A. M. Kitto on her recent enagement. Also on June 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Judith Coggins 1, B. Coggins 2, E. J. Hill 3, P. Pearce 4, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 5, P. Beedie 6, D. J. Smith 7, B. J. Coggins 8. First of Major 1 and 4. A compliment to Susan, sister of D. J. Smith, on the birth of a son.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK SHEPHARD

With regret we announce that Mr. Frederick Shephard, lately of Hersham, Surrey, died on August 1st, aged 78, after a short illness. He had been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, for 57 years, commencing in 1901 when the present octave was cast and hung. He also served on the P.C.C. and was a sidesman for many years.

His ringing career was almost entirely devoted to service ringing, but he enjoyed District meetings, if only to sit outside and listen. He rang several quarter peals and two peals—Grandsire Triples in 1913 and Grandsire Doubles in 1951, the latter to mark his 50 years as a ringer at Sunbury. In the days before the 1914-18 war he frequented the Middlesex Association meetings by organising parties to travel to them in a horse-drawn cab. In October last year he moved home to Hersham, where he immediately joined the band at St. Peter's, and served with them until the time of his illness.

The funeral was at Sunbury-on-Thames on August 7th, when ringers from Hampton, Hersham, Staines and Sunbury rang the bells half-muffled before and after the service. On the previous evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Hersham.

MR. A. B. WIFFEN

We regret to announce the death suddenly of Arthur B. Wiffen, aged 73, at the home of his daughter, 23, Burdeshott Avenue, Richmond, Surrey, on July 7th. He was cremated at Mortlake Crematorium on July 10th.

Mr. Wiffen rang his first peal at Braintree in 1902, and had rung about 50 peals, including London. He was a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, for many years, but retired from ringing about five years ago owing to ill-health.

He joined the Essex Association in 1901, and was also a member of the Middlesex County Association, the Sussex County Association, London County Association, Ancient Society of College Youths, the National Police Guild, the Hertford County Association and St. Mary Abbots' Guild.

THE PEALS OF THE LATE MR. A. H. PULLING

The late Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, rang 1,492 peals, of which he conducted 1,289. Of these, 502 were rung 'in hand' (conducted 455). Details:—

TOWER BELLS

Minor (three to seven methods) 19 (16).
Surprise Minor (seven methods) 1 (1).
Plain Bob.—Minor 1, Major 52 (41), Royal 11 (10).
Kent T.B.—Major 53 (49), Royal 17 (16).
Oxford T.B.—Major 2 (2), Royal 1.
Double Norwich C.B. Major 104 (87).
Canterbury Pleasure Major 4 (4), College Single Major 2 (2), Little St. Lawrence Bob Major 1 (1).

Grandsire.—Triples 83 (62), Caters 9 (6).
Stedman.—Triples 316 (277), one silent; Caters 89 (76), Cinques 10.

Oxford Bob Triples 1 (1), Ct. Bob Triples 1 (1).
Cambridge Surprise Royal 2.
Surprise Major.—Cambridge 32 (27), Superlative 56 (44), London 68 (62), Bristol 25 (23), New Cambridge 1, Norfolk 8 (8), Guildford 8 (8), Surrey 2 (2), Dublin 3 (3), Reverse Dublin 1 (1), Double Dublin 2 (2), St. Blaise 1 (1), Yorkshire 2, Lyme 1, Four Spliced 1 (1).

HANDBELLS

Plain Bob.—Major 60 (including one silent, 50), Royal 18 (14), Maximus 2 (1).
Grandsire.—Triples 155 (141), Caters 28 (25), Cinques 2 (2).
Stedman.—Triples 110 (107), Caters 122 (114), Cinques 5 (1).

FIVE RINGERS' OUTINGS

SOUTH BUCKS RINGERS IN LOUGHBOROUGH

Twelve young ringers from South Bucks hired a minibus to visit the north of Leicestershire on July 18th. Apart from a slight argument with a cow, the outward journey was uneventful, and we arrived at Rothley with half-an-hour to spare. Fortunately, Geoffrey Brewin, who was meeting us, arrived early too, and we had an hour on this very pleasant six. Alan Hartley, who had been in our part of the world until about a year ago, also joined us here.

After a sandwich lunch we toured Taylor's foundry, where we tapped out courses of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles on some new bells. We were all a little apprehensive about ringing on the Foundry bells, but soon became accustomed to them. Methods rung included Plain Bob Minor on the front six (with the ladies turning in the tenors), Cambridge, Grandsire Caters, with the treble handled admirably by 14-year-old Valerie Hoby, and enough rounds to allow the youngest member of the party to ring every bell in the tower.

After the foundry, we went to Quorn (8, 14 cwt.), which we found to be odd-struck; we didn't put up our best performance here. On to Barrow-on-Soar, a very noisy six. After tea in Barrow, we left for Sileby. The bells here are a very nice 22 cwt. eight. We rang them much too slowly at first, but a fast touch of Stedman proved that they are better when they are running fast.

At Sileby the official programme ended, but we went on to a meeting at King's Norton, where the Leicester ringers very kindly let most of us ring in the first touch. We found it wasn't quite so kind after all—we had the utmost difficulty in ringing rounds on them. Apparently no work has been done on these bells for nearly 300 years. Some of the well-known Leicester ringers rang half a course of Cambridge on them, but by this time one bell was minus a stay. So ended a most enjoyable day.

'LEVIS.'

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

On June 6th, Dartford and District Ringers spent a very enjoyable day in parts of Berks and Bucks, and it is largely due to the ready help and advice from the District and local secretaries that this was possible. Towers visited were Windsor, Marlow, Bray, Burnham, Stoke Poges and Slough. At all towers some of the resident ringers were there to greet us, and a very full programme of ringing was put on to suit all tastes. Courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung at Slough.

At two or three towers the non-ringers were conducted around the churches by clergy or vergers, and this innovation was very much appreciated. R.G.R.

GUILSBOROUGH BRANCH

Over 60 members and friends of the Guildsborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild on June 27th enjoyed a day's outing in Essex and Suffolk.

At Saffron Walden they added to those already attending the 'Great Ringing Day' and produced an overcrowded belfry, until lunch called the hungry (and thirsty). Despite a broken rope, all had a pull, many ringing on 12 for the first time.

The other towers visited during afternoon and evening were Stoke-by-Clare (6), Lavenham (8) and St. Mary's, Newmarket (6), all of which were much appreciated, as was the willing co-operation of the incumbents and tower keepers. The considered opinion of the younger generation was that the long journey home was not long enough.

HUNTINGDON RINGERS VISIT HERTFORDSHIRE

This England is a very fair place to explore during the early summer months, and surely one of the fairest parts is the chalky Chilterns of East Hertfordshire. It was so when the Hunts Branch made their annual tour on July 4th. Careering down the leafy, narrow lanes in a comfortable coach with a pleasant company, searching for those flint towers with a little spire on top, is a pleasant occupation for any respectable bell-ringer. An interesting innovation this year was the little guide leaflet, compiled by our efficient secretary, and we were particularly pleased with the notes on 'vernacular,' thus being able to converse freely with 'Aarthur of Haar'r'sheer' when we met him.

In the morning we rang at Barley, first passing under the archway of the Fox and Hounds, and then at the picturesque village of Braughing. Sharing the hotel at lunch with a wedding feast is fast becoming our custom, and we were much amused by the strains of 'The Merry Widow' played by the orchestra.

During the afternoon the thermometer went up to the 80's, when we rang at Hertford (St. Andrew's) and Little Munden. In spite of this we enjoyed both. After a refreshing tea, kindly served to us by ladies at Little Munden, we climbed into the coach, and then the geography changed completely. The quiet countryside gave way to the hustle and bustle of the new town of Stevenage and the Great North Road. However, we turned off and rang on the nice little six at Graveley. Our final ring was at Baldock, where there is a majestic eight. It would probably be true to say that we did not do justice to the lovely tenor and her fellows, but with some assistance managed a course of Cambridge Major.

The many young people in the party gained much experience by this trip, and even if the ringing was not of top grade Surprise we feel that the outing was again a complete success. The arrangements were made again by Mr. H. Peacock, assisted by Mr. M. Dyer, and our thanks are due to them. I cannot conclude without reporting that one face was missed—a face from Hampstead, with flowing locks and a bent pipe, who had been with us for a number of years. He was, indeed, missed very much. R.F.B.

S.W. ESSEX AT THE 'GREAT RINGING DAY'

The success of Saffron Walden's Great Ringing Day this year was assured by the arrival of more than one coachload of ringers to keep the 12 bells going throughout the day.

A party from the South Western Division of the Essex Association called at Thaxted en route and enjoyed some good ringing at this splendid church: the celebrated horn-dancers who seemed to resent our hunting-horn greeting last year were not in action this time.

Little ringing was possible for the Essex party at Saffron Walden before lunch owing to the arrival of a coach outing of ringers from the Midlands, but full use of the bells was made throughout the afternoon, rounds on 12 and Grandsire and Stedman Cinques providing opportunities for people who rarely get a chance of 12-bell ringing in Essex to obtain experience.

On the return journey a stop was made at Bishop's Stortford for some 10-bell ringing to suit all capabilities up to Cambridge Royal, and thence to the Good Intent at Sawbridge-worth, where the rest of the evening was spent in dealing with a huge buffet supper and in singing curious songs, accompanied at the piano by L. (Lionel, definitely not Liberace) Woods.

Our thanks are once again due to the same Lionel for organising this happy trip. A.B.

University Of Bristol Society's Summer Tour, 1959

AFTER the ups and downs of Exmoor on our summer tour, 1958, we decided this year to visit Wiltshire because it is flatter. Also this meant lots of new towers for everyone except the Society's 'grandfather,' who assured us that bad weather was in store for us. However, the tour coincided with the hottest week so far this year, and we certainly couldn't have asked for better weather.

The tour began in Gloucestershire on Friday, June 12th, at Chalford, near Stroud. The more energetic members of the party cycled out from Bristol while the lazy ones took the train as far as Stonehouse. Twelve members assembled at Chalford, where the six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) are of steel. We found them quite difficult to ring: College Bob was among the successful touches here. Thence we went up the hill to Bisley (8, 17 cwt.). The two trebles were inaudible in the ringing chamber, and this made ringing more difficult than it was already owing to the long pull. They sounded very pleasant outside, however, and the village was delightful—a typical Cotswold scene. The first puncture of the tour occurred here: we don't usually expect punctures on the first day!

The next stop was Brockworth, and the main body of the party reached it by way of Birdlip, where the magnificent view was admired. The six bells at Brockworth are very nice indeed, and we really enjoyed ringing them. Some good striking was heard for the first time and a course of York Surprise was rung, amongst other methods. From Brockworth we cycled through Cheltenham to Prestbury, where the second puncture was discovered and repaired in the record time of five minutes. We were met by the Curate, who is a ringer, and he and the tower captain joined us to ring on the pleasant eight. A course of Double Norwich brought the day's ringing to an end. Then we set out for Cleeve Hill Youth Hostel which was, of course, right at the top of the hill. It was reached eventually and proved an excellent place.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny, and the cycle ride down the hill and through the outskirts of Cheltenham to Charlton Kings was most enjoyable. The bells (8, 20 cwt.) were some of the best we rang on, and a course of Cambridge Major was well struck. The schedule allowed us half-an-hour to reach Rendcomb, about nine miles away. The day had become very hot by now and the road was quite hilly. The 'boys' managed to average 24 m.p.h. by cycling behind a lorry, and the others arrived at intervals of up to 40 minutes after them. We found these bells very nice but the ringing on them was not of a high standard.

The party then split up for lunch before ringing at Siddington, a suburb of Cirencester. The bells here are a noisy six but easy to handle.

PEAL FAILURE

After ringing up, five of the party left for South Cerney, where they were joined by the Society's grandfather, who had that morning finished his finals, to attempt a peal in honour of the 21st birthday of our Master-elect. Unfortunately, this failed in the sixth extent. The other seven members went on to Kemble, which we found to be a very good six, and then, after tea, to Ashton Keynes (a heavy five), which didn't go very well. We were joined here by the peal band, and after celebrating Roy's birthday in the Horse and Jockey, we spent the night at Ashton Keynes Youth Hostel.

On Sunday morning we cycled into Cirencester to ring for sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Watermoor. After a trip round the town we cycled slowly to Thames Head Bridge and ate packed lunches by the roadside. We then went in search of the source of the Thames, and after a cycle trip across a field and along a

narrow track through woods, which ended in someone's back garden, we managed to obtain directions and walked across fields to the source. We were rather disappointed at what we saw, but we had photographs taken grouped around the statue of Father Thames, and then a game of cricket was enjoyed before travelling back to Cirencester for tea and ringing for Evensong at St. John's. We were not able to do justice to the 12, but some Caters on the back ten was reasonable. After Evensong we returned to Ashton Keynes for the night.

On Monday the first tower was Minety, an excellent six (tenor 13 cwt.). A new treble was added to the old five and they were rehung during last year. We found them noisy in the belfry, but the ringing was of a high standard. A broken chain delayed two members of the party, but this proved to be the last major catastrophe of the tour. Then on to Long Newton where, after mending a rope, we raised the bells. These had not been rung for some years and they were in a very bad state. During the ringing one of the ladies managed to break the wheel of the fourth. After lunch in Tetbury we went on to Shipton Mayne. Before ringing, some of the party added The Cat and Custard Pot to their list of names of inns. We were only able to ring five here because the fourth was cracked.

We then proceeded to Malmesbury. We arrived early and were able to admire the beautiful Abbey church. The bells do not really belong to the Abbey, which originally had a western tower and a central spire of its own, but are in a detached tower some distance away. We found these an easy eight to ring, and the ringing was good on the whole. The cycle ride to Brinkworth was not very pleasant as there was a strong head wind, and when we arrived the six bells were found to be rather noisy. Here the tenor man had an excellent view of the ringer of the fifth but could see nothing else. From Brinkworth we returned to Ashton Keynes for our last night there. The ladies were treated to a mannequin parade of men in pyjamas, and were not very impressed.

A GREAT EXPERIENCE

Tuesday was bright and sunny again in spite of the adverse weather forecasts, and the day grew gradually hotter as time went on. Cricklade was the first tower. To ring here is a great experience. The five bells are rung from the choir stalls, and there is thus an immense length of rope: they are also anti-clockwise. We found them much easier to ring than we had anticipated and the ringing was of a high standard. From Cricklade we cycled to Purton, where we were met by five members of Reading University Society travelling by car, who joined us for the rest of the day. Purton Church is most interesting in that it has a western tower containing the heavy six, and also a central spire. The ringing included a course of Nether-seale Surprise.

Lunch was the next item on the programme, and the party split up for this, although the ways of two of the groups crossed at one point. The next tower was Broad Blunsden. Walter True-man's tower, and he left us a message of welcome. The bells are a very light six (tenor 5½ cwt.) and the trebles in particular were found difficult to handle. London and Lightfoot were among the methods rung. Then on to Highworth, a very pleasant eight. We then journeyed over the Wilts/Berks border to Shrivenham, and on the way the car party managed to have a puncture. The eight at Shrivenham are also very nice, and although by now the hands of the Bristol party at least were beginning to show signs of wear and tear, the ringing was very good. From Shrivenham we went to Great Coxwell, a noisy five which hadn't been rung for four years. We found these extremely diffi-

cult to manage and the ropes were much too long. The tenor was rung more successfully by kneeling down to it. The electronic organ in the church aroused the interest of the 'organ grabbers' in the party, and this, together with the orange squash which the Rector kindly provided, made up for what the bells lacked. We said goodbye to the Reading party and then cycled into Faringdon for fish and chips and liquid refreshment before going to the hostel at Inglesham.

TIT FOR TAT

After arrival at the hostel the men cycled to the nearest village, which proved to be Highworth, for the usual refreshment. That night some of them found difficulty in getting into their pyjamas: but the score was equalised because of the mysterious disappearance of the girls' bikes the following morning. After they had turned up again we cycled into Swindon and, having circumnavigated the town, we eventually arrived at St. Mark's Church. No reply to requests to ring here had been received, but the necessary permission was obtained from the curate who happened to be in the church at the time, and we found the bells a very pleasing eight. Bristol was at last successful, although at least one member of the band didn't really know what she was doing.

We lunched in a café with a juke-box before going to Wroughton, where the bells have recently been augmented to six. As they were heavy, the ringing was necessarily slow, and some good striking was achieved. Double Stedman Minor was rung and also Double Court. The temperature was by this time approaching 80° and we felt rather less inclined to ring because of it. Then we went on to Chiseldon, where we were just in time to satisfy raging thirsts before going to the church.

There is always a sad note about the last tower of the summer tour, as it is the last opportunity we have of ringing together until the beginning of the next session, and some of the party are leaving us. It was appropriate that we should finish here because the bells were very nice indeed. Some of the ringing was very good and it included a course of Wells. We ended with a touch of Chase Doubles because we were all about to chase off in various directions.

I must not finish this account before expressing grateful thanks on behalf of all the Society to Brian Wyld, our secretary, particularly for the arrangement of this year's tour which ran so smoothly. A.G.

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LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' on June 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, Miss S. Collins 2, G. Watson 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. E. Gibson 5, R. J. Trebilcock 6, B. Hendry 7, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 8. Also on July 5th, 1,259 Grandfire Caters: Mrs. F. A. Threlfall 1, Miss P. J. Holborn 2, Mrs. S. M. Beck 3, Miss R. M. K. How 4, J. G. Pusey 5, R. J. Cook 6, D. Hodgson 7, R. N. Pittman 8, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 9, D. J. Roaf 10. Rung by members of the Oxford University Society.

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MISCELLANEOUS

EDMONTON BELL FUND.—The bells of All Saints' Church, Edmonton, are being recast, and retuned and will soon be hanging on new fittings in a new frame. Members of the local band are working hard to raise some necessary money, and it is felt that there are many ringers who, having most probably rung in this North London tower with famous ringers, would be pleased to be associated with this work. Please send contributions, all of which will be gratefully acknowledged, marked 'Bell Fund,' to Rev. S. W. Knight, The Vicarage, Edmonton, London, N.9. 4763

CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS.—We regret to announce that all ringing has been suspended until further notice. This is due to work being carried out on the steeple.—E. Sutton, Ringing Master. 4758

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Outing, Sept. 12th. Will those who intend to come, and have not notified me at or since Balcombe (Aug. 8th), please do so at once.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4753

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—All ringers coming as freshers to Bristol University in October please contact the secretary, Jane Cook, Dockmaster's House, Royal Dock, Grimsby, Lincs. 4757

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 6 p.m. Ringing 4 p.m. at St. Clement Danes', Strand. No practice at St. Paul's Cathedral until further notice.—John Chilcott.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Easton (6), Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Pryor, Ripley, Little Easton. Bells available till 8.30 p.m. only. 4750

HAWKHURST GUILD and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 22nd, Salehurst. 4723

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 22nd, Kingstone. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4718

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. Chenies, August 22nd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Talk 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 4734

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, N. and S. Districts, at Kenilworth, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names by 26th for tea to Mr. J. Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth. 4741

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Campsall, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells from 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 4762

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Staindrop, Saturday, Aug. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by August 25th (this date is important) Mr. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 4743

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Evening meeting, Houghton, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (5) 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4765

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Tea will be free for those who notify by Wednesday, Aug. 26th. Names to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4721

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8), Saturday, Aug. 29th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4756

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 29th. North Mymms. Bells (8) 3 p.m. No service. Please note change of date.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4748

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Westhoughton, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business follows tea. Look up St. Clement's Major.—Thornley. 4761

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham. Lytham St. Anne's, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 4752

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Collingham (8), Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Local café available where tea can be obtained. 4759

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Walesby, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Picnic tea.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 4728

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Holkham, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own teas. All welcome.—C. Tovell. 4733

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, East Haddon (6), Saturday, Aug. 29th. Names for tea must reach me by previous Wednesday.—E. Thresher, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4748

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 29th, Whaddon (6). Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided in the Vicarage—please bring own food. All welcome. 4712

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Over, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Mufet, Dis. Sec. 4755

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to Mrs. H. O. Peattie, 1, Chequer Lane, Ash, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4742

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Wadhurst, September 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss Margaret Wilson, 75, Park View, Hastings. All very welcome.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 4745

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Rossendale and Blackburn Branches, Haslingden, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea (price 3s. each) 5.30 p.m. Meeting—local arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday, Sept. 2nd) Miss A. Williams, 2, Park Avenue, Haslingden. 4747

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Dickleburgh (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 1st, to Mr. C. R. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 4738

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held, D.V., on Saturday, Sept. 5th, at Daventry. Service 4 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Buildings, 5 p.m. Tea tickets at 3s. each, C.W.O., to be obtained not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st, from Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Daventry, Northants. Ringing has been arranged as follows: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Willoughby, Harpole, Kilsingbury, Lower Heyford, Byfield; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., Braunston, East Haddon, Staverton, Great Brington, Long Buckby, Watford, Whilton; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Weedon; 2 to 3 p.m., Newnham; 2 to 4 p.m., Daventry; all after tea; 6 to 8 p.m., Badby; 7.30 to 8.15 p.m., Rugby.—G. W. Jeffs. 4739

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Holme Pierrepont, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 4760

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly Meeting, Ewell, Saturday, Sept. 5th. No afternoon ringing owing to weddings. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4746

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge will be made for tea—names by Sept. 1st to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 4737

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On June 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Hazeldine (first quarter) 1. E. Roberts 2. H. White 3. R. Hazeldine 4. T. Price 5. A. Hickman 6. F. Price 7. W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. Runz to celebrate the wedding on the previous Saturday of the curate, the Rev. Mr. Hill and Miss Stebbings.

QUARTER PEALS

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): P. Ellis (first of Minor) 1, C. M. Smith 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, E. W. Colley 4, D. W. Barr 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of St. Alban's Day.

LONG SUTTON, Lincs.—On June 20th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Freda P. Greaves 1, S. Elsey 2, K. Watts 3, T. Bevis 4, G. Butler 5, G. Drew 6, E. Mastin 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

MOLLINGTON, OXON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): W. Ivings 1, R. A. Reeves 2, C. C. Clarke 3, J. H. Gregory 4, E. E. Pearson (first as cond.) 5. First in 11 methods by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

MILNROW, LANCs.—On June 21st, 1,256 Little Bob Major: J. Ward 1, E. Hudson 2, M. D. Fishwick 3, J. P. Partington 4, A. Ward 5, P. J. H. Hudson 6, G. S. Mills 7, D. Butterworth (cond.) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On June 14th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Frost (first quarter) 1, R. A. Eldridge 2, J. Neal 3, D. Bowen 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, J. Hammons (first quarter) 6. For Evenson's.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Clark 1, J. A. Harland 2, R. K. Russ 3, M. D. Linz 4, F. W. Lewis 5, H. Oglesby (first of Plain Bob Minor as cond.) 6.

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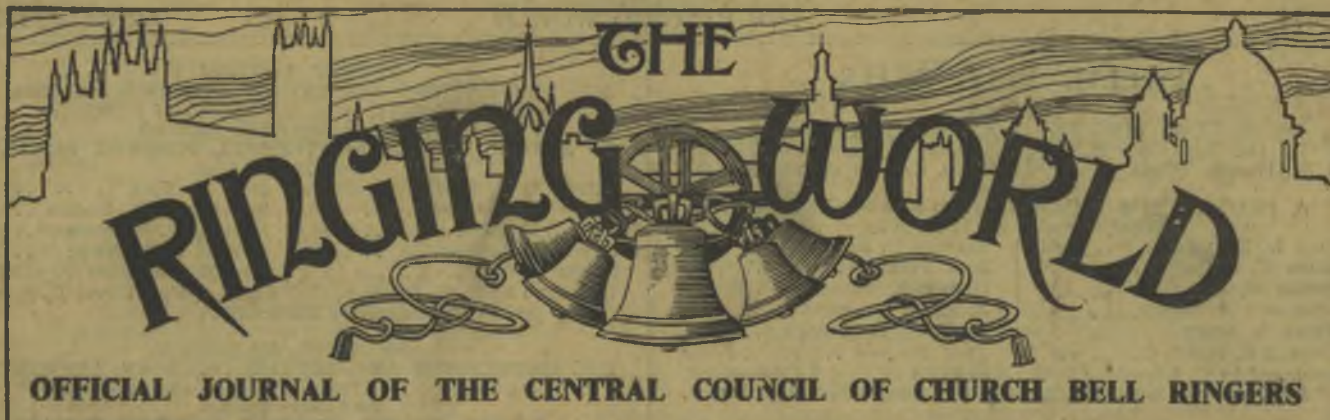
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GEORGE BAKER

THE brief obituary in May told us of the passing of an old timer, and also of one who made his mark in the Exercise. The name of George Baker may mean nothing to many of the present generation of ringers, as his peal ringing days were in the 1890's, but some of his work lives on. He was a member of the Brighton Parish Church band, and also a member of the famous peal band who used to organise peal-ringing weeks and attempt a peal every night.

After ringing peals in most of the Surprise methods, including the first ever of Bristol, George turned his attention to composition and produced a number of peals, some of which are still rung. Then he began the study of method construction and extension. He evolved a system of his own and worked more by figures than by diagram. It seemed almost certain that this system would die with him as very few ringers understood his 'Round Blocks and Transpositions.'

The late John Goldsmith once satirised him in an article which he called 'The Brains Bust.' 'Round blocks and transpositions,' said Mr. Goldsmith, 'can be made to prove anything.' But G. B. took it in good grace and kept silence. In the 1920's G. B. wrote dozens of letters to the 'R.W.' and carried on a voluminous correspondence with Messrs. J. A. Trollope, Wm. Taylor, York-Bramble, and sometimes G. Lindoff and H. Law James joined in. G. B. once told the Rev. H. Law James that there was nobody so blind as those who would not see. John Goldsmith was never short of copy when these gentlemen were on with their highly technical arguments. Mr. A. York-Bramble is the only one left, and he is very quiet nowadays.

There were several extensions of London put forward, starting with the one by the College Youths in 1907. No. 2 was by A. York-Bramble, No. 3 by G. Baker, and No. 4 by W. Taylor. Time has shown that the only one which appeals to ringers is No. 3, and it is the only one now rung. It would be a nice gesture to call it Baker's Extension instead of No. 3 Version. (Incidentally, if any extensions have been missed, it is not intentional.)

Very few people would think of emigrating at the age of 90, but G. Baker did, and lived to be 92. He went to New Zealand with his daughter and, sure enough, he found some of the New Zealand ringers. Of course, his active ringing days were over, but he was interested in theoretical matters to the end. He had a fine collection

of ringing books (so I am informed), and we hope that these will find a 'safe' home and not be lost. So we say farewell to one who by his energy and originality made the Exercise sit up and take notice. He often used the pen name of 'Owen Kay,' but this did not hide his identity.

M. R.

THOUGHTS ON SURVEY OF SUNDAY RINGING

THE survey is now complete and has been published.

It has presented many facts about ringing generally, but the two words Sunday and Christianity have been kept hidden. If it is true to say that . . . 'the bells of any parish church are some of its best missionaries and publicity agents . . .,' then surely it should be of the utmost importance that every ringer should be first and foremost an active member of the Church. If this is so, then it follows that the connection between the tower and the body of the Church will be strong.

All of us who have tried to strengthen our bonds will know that it is not the size of the population that controls the number of eligible recruits but it is the life within the Church itself that is the controlling factor. I think that every Ringing Guild or Association could assist here by stipulating that every learner, and in fact every member, could only join by passing a proficiency test and by attending church regularly.

I notice also that it is considered cheerful to record that 'love of ringing' is a favourable factor, and yet would it not be more joyful to record 'for the love of God'? I wonder if anyone did?

I do not suggest that if one collected together the most intense members of one's congregation and instilled into them concentrated bellmanship they would be able eventually to ring Spliced Surprise Major for service ringing—they wouldn't, but they would bring into the belfry generally a feeling of Christianity which I feel is sadly missing in most towers to-day. Go to any Guild practice and see just how many ringers stay to the service, and of those that stay how many take an active part in the service.

To sum up, I would say that it is high time we ringers strengthened our ties with the Church before we pat ourselves on the back and say, Yes, but there are 41,700 ringers in the British Isles.' How many of these stay to church every Sunday? How many of them are regular communicants—700? No, I am being pessimistic. But WHY has the survey been so quiet about this all-important matter.

M. HATCHETT.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	*STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 7
*MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN .. 8
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 10
†PETER A. SHARP .. 5	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 11
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6	JOHN WALDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First 12-bell peal.

BIRMINGHAM

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

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 lb. in D.

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	PETER BERESFORD .. 10
JOHN PINFOLD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal on 12 bells.**TEN BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
*PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on ten bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	F. BRIAN COOKSON .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
PAUL J. RIGBY .. 4	PETER BORDER .. 9
JOHN McDONALD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

GLASGOW, LANARKSHIRE.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

No. 3 version.	
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Dunstan.

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 7
ALAN J. FROST .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 8
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
BARRIE HENDRY .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
First peal in the method by the Society.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN BLADON .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	ERIC SUTTON .. 7
MARION J. SKINNER .. 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 8
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 6
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 8
PETER BERESFORD .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

Pritchard's.	
*J. YORKE PARKER .. Treble	A. GEORGE ORBELL .. 5
†DAVID COUPERTHWAIT .. 2	*CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 6
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT .. 7
*C. REX WALLER .. 4	ANTHONY R. MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to David and John Couperthwaite on their removal to Hutton, near Preston.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOHN GILDEN .. Treble	†CAROL FERNLEY .. 5
†MARGARET BOUMPHREY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
†EILEEN M. FEARN .. 3	†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 7
SHIRLEY HARRIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

JACK PILGRIM Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 6
*A. WILLIAM BIRD .. 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Ebbe.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

D. KAY ADKINS Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 7
CHARLES COLES 4	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
Rung in thanksgiving for the birth of Peter David Niblett.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PETER F. BORER Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
*LEONARD MANNERING .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 22). Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.
* First peal in the method. Rung in memoriam Alfred H. Pulling.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

PATRICIA A. WARDIE .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	*JOHN A. ACRES 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* 50th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on tower bells.
In memoriam Ali Pulling, buried this day. Tenor 12 cwt.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

JOSEPH M. STRETTON .. Treble	†RICHARD BENTLEY .. 5
*JOHN BISHOP 2	†JEFFREY HANKIN .. 6
HERBERT H. MORLEY .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE .. 7
†MRS. OLIVE GILLET .. 4	*HARRY BISHOP .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal Rung for the wedding of Miss Janice Grimsley.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY Treble	ARTHUR B. CLOSE 5
*DENISE SHALLCROSS .. 2	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 6
†JOHN S. DEAN 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
JOHN PARSONAGE 4	GEOFFREY PARTING .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Major 'inside'. † First 'inside' and of Major.

CHIGWELL, ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON Treble	*BRIAN DOWNES 5
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 6
*VALERIE K. HESTER .. 3	LIONEL S. WOODS .. 7
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. 4	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Surprise.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5184 COMBINED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.
DENIS A. FRITH Treble	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	ROY STEPHENSON 6
CECIL WADE 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT 7
LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Watch Tower.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

*MRS. C. N. LEA Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
*GEORGE S. DEAS 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 6
*CHARLES N. LEA 3	*KENNETH LAWSON .. 7
*PETER M. GILES 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Adrian Kenneth Arthur, born the previous Sunday.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ARTHUR J. HART Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS 5
LEONARD STILLWELL 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
In memoriam Alfred H. Pulling.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	*REV. ROBERT M. H. NIND 5
FRANK TAYLOR 2	MAURICE BENNETT .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
A. ROY WITHYMAN .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal and first attempt. Tenor 16 cwt.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	SIDNEY G. SMITH .. 5
CECIL F. MOGFORD .. 2	*P. HENRY MARSHALL .. 6
MARJORIE LEGG 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 7
ROBERT BRICE 4	JOHN K. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

*RITA M. JOWETT .. Treble	J. COLIN ASHWORTH .. 5
†KENNETH RUSHWORTH .. 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
JEFFREY KERSHAW .. 4	PETER SCHOLFELD .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER SCHOLFELD.
* First peal and first attempt. † First of Major.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Hilda.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 5
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
ENID SOFTLEY 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 4	CHARLES N. LEA .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.

**EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
(Sheffield and District Society.)

*On Mon., July 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.*

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

PATRICIA WALKER Treble	*IAN TILLING 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6
ELSIE CHADDOCK 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.
PETER ADCOCK Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 2	ROLAND H. COOK 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
KENNETH L. BROWN 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Alfred H. Pulling.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 124 cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK Treble	*FREDERICK JACKSON .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 2	*DENIS MADDOCK 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

MARTIN C. FAULKES Treble	PETER R. JOHNSON 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
ALAN E. HARTLEY 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*HARRY HALL Treble	*JOHN HALL 5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 6
*RONALD CHAFER 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 7
JACK BRAY 4	*PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

STANLEY G. PONTING Treble	FREDERICK OLDROYD .. 5
MONICA E. COLLINS 2	E. JOHN WELLS 6
DOUGLAS A. R. MAY 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
A. PATRICK CANNON 4	COLIN A. HOPPER Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred H. Pulling, for 67 years a ringer at this tower.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 14½ cwt.
A. SIDNEY READE Treble	*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	FREDERICK C. LYME .. 7
ARTHUR T. SHOREY 4	JACK MOORE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. 5
CYRIL WRIGHT 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 6
MARION ARCHER 3	LEONARD GOODALL 7
*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.
* First peal. First as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 5
*TONY GRANT 2	*JAMES DUNN 6
RONALD BIRCH 3	BARRY HOLLAND 7
LESLIE SMITH 4	DENNIS HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by BARRY HOLLAND. Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.
* First peal. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	FRANK REED 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 6
JOHN L. GIRT 3	†DAVID BRAND 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON 4	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob 'inside.'

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

ALFRED BALIARD Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSAY .. 5
GRAHAM T. BALL 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 5
*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN 2	*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 6
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	*DAVID T. DARBY 7
*F. NEVILLE PAILING .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*J. JAMES JEFFERIES Treble	†HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5
†PHILIP W. WEEKS 2	†ALAN F. LEE 6
†S. ARTHUR READ 3	†GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 7
†CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 4	†WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Treble Bob Major. ‡ First of Kent Treble Bob Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.
ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	JOHN W. SMITH 5
*MARGARET A. LADD 2	*EDWARD J. JENNER 6
†BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	*JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
*MRS. PAT. A. M. HALLS .. 3	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor
Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.	Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* 100th peal together.	

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	COLIN WIGNALL .. 5
†G. NELSON SLOAN .. 2	FRED PRICE .. 6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 7
M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. 4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. Tenor
Composed by H. W. WILDE.	Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* 700th peal. † First of Major.	

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. Treble	†MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. 6
*PATRICIA E. BUSS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Tenor
Conducted by MAURICE E. DOWNS.	
* First peal 'inside' and of Major. † First of Major. First as conductor.	

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*KEITH D. WAPLES .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
DAVID HEIGHTON .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.	
* First peal on eight. † First touch in the method.	

HUCKNALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BRIAN HINCHLIFFE .. Treble	†F. NEVILLE PAILING .. 5
MRS. M. I. PAILING .. 2	SIDNEY W. FOSSEY .. 6
MRS. PETER NIX .. 3	PETER NIX .. 7
HERBERT LEWIN .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.	Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal. † First in the method. First on the bells.	

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., June 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's College	
*Bob, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob. (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.	
Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb. in F.	
*MARGARET PRITCHARD .. Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 4
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER .. 2	*†JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 5
†STELLA HUGHES .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal together.
Rung for the wedding on this day of Mr. Dennis Granger, secretary of Trysull Church Council, to Miss June Pritchard.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in B flat.
*JANET MORGAN .. Treble	*MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 4
*MARGARET PRITCHARD .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.	
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all the band except the conductor.	

BEOLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.
*ALMA M. GREAVES .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 2	†NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.	
* First peal of Minor and of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and now completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.	

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 1,440 Ipswich, 2,160 Norwich and 1,440 Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G sharp.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor
Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.	

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. Treble	PETER WOOD .. 4
FRANK HARRINGTON .. 2	ALFRED H. LITTLE .. 5
†GEORGE HARRINGTON .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING .. Tenor
Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.	
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First on the bells since rehanging.	

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GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.
 ALAN J. FROST Treble | PATRICK J. CHAPMAN 4
 RICHARD A. WEBSTER 2 | DAVID C. URQUHART 5
 DIANA M. LAWLESS 3 | BARRIE HENDRY Tenor
 Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob Minor and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
 TONY OWEN Treble | EDWARD HOWES 4
 G. DREW 2 | LESLIE HOUGHTON 5
 FRED A. GREAVES 3 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor
 Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

IAN A. RICHARDSON Treble | *MALCOLM PHIPPS 4
 DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 2 | LESLIE W. BACON 5
 S. LESLIE BARLOW 3 | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor
 Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal on six bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PENNINE TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
 DENNIS LAUD 2 | JOHN R. MAYNE 5
 RAYMOND G. SMITH 3 | ROBIN G. LEALE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method. 50th peal on the bells.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
 *HARRY J. GAYLARD Treble | HENRY G. KEELEY 4
 *WALTER H. POOLE 2 | ROGER KEELEY 5
 *RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3 | WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal in the method.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's Spliced, ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 120's Grand sire. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

JOHN E. GODDARD Treble | MARTIN J. BAILEY 3
 JOHN H. WILLIAMS 2 | EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 4
 MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD M. THRESHER.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. York.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
 GEORGE OLLIVER Treble | ERIC NIXON 4
 *DAVID J. MUNDAY 2 | TREVOR A. CROSS 5
 †WILLIAM PARROTT 3 | F. ERIC ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble | *PEGGY SKINNER 4
 JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR .. 2 | IAN H. ORAM 5
 ELIZABETH ROGERS 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

PETER R. JOHNSON Treble | G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 4
 JOHN R. SMITH 2 | ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
 MRS. J. R. SMITH 3 | JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In two methods, being four extents of Norwich and three extents of Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

TED HOWES Treble | THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4
 JOHN R. SMITH 2 | WILLIAM CLOVER 5
 HENRY TOOKE 3 | *GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal in two Surprise methods and first of Surprise as conductor.

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10½ cwt.

GILBERT S. SPRULES .. Treble | †BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 4
 *HENRY TAYSON 2 | D. JOHN HUNT 5
 REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3 | HERBERT T. FERRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. FERRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in two methods. First of Minor in two methods as conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Ockley and Duke of Norfolk, (2) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise, (3) College Exercise and Norbury, (4) Capel and Sandal, (5) London Scholars' and Kingston, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Oxford and Kent.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. Treble | LOUIS WILLIERS 4
 HAROLD DENMAN 2 | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
 *RICHARD HOBBS 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in ten Treble Bob Minor methods.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 35 methods: (1) 192 Peveril, 120 Melandra, 120 Beeston, 168 Leasowe and 120 Castleton Delight; (2) 168 Wilmslow, 120 Rostherne, 120 Knutsford, 192 Bogedone and 120 Ely Delight; (3) 144 Balmoral, 120 Chepstow, 120 Skipton, 216 Fotheringay and 120 Dover Delight; (4) 192 Willesden, 168 College Bob IV, 168 Old Oxford, 72 Newdigate and 120 Marple Delight; (5) 120 Norbury, 120 College Exercise, 120 Duke of Norfolk, 120 Ockley and 240 Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) 168 St. Werburg, 120 Vale Royal, 120 Combermere, 192 Crowland and 120 Abbeyville Delight; (7) 168 Wragby, 120 St. Albans, 120 Neasden, 192 Charlwood and 120 Baintree Delight; 45 changes of method.
 Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN R. KENNETT Treble | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4
 WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
 FRANK OSBALDISTON 3 | ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

ORDSALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	<i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. BLUFF	.. .. 4
*JOHN COATES	.. .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN	.. .. 5
VALERIE WATERFIELD	.. 3	RICHARD HOBBS	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 21 extents Grandsire and 21 extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt.

WILFRED C. GODWIN	.. <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD VENN	.. .. 3
ALEC GAMMON	.. .. 2	ROY H. JONES	.. .. 4
JOHN DREWITT	.. .. Tenor		

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.
Rung in memoriam W. Brain.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) and (6) Cambridge, and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E.

ANDREW D. GRANT	.. .. <i>Treble</i>	DEREK E. SIBSON	.. .. 4
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	.. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE	.. .. 5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH	.. 3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Sandal, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent, Merchants Return, Oxford and Bob Minor.
Tenor 9 cwt.

CYRIL RUSBY	.. .. <i>Treble</i>	*DOUGLAS N. STABLES	.. .. 4
TREVOR TARBATT	.. .. 2	HERMAN RUSBY	.. .. 5
FRED COWLING	.. .. 3	NOEL F. MOXON	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
* First peal.

CLIPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 20 six-scores of Grandsire and one 240 Grandsire (Morris's arrangement). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

VICTOR A. PERRY	.. .. <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT S. ROBERTS	.. .. 3
ERNEST MORRIS	.. .. 2	BARRY R. CARE	.. .. 4

PERCY AMOS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT S. ROBERTS.
First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH	.. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	.. .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH	.. 3-4	JOHN VERNON	.. .. 7-8
JOHN A. ACRES	.. .. 9-10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
Rung to the affectionate memory of Harold J. Poole (July 14th, 1955) and Alfred H. Pulling, of Guildford.

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Mr. Frederick Sharpe is back in harness after a holiday in Wales. He has now ten towers to complete for his book 'The Bells of Cardiganshire.' Awaiting a publisher is his book on 'The Church Bells of Guernsey.' There are 18 towers on the island and many are by French bell-founders.

Yatton's claim to have rung the first quarter of Erin Triples in the Chew Deanery comes as a surprise to the band who rang one at Long Ashton a year ago on August 29th, 1958 ('R.W.' No. 2,476, September 12th, 1959).

The missing ringer in the quarter peal of 11 Doubles methods at Nailsea, Som ('R.W.', August 14th), was J. Brain, who rang the fifth. The conductor (M. Horseman) rang the fourth, not the fifth, as stated.

Supt. Claude Rush, of Eye, has retired from the Suffolk Constabulary and is now living at Felixstowe. Towards the bell restoration at Eye he raised £1,500, of which £877 was from the sale of 160 tons of salvage.

The Master (Mr. Wilfred Williams) conducted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on August 15th. Mr. Cecil W. Pipe was on the tenor, the peal being completed in, one minute under four hours.

On a recent West Country tour, Sherborne Abbey tenor was rung to a peal of Bob Major by a 20-year-old ringer. Is this a record for that weight? Also the same ringer was ringing Wells Cathedral tenor single-handed when the peal was lost after 3 hours 25 minutes! Other peals scored on the tour were 4-Spliced S. Major at Chewton Mendip by a 17-year-old band, 3-Spliced at Broadclyst, Yorkshire at Heavitree, Exeter, and peals of Cambridge and Southwell S. Major.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For the first time in some 30 years, Canon Cox missed the annual outing of St. Michael's Guild, Lyme Regis, to the Isle of Wight. In mid-Solent a touch of Grandshire Caters was rung on handbells, to the interest of fellow passengers. The band was quite shaken, however, when one lady was heard to remark: 'They must be foreigners!'

Oakley, Suffolk, bells are to be rehung. A total of £300 has still to be raised.

The quarter peal on page 452 credited to Burwell was rung at Exning and was conducted by Mr. J. Gentleman.

The week's tour of West Countrymen in North Wales and Cheshire was in no sense a tower grab—only 15 towers were visited. This must approach an all-time low record.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Winchester Cathedral on August 15th to welcome the Dean, the Very Rev. N. Sykes, was lost after 1 hour and 50 minutes due to a broken rope.

On one of the hottest afternoons of the year (July 4th) the fourth bell at Little Waltham, Essex, started to run dry. The ringer, 16-year-old Ian R. Panton, was nearly finished. As the last 720 was being entered Mr. Joe E. H. Roast, with a neat side-stepping action, exchanged ropes with Ian, and the peal was finished in good style.

Good work is being done by Mr. Stephen Thompson (69) at St. Mary's Church, Wickham, Co. Durham. The last of the church's regular band, he could not bear the thought after 54 years of ringing in this Norman tower, for the bells to be silent. He has now recruited four girls, and with the help of Miss Dorothy Best, by plenty of practice, has hopes of something useful in three months' time.

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RAVING RINGERS TOUR SOUTH WALES

The increased number of Raving Ringers present on the 1959 tour enabled a much more ambitious programme to be attempted than had been possible on previous tours.

Twelve ringers, average age 21, and representing eight counties, assembled at Chepstow on July 20th at the beginning of an eight-day ringing tour, including 62 towers in Glamorgan, Brecknockshire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and Carmarthenshire.

The headquarters was at Bedwas, where the Ravers, true to tradition, camped 500 feet up the side of a mountain. Slight difficulty was found in transporting the Ravers and equipment to the camp site, but all eventually arrived, even if on foot and not by car as initially intended. Two of the more enthusiastic Ravers cycled from Gloucester, and grabbed an extra tower en route.

Sunday, the first full day of the tour, dawned grey, and it eventually decided to rain continuously all day. Only four towers were visited, however, including Llandaff Cathedral, where we enjoyed being conducted around the Cathedral, reconstructed after war damage, as much as ringing on the ten. We later joined the local band for service ringing at Penarth, where we rang some well-struck Grandsire and Double Norwich.

Monday saw the party ring their way across Monmouthshire and into Herefordshire.

Nine towers in all were visited, including Usk (8), Monmouth, and several difficult-going 5's and 6's in Monmouthshire and Herefordshire. The day's ringing finished at Abergavenny, where we were pleased to join the local ringers at practice on the lovely ten.

12-BELL RINGING

Tuesday was another full day and eight towers were visited, including the only 12 in Wales and Monmouthshire at St. Woolos', Newport, where with the local ringers we were able to ring Grandsire Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus. Earlier in the day we were pleasantly surprised by the unexpectedly good tone and handling of the steel bells at Bassaleg.

Wednesday's programme included ten towers, mostly in Brecknockshire, calling at Ebbw Vale en route. Before ringing could commence at Llangasty Tal-y-Uyn (a four), we had to do some carpentry with a saw to six inches of extra stay on two of the bells. We also rang at Bronllys, one of the only two detached towers in Wales. The party posed outside Bronllys for a photograph.

Thursday dawned a bit brighter than it had been all the week, and we spent a pleasant day touring Glamorgan, ringing at nine towers, including Pendoylan (6). (N.B.—The dedication is St. Cadoc, not St. Teilo.) We joined the Cardiff ringers at St. John's (10) for their practice night.

The highlight of Friday's ringing was St. Mary's, Swansea, where the lovely eight went well to Stedman and Plain Bob Major. We also rang at Burry Port, the furthest point west that we visited. On the way back we had an excellent practice at Neath, Cadoxton, where we rang Reading and St. Albans Doubles, having representatives from both towns on tour.

Saturday's programme included eight towers in Monmouth and Glamorgan, starting at Llanbradach (8), where we were pleased to

see that the sallies had been removed from their mothballs. Just before Rumney, however, we ran into transport difficulties when one car developed chronic clutch trouble; but thanks to local ringers we were able to finish the day.

Sunday dawned again bright, and we were joined by two more Ravers from Gloucester. Nine Ravers piled into the 'Heavy Austin,' 1929 vintage, and six into the Morris Minor, and we set off. Despite these rather cramped conditions we arrived safely at Pontypridd, and after ringing for morning service we reloaded and moved on to Pentre, the heaviest eight in Wales. The ringing was much enjoyed by all the Ravers, and we were sorry to have to move



THE RAVING RINGERS AT BRONLLYS, BREC. — Standing: Chris Clarke, Roger Price, Peter Warran, Tony Mann, Howard Oglesby, Michael Ling. **Kneeling:** David Wood, Ron Russ, Dennis Bowen. **Seated:** Christine Pullen, Clare Chambers and Olga Critchlow.

on, over the mountains to Llangynwyd (6). The last call of the day was at Cowbridge (a lovely eight), where we enjoyed the ringing and service.

Owing to further clutch complications, the gear box of the afflicted car was quickly removed to Pontypridd in the early hours of Monday morning, and despite frantic efforts by the tour's mechanics we arrived at the last tower of the 1959 tour seven hours late (we hadn't been more than ten minutes out all week). Even then things wouldn't go right, and the fifth insisted on jamming as soon as 'Go, Cambridge' was uttered. Eventually we gave up, rang some rounds and departed.

Five miles out of Monmouth the ailing car finally gave up the ghost, and we spent our last evening ringing handbells on the side of the road. We were eventually rescued by the Morris, and we abandoned the car and spent Monday night on the floor of one of our nobler member's sitting room in Gloucester. Degraded, we caught the 12.18 to Paddington, with hopes of next year's tour the only things to lighten our pain. The Raving Ringers would like to thank the incumbents and tower foremen for helping such a successful tour, and also Mr. and Mrs. K. Lewis, of Bedwas, for their wonderful hospitality.

VICAR AS BELLHANGERS' LABOURER

Rededication At Offton, Suffolk

Roughly eight miles north west of Ipswich lies the small parish of Offton, with barely 300 inhabitants. There is quite a lot of history here, and this shows that every now and then a big sum of money has been spent on renovations and adornments to the Parish Church of St. Mary, but never so much as £1,150 at one go, which is the bill for the overhaul of its five bells and adding a new treble to make a ring of six. The parish has set itself this task, and has had the job done by Messrs. John Taylor & Co.

On July 31st Dr. Harold Morris, Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, performed the dedication ceremony and preached the sermon to a church so full that some stood at the foot of the tower and in the porch.

Ringers were there from all over the area: some came from Buckinghamshire, and that stalwart Urban Wildney, from Essex, was there. Veteran Charles J. Sedgley, and the leader of Pipe's Pilgrims (Cecil W. Pipe) were there, too, the latter having rung his first peal, called by Geo. A. Symonds (now 84 years old) 39 years before on that same date in 1920.

The Vicar (Rev. P. L. Strickland) read the first lesson, and the Rural Dean (Canon S. H. de la Bere) the second.

The Bishop expressed his appreciation of what was being done with the bells, and that a new floor had been put in the tower. Over £300 had been raised towards the cost and the diocese would grant about £100. Although much work had been done, he knew that the parish would not be any happier than the rector until all the money had been raised. He said: 'Don't worry too much about this large debt—the money will come in time. It is that which you work for that really gives pleasure. May your bells give you very great joy and happiness.'

He was not infrequently dedicating and rededicating bells and other church fittings in the diocese, and that showed that there was loving care of the church. Loving care of the church meant loving care of the people and concern about the deeper things of the spirit.

ARCHBISHOP IN SUFFOLK

The Archbishop of Canterbury had spent a holiday in Suffolk this year—five days at Lavenham and five at Aldeburgh. In that time he had visited 30 churches in Suffolk and had expressed his appreciation of how well cared for all but two were. He found hymn books carefully stacked and women of the parish cleaning. He had found the people friendly. Often he was not wearing a clerical collar so it was likely that many that he spoke to did not know who he was. Offton might well be one of the churches he visited.

But, the Bishop continued, churches should not only be kept beautifully but *well* used for the purpose for which they existed. He believed that there was now a coming back to church in town and country.

'When you hear church bells, you may ask yourself: "Why am I not on my way to church instead of the garden or the allotment?" To sick people who cannot attend church, the

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REMINISCENCES OF OLD LONDON RINGERS

MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS, of Ipswich, is the first to respond to the request of Mr. Joe Thornley for reminiscences of London ringers. His period covers the years from 1895 to 1900. In those days Mr. Symonds often travelled to Ipswich by a train on a Sunday morning called "The Sunday League." For the extraordinarily low fare of 2s. 6d., he writes, he not only travelled 140 miles but had the privilege of ringing with Bill Catchpole and Jimmy Motts, who were the first two to call peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. The only two living ringers to do this, he adds, are Charlie Sedgley and himself.

"I left the Suffolk village of Thornham, near Eye (6 bells), in 1895 for "The Smoke," as London was often called. I was living near St. John's, Waterloo Road, and was soon ringing with W. Barron, nicknamed "Tubby," who was renowned for calling Holt's Original. There were also brothers Harold and Arthur, and cousin Jimmy Davis. Harold was a noted composer.

"Others at that time were the brothers Tom, Bill and Bert Langdon, with their father, "Topsy," as he always wore a high silk hat; brothers Bill and Harry Pasmore, the latter being an expert at double handbell ringing of Surprise methods. Another was William Weatherstone, who always remarked, after losing a peal: "We went as far as we knew." There was also Bill Fussell, commemorated at Slough, who later went on the Australian tour, and designed the heading of "The Ringing World."

"A good conductor was Harry Barton, especially in Stedman Caters, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. George Wilde was steeple keeper at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, which was bombed."

AT ST. PAUL'S

"Ezra Carter was then a member of St. Paul's Cathedral band, and as his duties kept him at work on some Sunday afternoons, I deputised for him, thereby meeting the College Youths' genial secretary, W. T. Cockerill. Madgewick used to say he trembled to think what would happen to the A.C.Y. if Mr. Cockerill died. The conductor at St. Paul's then was James Pettitt, and it was said of him that he called 52 different three-courses of Stedman Cinques in one year. With them were Bob Haworth, a printer and philanthropist, Billy Cooter, Fred Newman and many others.

"I also knew Francis Dawe (Frank, to friends), who was a rent collector for very expensive flats. It was said he sat down to lunch under Great Paul (17 tons) when it was a few feet above the ground prior to being hoisted into the south west tower of St. Paul's Cathedral. When peal ringing, Dawe always had a damp sponge at his waist to moisten his hands.

"At St. Martin-in-the-Fields was jovial Jack Mansfield, who sat on a stool and "clocked" hymn tunes on eight bells. John Nebus was the conductor here. He was "passing" the bell for the late W. E. Gladstone when he had a seizure, was taken to hospital, and died."

'BACK SLANG'

"There were jokes about Fred Perrin, who lived at Walworth and was the umpire for the silent peal of Holt's Original at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in 1898. His usual expression was "Don't forget Walworth, Sunday morn-

ing." After ringing a peal, a wag put a footnote something like this: "Rung as a farewell to Derf Nirrep, Esq., [back slang], who is leaving the country for Walworth, near Johannesburg." This was published in the now defunct "Bell News."

"Ted Horrex, well over four-score, should have been chairman at a College Youths' dinner, but just before the event he was taken ill and never recovered.

"I also rang at St. Magnus' and St. James', Bermondsey, both having very nice-sounding ten bells.

"Another worthy was Matt Wood, of Bethnal Green, whose previous surname was the French word Bois, which he changed to the English, Wood. He was very particular about punctuality. One ringer arrived a little late, whereupon he exclaimed: "If you cannot come on time, stay away."

"Several ringers from East Anglia migrated to London about the end of the last century. These included George Newson, J. A. Trollope, Alf Brighton, Harry Dains, John Oxborrow, with whom, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, they practised some Surprise methods.

"Others I call to mind are Ted Gibbs, the brothers Sam and Murray Hayes, and Challis Winney (a piano tuner, who rang on the same bells as William Corder, hanged for the murder of Maria Marten in the red barn). Corder's ringing book is now in the library of Cambridge University, bequeathed there by the late Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk. Finally, I must not forget Tich Symonds (no relation), of Lavenham, who lived at Islington."

G. E. SYMONDS.

JOINT MEETING AT GILLINGHAM

Some 86 ringers attended the joint meeting of the Rochester District (K.C.A.) and the Ladies' Guild at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on July 11th. The Vicar of Gillingham (Rev. J. R. Johns) conducted the service and presided over a short business meeting which followed tea in the Vicarage Hall. Four new members were elected.

A discussion on finances of 'The Ringing World' again resulted in no decision on making a charge of 6d. a rope on all members ringing a peal. The secretary was asked to convey the meeting's good wishes to two old members—Mr. Fred M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, and Mr. Dick Constant, of Gravesend. Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. L. Harmer and helpers for arranging the meeting and tea, and also to the Vicar.

Regret was expressed that peal boards recording some of the first peals rung for the Kent County Association were now nearly out of sight in the tower, having been moved higher up to the next floor. A fine summer's day was enjoyed by all at this once-famous tower for peal ringing some 50 years ago.

The bells of All Saints', Stradbroke, Suffolk, will be silent for some time as the tower, built in the 15th century, is being repaired. The clock is also being regilded and repaired. The total cost is estimated at £1,000.

NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S PEALS

In Mr. Ernest Morris' composition of 5,040 Plain Bob Royal, rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on July 13th, every call was a single.

The peal of 5,040 London Surprise Royal rung by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis' party at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on July 18th, was the first peal in the method in Scotland and the first of Royal on the bells.

To mark the 125th anniversary of the consecration of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire, the local band rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

A farewell peal to Roy Stephenson was rung at Heydour, Lincs, on July 11th. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. John H. Bluff.

The in memoriam peal to Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, rung at Southover on July 11th, was intended to be Albanian Surprise Royal. Unfortunately the band met short, and Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung.

The new Vicar of Spalding (the Rev. D. G. Jakeman), who was inducted on July 2nd, was welcomed by a peal on his bells on July 11th.

Two ringers from Rochdale—Michael D. Fishwick and Roland H. Cook—stood in the peal at Hethersett, Norfolk, on July 15th.

Mr. G. Nelson Sloan, of Christchurch, New Zealand, figures in our peal columns this week. The peal of Bob Major at Church, Lanes, was specially arranged for him.

Members of the Oxford Society rang at Handsworth, on July 18th, a peal of Superlative to welcome Peter David Niblett. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean M. Addicott, who was ringing her first peal in the method.

The 70th anniversary of the installation of the bells at St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, was commemorated by a peal on July 22nd.

A farewell peal to David and John Couperthwaite, who are going to live at Hutton, near Preston, was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Burwell, on June 6th.

Mr. Henry Taysom rang in the peal at Abson, Glos, on July 13th, in honour of his engagement to Miss Janice N. Organ, of Purton, Berkeley. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. John Ferris, of Westerleigh.

Another engagement peal recorded this week was at Gamston, Notts, on July 14th. The betrothed are Mr. Richard Hobbs and Miss Valerie Waterfield.

The peal at Cawthorne, Yorks, on July 18th, was to mark the 50th year of the founding of the Barnsley and District Society.

The peal at Clipston on July 18th was to mark the bicentenary of the birth of George Frederic Handel. A similar tribute at Cogenhoe was recorded in our previous week's issue.

LEWKNOR, OXON. — On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, F. Smith 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6. For morning service and as a welcome to the Bishop of Dorchester.

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LONDON ASSOCIATION'S RINGING PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—The London County Association is fully conscious of and has stressed from time to time the need for collaboration between the principal ringing Associations holding regular meetings in central London. By this means ringers in the area would have an opportunity of joining in the activities of all the Associations of which they are members and also of meeting, as visitors, the Associations of which they may not be members.

Last year the writer offered, through the columns of your journal, to provide a meeting room and to convene a meeting of the secretaries of all Associations and Societies interested in such collaboration.

As no response was received to this suggestion, the London County Association discussed at its recent meetings the unfortunate situation which has arisen as a result of the *monthly* practices of three Associations all falling within the first week of each month, and two of these actually being held on the same day and the same time.

The result of these discussions is that in order to 'practise that which it preaches' the London County Association has moved its general body monthly practice from the first Monday to the *third* Monday in each month. The venue will still be St. Mary's, Lambeth, and the time 7.30 p.m.

Although the London County Association practice has, for very many years, been held on the first Monday in the month, the transfer has been made entirely in the interests of London ringers generally.

Can we not plan 1960 Saturday and practice meetings so that a minimum of clashing occurs?—Yours very truly,

H. W. ROGERS, Hon. Gen. Secretary,
London County Association.

FURTHER EDUCATION COURSES

Dear Sir,—In response to a request from one local education authority, I have had to prepare, at rather short notice, a list of material from which a syllabus for a further education course in campanology can be drawn up.

Copies of this outline syllabus may be obtained from me on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. They may be useful (a) to any Association official or evening institute contemplating such a course, or (b) to any responsible person who would like to offer brief suggested additions or ideas for this committee to include in future reprints or issues of the suggested syllabus.

The outline syllabus consists of main headings and is designed to stimulate the interest of local education officials and to make the subject matter appear as varied and interesting as possible.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Convener, Central Council Committee on
Sunday Service Ringing,
17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

THE EDITOR

GREAT YARMOUTH ON TELEVISION

Dear Sir,—Matins is to be televised from St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Great Yarmouth, on Sunday, August 30th, from 11 to 11.45. The bells will not be heard, although they are completely hung and in perfect order, because (a) the tower restoration is not yet complete and it is therefore not yet safe to ring them, and (b) they are not yet opened for ringing—this will be on October 31st—but they will receive honourable mention!—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

OFFER OF A 'BELL NEWS' INDEX

Dear Sir,—There must be a number of ringers who have occasion to consult 'The Bell News' and early issues of 'The Ringing World' in search of information, and to whom an Index would be of the greatest value. The early 'Bell News' did have one of sorts but, for instance, quite a few items were listed under 'The.'

A ringer has offered to start on the enormous task of compiling a comprehensive Index, but before he begins he would naturally like to be sure that no one else is engaged on a similar project and that no other Index exists. He would also be glad to know what sort of information people would wish to have included. For example, should it be on the same lines as the one which Mr. H. L. Roper has produced for 'The Ringing World' in recent years, or a more condensed version?

I should be grateful if those interested would write to me on these points.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford.

PEALS AT HUNTLEY

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal rung at Huntley on May 30th and published on page 434, I should like to point out that on September 24th, 1922, a peal of Bob Minor was rung in this tower for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, conducted by W. Poston, former Ringing Master of Ross District.—Yours, etc.,

J. J. WEBB.

Ross-on-Wye.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. Patricia A. M. Halls and Mr. Gordon A. Halls rang their 100th peal together on July 20th at Loughborough.

To avoid disappointment in an attempt of Rotherham Parish Church band for Yorkshire Surprise at Eastwood, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, a former member, stood in at the last minute for an absentee. The peal was successful.

A young ringer who was taught at Redhill some 18 months ago, Mr. David Munday, rang his first peal very creditably at Nutfield on July 11th. On the previous Tuesday he rang a quarter peal at Redhill.

As a compliment to the work of Messrs. S. G. Faire and A. O. J. Edge, as churchwardens of Bidford-on-Avon for over 20 years, a peal was rung on the parish church bells on July 18th. They have now relinquished their wardenships.

VICAR AS BELLHANGERS' LABOURER

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sound of bells tells them that the parish priest is there to pray for them as well as others.'

Of bell-ringers, the Bishop said: 'God bless them—they are doing a valuable work, as are other church officers. More women are taking up ringing than ever before. It is a mental as well as a physical exercise and it gives pleasure to so many. As I go through different parts of the diocese on Sunday—perhaps 100 to 150 miles—and I hear the bells ringing as I pass the churches, it does me good: I know the faithful are there, even if there are not many of them.'

After referring to the different purposes for which bells are rung, the Bishop touched upon the amplifying of recorded bells in some towers. He has decried this in previous bell dedication sermons, calling the system 'phoney' and taking away 'the human touch in this mechanical age.'

Before the service ended the Vicar said that they were particularly grateful to the Barking ringers for the help they had given. As the choir left their places, the bells were rung to rounds by the Offton ringers—two men and four girls—all new to the job except one girl, grand-daughter of Mr. Gilbert R. Goodship, who has been training this new band. There have been no ringers at Offton for many years—the five bells have not been ringable for ages and the frame was so rotten that all that could be done with it, when it reached the ground, was to burn it. After their rounds, the Barking ringers rang a course or two, and they were followed by members of the Suffolk Guild.

Very delightful refreshments were served at the nearby Village Hall. With the sound of the bells as a background, the Vicar here voiced further thanks to those who had worked so hard. One of these was Mr. Meason, who lives near the church. He has acted as secretary and correspondent for the fund. (He will be pleased to hear from anyone who has a contribution to make!)

The Vicar was able to announce that the collection at the service came to over £40. This brought the total to £404.

THE BELLS

Messrs. Taylor give these particulars of the bells:—

- Treble.—3 cwt. 18 lb. (Taylor), 1958.
- Second.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. (Gardiner), 1733.
- Third.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. (Pleasant), 1700.
- Fourth.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. (Bury Foundry), c. 1500.
- Fifth.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. (Darbie), 1667.
- Tenor, in A.—8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. (Pleasant), 1700.

Dove shows the tenor as 9 cwt. Raven gives the date of the second as 1735, and states the inscription on the pre-Reformation bell is Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis.

The Vicar had quite a lot to do with the actual taking down of the bells for overhaul and, when they were rehung, the job was done entirely by two people—Joe Smith (hanger for Messrs. Taylor) and his labourer—the Vicar. Bravo!

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HALF PEAL

CHESTER.—On July 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal at the Cathedral: V. Roberts 1, G. W. Massey 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. W. Rex 4, R. D. Short 5, S. A. Read 6, G. Salmon (cond.) 7, B. B. Dibben 8, R. N. Marlow 9, D. Hoare 10.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Hayne 1, Betty J. Marsh 2, Maurice W. Ford 3, J. H. Hayne 4, Henry J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Runz after the induction of the Rev. B. P. H. Ball as Vicar.

ADVENT, CORNWALL.—At St. Adwena's Church on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Heard 1, E. R. Warner 2, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 3, D. Garvie 4, H. Stacey 5.

ASHBURY, BERKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parsons 1, F. White 2, F. C. White 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, W. J. New 6. With grateful thanks for the 25 years' ministry of the Rev. E. C. Mortimer, who is leaving to take an appointment in Devon.

BEBESBOURNE, KENT.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Rogers 1, M. J. Holness 2, B. J. Luck 3, T. H. Holmes 4, N. J. Davies 5, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 6. A first birthday compliment to Elizabeth Mary Chapman.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On June 10th, 720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob in 43 minutes: W. Tebbutt 1, Evelyn Steel 2, H. Gayton 3, H. Robinson 4, E. White 5, P. Inskip (cond.) 6. Runz to commemorate Miss Steel's 80th birthday.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. N. Richardson 1, P. C. Pitchford 2, G. C. Jackson 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6.

CAPTOWN.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Riley 1, L. Hewitt 2, R. Law 3, W. Abraham 4, W. Smith 5, R. Stickley (cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, V. Sheppard 8. For the birthday of H.M. the Queen, and a bon voyage to W. Abraham.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine Pole 1, P. Woodgray 2, W. H. Coles 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, R. S. Young (first quarter) 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Goddard 1, E. G. Orland (cond.) 2, G. Lian Tavenor 3, Hilary Johnson 4, D. J. Marshall 5, H. M. Johnson 6, E. M. Thresher 7, P. I. Chapman 8. First of Major 1, 3, 5 and 6. Also, on July 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Williams 1, E. M. Thresher 2, E. G. Orland (cond.) 3, R. S. Holland 4, M. J. Bailey 5, J. E. Goddard 6, E. A. Gautrey 7, M. F. Amos 8; by Long Bucky band.

ECCLESTON, LANCs.—On July 11th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (first as cond.) 1, Miss D. Crook 2, J. Hailwood 3, J. Owens 4, J. E. Sumner 5, W. H. Hunter 6. First quarter 3 and 5.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gander (first quarter) 1, I. J. Attwater 2, T. Hawkins 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, J. Towers 5, D. Towers 6, J. Duggan (cond.) 7, I. Hawkins 8. For Evensong.

ESHER, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Maulby (first quarter) 1, J. F. M. Maybrey 2, F. Oakshott 3, Joan K. Smith 4, Christine M. Harbott 5, Catherine Powell (first of Grandsire) 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, Mrs. M. Powell (first on eight) 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Coker (first quarter) 1, J. D. Painter (cond.) 2, Sheila Cameron 3, F. B. Cookson 4, Amy Coburn 5, A. W. J. Anneton 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, L. G. Coburn 8. For Evensong.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. B. Cowan 1, F. Bowden 2, Janet Miles 3, Raphael Corner 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, A. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, C. G. Johnstone 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

HECKLINGTON, Lincs.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Fenney (first quarter) 1, D. Brown (first quarter) 2, R. Asher 3, R. Trevitt 4, J. Ward 5, E. Cole 6, R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, A. Dixon 8. For morning service on Feast Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON, DEVON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Real (first quarter, 14) 1, C. Webb 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. Also, on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, W. Sparks 2, C. Manley 3, W. Baker 4, D. Salter 5, W. Webb (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, E. YORKS.—On July 12th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Harrop 1, H. Parker 2, Miss J. Porter 3, J. Perrett 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For the 1,000th anniversary of the church.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Woolgrove (first quarter) 1, Hazel White 2, O. G. Smart 3, R. F. Crook 4, B. Granger 5, C. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor 2 and 3. In honour of the birth of Nigel Graham, grandson of Oscar Smart.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On July 12th, at St. Margaret's: 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Bowen 1, T. Greenacre 2, N. Sloan (Christ Church Cathedral, N.Z.) 3, H. Crome 4, J. Spicer 5, J. Wilson 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. Nelson Sloan on the occasion of his visit to Norfolk.

KINGSTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, R. C. Powell 2, M. V. Powell (first 'inside') 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, T. J. Gundy 5, A. J. Williams 6.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Perkins 1, E. Leggett 2, D. Culham 3, P. Perkins 4, B. Gibbons (cond.) 5. First quarter as conductor.

LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, Lambeth, on June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, F. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, M. Hawkes (50th quarter) 4, F. P. Mead 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, C. W. Otley 8. Also, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, C. W. Otley 3, C. M. Meyer 4, M. Hawkes 5, F. A. Ranson 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, J. A. Hales 8. Also, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, P. J. Hutchings 3, J. A. Hales 4, C. W. Otley 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, F. A. Ranson 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. G. Bowden 1, Joan Gray 2, Elisabeth Bowden 3, D. E. Cobb 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. H. Gilbert (first of Bristol as cond.) 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, F. D. Mack 8. First quarter of Bristol for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8. A welcome to Peter Gray (born July 5th).

NAISEA, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary Powell 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 540 Plain Bob): M. McQuistan 1, Anne Hancock 2, L. Cordell 3, H. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

PENTRE, GLAM.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. French (first quarter) 1, J. Lovett 2, J. Thomas 3, J. Evans 4, K. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6. Runz half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Crabb, a ringer in this tower for 51 years.

RADYR, GLAM.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Stickland 1, Miss J. Harvey 2, W. Harford 3, B. Taylor 4, J. Goodfellow (first of Plain Bob Minor) 5, D. Llewellyn (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, W. Ellis 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House 7, G. Sandwell (first of Major as cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to F. May.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.—On July 4th at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Cheater 1, L. F. Cobb 2, Yvonne Eole 3, J. E. Daniel 4, F. L. Harris 5, J. Russell 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. Runz for the wedding of Ann Bacon and Herbert Abrahams at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, this day.

SEAL, KENT.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Pankhurst (cond.) 1, B. Russell 2, A. Wenban 3, G. T. Acott 4, G. Godfrey 5, H. Wheeler (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to 3 and 4.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On July 19th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus, with 5, 6 covering: D. M. Skinner 1, P. C. Plant 2, P. Stevens 3, J. L. Queen 4, I. Collins 5, I. R. Slee 6. First quarter for all except 4th.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On July 18th, 720 Kent and 600 Oxford: F. Brook 1, Cynthia Lockwood (first 'inside') 2, R. Pasden (first quarter) 3, S. Ramsden 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, T. Tarbutt 6.

SHERBOURNE, WARWICKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian C. Brown (17, first quarter) 1, Stella T. Trindall (17) 2, E. Ann Trindall (20) 3, Jean M. Addicott (21) 4, Shirley E. Stroud (18, first as cond.) 5, Caroline A. Evans (15, first quarter) 6. Runz to commemorate the 80th birthday of The King's High School, Warwick. Ringers on 1, 2, 5 and 6 are members of the School and the others Old Girls.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, Sandra Hunt (first of Minor) 2, D. Purnell 3, E. Ford 4, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Tyler (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Potter 2, T. A. Blow 3, J. Davis 4, J. Reif 5, C. Hampton (first as cond.) 6, W. Brownett 7, J. Adcock 8.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church on July 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. G. Gates (first quarter) 1, Ann Aldridge 2, R. Channon 3, H. Miller 4, J. Perrett 5, S. G. Peck 6, M. Stanvon 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's, on July 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jean Williams (first on eight) 1, J. Tomkinson (first quarter) 2, B. Cox (first on 8) 3, D. Hawkins 4, E. Skipsey (first on 8) 5, M. Lane (first of Bob Major) 6, C. Fynes (first on 8) 7, R. Shepherd (cond.) 8. Also, on July 20th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): C. Burgess 1, J. Tomkinson (first of Minor) 2, D. Boniface (first quarter) 3, M. Lane 4, R. Shepherd 5, D. Hawkins (cond.) 6.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On June 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Lacey (first quarter) 1, C. Mannerings jun. (first quarter) 2, J. Davey (first quarter) 3, M. Lacey (first in method) 4, A. Dunk (first in method as cond.) 5. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife. Also on July 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Lacey 1, C. Mannerings jun. 2, J. Davey 3, G. Kenward 4, A. Dunk (cond.) 5. For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Dover to dedicate the restored chancel.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On July 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: E. Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, R. D. Hayne 3, D. Sibley 4, N. Haile 5, H. Folwell 6, A. R. Wright 7, W. Stote (cond.) 8. First in method for all except treble ringer. For installation of Rector as chaplain to the Guild of Freemen of Coventry and for the 89th birthday of Adolphus Roberts.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On July 19th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss I. Porter (cond.) 1, Miss M. Verity (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. R. Ducker 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Ducker 6. For Evensong and the christening of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ducker's third daughter. Band of parents and godparents.

THORNFORD, DORSET.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. V. Gare 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, J. E. Looker 3, F. Priddle 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard (first in method as cond.) 6. First Cambridge Minor for 2, 3 and 5.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. V. White 1, J. S. B. Powell (first quarter) 2, H. S. Banwell 3, D. H. White (cond.) 4, H. Collins 5. Runz at the Old Church of St. Nicholas prior to the 68th 8 a.m. Communion Service. A Communion Service has been held annually on the second Sunday in July since the church was re-opened for public worship on July 12th, 1891, following a 45-year period of disuse.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Sheila Matthews 1, J. Hunt 2, D. Cobb 3, R. Hooper 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman 6. First of London by all the band.

OBITUARY

YOUNG RINGERS' DEATH IN AIR CRASH

We regret to announce the deaths in the Barcelona air crash of a young Newcastle couple who went to Spain to celebrate the first anniversary of their wedding.

They were Mr. Colin Hammond (25) and his wife Valerie, of St. George's Terrace, Jesmond. Mr. Hammond had just qualified as a mechanical engineer with a Newcastle firm. His wife was a domestic science and needlework teacher at Cramlington Secondary Modern School. They went to Newcastle from Nottingham about 18 months ago.

MR. A. SANDERSON

The sudden death at the age of 61 of Mr. A. Sanderson, of St. Peter's Church, Bentley, South Yorks, is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends, especially members of the Doncaster and District Society.

The funeral service was held on Sunday 14th at the church he served so well as ringer, sidesman and member of the Parochial Church Council. The Doncaster Society was represented by the Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Staveley.

He will be remembered for his work as a Sunday service ringer and the encouragement and help he gave to learners at the practices. In this he was assisted by his only son, Ronald, who is treasurer of the Doncaster and District Society, and his cousin, Dennis Chapman, late secretary of St. George's Parish Church.

The Doncaster Society always received a cordial welcome from him when they visited Bentley, and on the last occasion he showed the visitors the new heating system in the church and gave members a brief history of the church. To his widow and family the Society extend their deepest sympathy. G. W.

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

After an unsuccessful attempt to obtain Watford Parish Church bells for the school's Founders' Day services in May, 1958, about a dozen young ringers from the Watford Grammar Schools decided to form a Change Ringing Society for the schools. Our aim was to practise regularly together and to get a good band so that we would be able to ring for the Founders' Day services in 1959.

Officers were elected at a business meeting, and our first ringing meeting was held at King's Langley in July, 1958. This was very successful, and since then we have held six more equally successful meetings. One of our highlights was when Mr. Russell S. Young, from Groton School, America, came to our Berkhamstead meeting to see the activities of an English school bell-ringing society.

This year we were able to ring for both the girls' and boys' school Founders' Day services, and the ringing was good. We are grateful to some visitors who helped with the heavier bells, and to Mr. R. G. Bell and Mr. Durrant who gave up their time to be with us for safety's sake.

All our members are members of the Hertford County Association. At the beginning of this year our secretary wrote to the secretary of the Hertford County Association, who replied that as long as we arranged our meetings so as not to clash with the local District meetings, we are welcome in the county.

This month is the end of our first year. We have scored our first quarter peal and are hoping for many more. Our meetings will now be announced in 'The Ringing World,' and any visitors are welcome to join us. G. G.

REDEDICATION

MARSTON TRUSSELL, NORTHANTS

For much of its course, the river Welland forms the boundary between the county of Northamptonshire and its northern neighbours Leicester, Rutland and Lincoln. A thousand years ago this river was navigable for much of its length. The invading Vikings and Danes used it to penetrate into the heart of England and formed settlements upon its banks: this may well have been the beginning of such villages as Marston Trussell, near Market Harborough.

In this quiet spot our forefathers built a lovely little church dedicated to St. Nicholas, using—so the legend has it—the bow timbers of a Viking ship to form the arch of the main doorway.

Between the years 1612 and 1623 Hugh Watts, of Leicester, cast five bells for this church which were hung in a wooden frame. Age, and perhaps neglect, made this structure so unsafe that in 1953 the bells were lowered from the tower and removed to Messrs. Taylors' bell foundry.

The task of raising £1,000 to provide for their restoration has been successfully completed through the generosity of Mrs. Barwell-Ewins. The tenor has been recast and is now 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat, and the whole ring hung in a new 'H' frame with canon-retaining headstocks for the front four bells.

The service of dedication on August 15th was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. Whiteman) in the presence of a large congregation, which included Mrs. Barwell-Ewins, Miss Barwell-Ewins and Mr. K. Knightley-Law, the patron of the living. Messrs. Taylors were represented by Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. J. Fidler. The bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Northampton, the Ven. J. Grimes, and were rung immediately after the dedication and again after the service by members of the Guildborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

After tea and refreshments at the Rectory, several ringers from neighbouring towers joined in to keep the bells in action until 7.45 p.m.

E. G. O.

OUTING

St. Michael's Guild, Lyme Regis, visited the Isle of Wight for their annual outing on July 18th. Leaving Lyme at 7 a.m. for the Lymington Ferry, we were particularly pleased that Dr. Taylor and Canon Cox turned out so early to wish us an enjoyable day.

Landing at Yarmouth, we were soon on our way to Carisbrooke and our picnic lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed on Mr. Tunncliffe's lawn overlooking the Castle. With reluctance, we dragged ourselves away to St. Mary's tower where, despite poorish ropes and some odd-struck bells, the tone and 'go' were pleasing and some good ringing from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Major enjoyed.

Nearby St. Thomas', Newport, saw us quickly in action again, and here the inaudibility of this otherwise pleasant octave made even our 'experts' hope for the best with regard to striking. Next came All Saints', Ryde, with eight bells audible enough for anyone, so some first-class ringing was expected. However, the afternoon heat and the attraction of the fine views from the parapet caused some ringing to be patchy. Bristol Surprise and an excellent 'fall' made some amends.

Climbing out of Ryde we were soon high on the chalk hills, with extensive views to the south and west, before descending to Arreton and its lovely old Church of St. George. Here the Rector told us that he had 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams. Six of our 'experts' then performed like a 'Z' team by making very heavy weather of Cambridge Minor. They redeemed this later with some excellent London. By this time, throats having become parched, tea at Shanklin was welcome.

Our last tower was All Saints', Godshill, standing high above the pretty village. The very nice ring of six was put to good use in the time available, with everyone wishing our stay could have been longer.

On the mainland again, we took leave of our friends from Yeovil, Yetminster, Evershot and Powerstock, and so brought to a close one of our best outings yet. Our thanks are again expressed to the various incumbents and tower keepers for their welcome to us.

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MISCELLANEOUS

EDMONTON BELL FUND.—The bells of All Saints' Church, Edmonton, are being recast and retuned and will soon be hanging on new fittings in a new frame. Members of the local band are working hard to raise some necessary money, and it is felt that there are many ringers who, having most probably rung in this North London tower with famous ringers, would be pleased to be associated with this work. Please send contributions, all of which will be gratefully acknowledged, marked 'Bell Fund,' to Rev. S. W. Knight, The Vicarage, Edmonton, London, N.9. 4763

ASHTHEAD bells and frame are now to have attention by the bell-hangers and bell-founders. Will visiting ringers and secretaries please note that restricted ringing is possible on the front six bells only.—J. T. Symonds. 4797

IT'S RATHER EARLY to mention this, but I shall shortly be publishing a series of 12 CHRISTMAS CARDS specially produced for ringers. They will feature pencil sketch reproductions of well-known towers, with notes on the bells, etc., and conventional greetings. Also, if time permits, a month-at-a-view CALENDAR will be marketed. Full details and prices later.—W. Viggers. 4764

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—All ringers coming as freshers to Bristol University in October please contact the secretary, Jane Cook, Dockmaster's House, Royal Dock, Grimsby, Lincs. 4757

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Crowcombe on Saturday, Aug. 29th, 7 p.m. 4747

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Evening meeting, Houghton, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (5) 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4765

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 4721

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8), Saturday, Aug. 29th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4756

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 29th, North Mymms. Bells (8) 3 p.m. No service. Please note change of date.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4748

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 29th, Whatton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided in the Vicarage—please bring own food. All welcome. 4712

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 4789

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Ripponden (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells afternoon and evening. Tea, 3s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to A. W. Bond, 49-51, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. 4767

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Stevington (5 bells), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5th. Please send names and addresses to me by Wednesday.—R. L. Piron, 8, Bowhill, Bedford (61835). 4795

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Wath, Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 2nd, to J. Reed, British Railways, Melmerby, Ripon.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4769

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 5th, Long Compton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 (collection). Tea (provided free) 5 p.m. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa (8388). Whichford bells will be available 6 p.m. if sufficient members are present at Long Compton. 4791

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Sowton, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 31st to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymington. 4746

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Over, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4755

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridge-north District) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), on Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to Mr. A. S. Bayley, 19, Church Road, Coalbrookdale. 4740

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kingston District.—Meeting, Dilwyn, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available 6 till 9 p.m.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec. 4782

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—King's Walden, Saturday, Sept. 5th, 5.30 p.m. Special method. Warkworth Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4788

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Elstree (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4786

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to Mrs. H. O. Peattie, 1, Chequer Lane, Ash, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4742

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent District).—Joint meeting, Chiddingstone, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 4787

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Wadhurst, September 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss Margaret Wilson, 75, Park View, Hastings. All very welcome.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 4745

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Southport, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 n.m. for those notifying by Sept. 2nd Mr. R. Kenrick, 19, Glenpark Drive, Southport.—M. E. Ridyard. 4767

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting arranged for September 5th at Lancaster St. Peter's is postponed to October 3rd.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4795

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, St. David's, Bangor, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by business and tea. Names for tea not later than Sept. 1st.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4771

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Dickleburgh (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 1st, to Mr. C. R. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 4738

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held, D.V., on Saturday, Sept. 5th, at Davenry. Service 4 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Buildings, 5 p.m. Tea tickets at 3s. each, C.W.O., to be obtained not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st, from Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Davenry, Northants. Ringing has been arranged as follows: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Willoughby, Harpole, Kisingbury, Lower Heyford, Byfield: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., Braunston, East

Haddon, Staverton, Great Brington, Long Buckby, Watford, Whilton; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Weedon; 2 to 3 p.m., Newnham; 2 to 4 p.m., Daventry; all after tea; 6 to 8 p.m., Badby; 7.30 to 8.15 p.m., Rugby.—G. W. Jeffs. 4739

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bromham (6), on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 4770

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Motcombe, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names by Sept. 2nd to Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 4781

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Howden, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge), Church Hall. Names on or before Sept. 3rd, please, to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4751

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by 3rd to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisbrough, Doncaster. All welcome.—J. Seager. 4752

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Holme Pierrepont. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 4760

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A ringing practice will be held at Lakenheath on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 2nd.—L. Wright, Organiser, 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds (1297). 4764

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly Meeting, Ewell, Saturday, Sept. 5th. No afternoon ringing owing to weddings. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4746

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to E. H. Knapp, 2, Stumblemeads, Balcombe. 4758

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge will be made for tea—names by Sept. 1st to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 4737

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hoylandswaine cup contest held at Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Entrance fee 6s., to James W. Buxton, 21, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield. Tea—please notify Mr. John Whitehouse, Guyder Bottom, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield. 4770

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. North Curry. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosas, George Street, Taunton. 4748

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Congleton (8), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 8th to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Frequent buses and trains from Manchester, Macclesfield, Stoke, etc. 4745

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Wanstead. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Leytonstone (St. John's) (8) also available at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Chalk, 6, Latchett Road, Wanstead, E.18. 4750

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Tring, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea only.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 4766

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Ightham, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at The Chequers for those who notify me by Thursday, 10th.—R. L. Silks, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, W. Malling, Kent. 4761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Northfleet, Saturday, Sept. 12th. (N.B.—Not Hoo on Sept. 5th.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. J. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet. — T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4753

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next monthly meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Mr. D. B. Lyon, Tethers, Hillside Drive, Woolton, Liverpool.—T. E. Radcliffe. 4774

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Quarterly general meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Ringing arrangements: Blaby (5), 2 to 3; Whetstone (6), 2 to 3; South Wigston (8), 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30; Countesthorpe (6), 7 to 8; Willoughby Waterless (5), 7 to 8; Peatling Magna (4), 7.15 to 7.45. Service, South Wigston, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) in Sunday School, 5 p.m., price 2s. 6d., only for those who notify undersigned by Thursday, Sept. 10th. Important business affecting date of annual meeting for 1960. General committee meeting in vestry of St. John-the-Divine's, 7.45, Monday, Sept. 7th.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. Tel.: Wigston 3244. 4755

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Bigby (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by Sept. 9th to Canon H. Thackeray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 4780

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4749

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 4792

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Havfordwest, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 4773

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Shrewton (6). Chitterne (5) also available in evening. Names to reserve tea (2s. 6d.) by Sept. 8th, please, to Miss Sweeney, 26, The Close, Salisbury. 4778

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Little Aston, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Staffordshire. 4793

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, The Church of the Annunciation, High Street. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bus No. 227 from Chislehurst Station (S.R.) or Nos. 161 and 161A from Mottingham Station (S.R.) to High Street, Green Line No. 725. Names for tea not later than Monday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. I. H. Oram, 18, Crown Court, Home Park Lane, Lee, S.E.12. St. Nicholas' bells available after meeting. 4790

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford cup contest and meeting, Clayworth (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. 3 p.m. Ham and tongue tea (4s. 6d.) only for those who notify by 8th Rev. C. Blomely, Clayworth Rectory, Retford.—H. Denman. 4763

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Charlwood (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 4766

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at Kingsclere (6), 1.30 to 3 p.m.; Sydmonton (6) 3.15 to 4.15. Service, Burghclere, 4.30, followed by tea in the Parish Room. Burghclere (6), 5.30 to 7; Highclere (8), 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea essential not later than Sept. 7th to the Rev. Mr. Ince, Burghclere Rectory, near Newbury.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 4775

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—Tower Sunday, Sept. 13th. Ringing 5 p.m. and after service at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Preb. E. V. Cox (president, Guild of Devonshire Ringers). All ringers welcome. 4779

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Sept. 26th, Corn Exchange, Rochester, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from District Secretaries or direct from Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. Chatham bells from 4 to 6 p.m. 4754

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) shortly available and obtainable from Branch secretaries, the dinner committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4785

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tickets 14s. each. Applications, with remittances, to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. 4768

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WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, J. P. Blond (cond.) 2, F. S. Smith 3, R. B. Blond 4, F. E. Godden 5, A. R. T. Greenough 6, F. Absolom 7, W. Fulker 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, F. C. Maynard 3, H. Rumens 4, E. E. Holman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, T. Hawkins 8. For Evensong. Also on July 19th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: H. Rumens 1, B. R. Downes (cond.) 2, F. C. Maynard 3, J. A. Hales 4, T. Hawkins 5, F. W. Sykes 6, D. Hewitt 7, L. S. Woods 8. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bull (first quarter) 1, Judith Harding 2, E. F. M. Samson 3, Olive G. Cherrett (first of Triples 'inside') 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, A. M. Cunningham 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, C. J. Fooks (first quarter) 8.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. G. Harris (first on treble) 1, F. J. Howard 2, A. Fortin (first of Triples) 3, Harry Wingrove (cond.) 4, Jesse Harrison 5, D. W. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, R. Hazell 8.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Padlev 1, Mary Morriss 2, F. Elington 3, Mrs. P. Reynolds 4, J. P. Morriss 5, J. W. Baily (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson.

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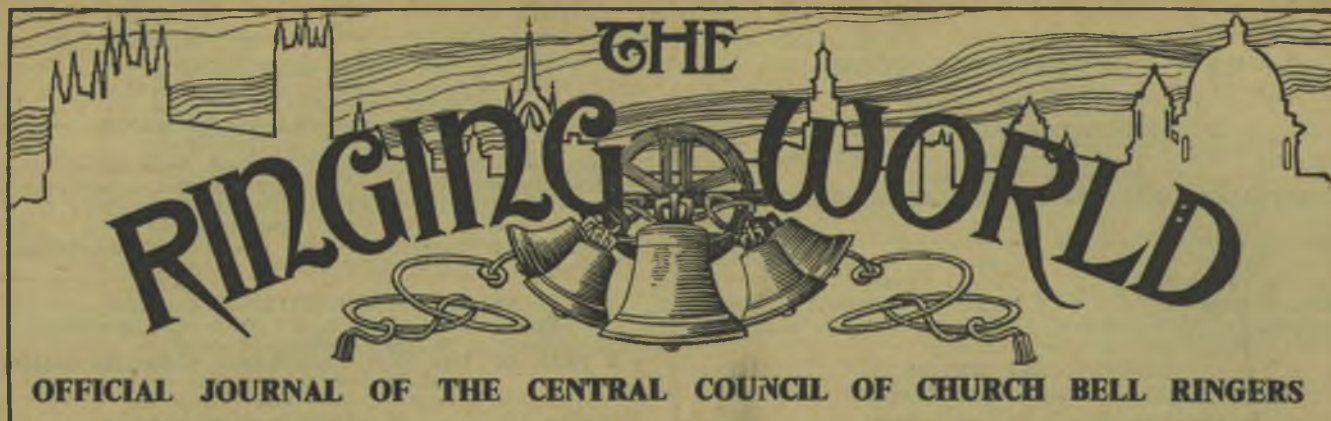
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TANFIELD, 1959

THEY (the English) are *powerful in the field*, successful against their enemies, impatient against anything like slavery; vastly fond of Great Noises that fill the ear, such as the firing of Cannon, drums and the *ringing of bells*, so that in London it is common for a number of them to go up into some belfry and ring the bells for hours together, for the sake of exercise. . . . So wrote Paul Hentzner in his 'Travels in England,' 1598, and today, almost 400 years later, we can still see those characteristics vividly portrayed in the Englishman, especially those of power in the field (of cricket!) and the ringing of bells.

On first reflection there would not appear to be any close relationship between the ringing of bells and the game of cricket, but in actual fact they have many common features. A cricketer needs to play with a straight bat while a bellringer must keep a straight rope, and in each case the participant must have a keen eye and an alert mind. Again, both the game of cricket and the exercise of ringing require the element of team spirit for their success and, above all else, both are peculiarly English. Thus the annual cricket match-cum-ringing meeting held in the village of Tanfield, Co. Durham, over the past three years (an event resumed after a lapse of 60 years) presents an occasion as typically English as any scene from Merrie England could be.

This year the event took place on Saturday, July 18th, when teams selected by the Vicar of Tanfield (the Rev. R. Race) and the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers (Mr. K. Arthur) met on the vicarage lawn for the cricket encounter. The wicket itself proved one of the best ever, although the boundaries were on the short side and some local rules had to be agreed upon before the start—no fast bowling, no big hitting and no faculty required to remove any ball hit into the churchyard! Both teams played lady ringers, so, as in previous years, ladies would bowl to ladies. It was agreed to play 20 overs each side.

The uncertain weather of the morning had cleared by 2.30 p.m., when the two captains came out to spin the coin, and with a successful call the Vicar elected to bat first. Messrs. R. W. Leighton (Blaydon) and G. S. Deas (Newcastle Cathedral), the umpires, then took up their positions, and Tanfield opened with the Rev. O. Dickinson

(Vicar of Stanley) and Miss P. Brabban (Tanfield), who provided a solid first wicket stand until the 12th over, and took the score to 15 runs. Wickets then fell more regularly, and the side were all out for 49 in the 20th over.

Following a short break for tea in the Vicarage, the President's team went in to bat, but they were soon in trouble when the first wicket fell with the score at 1. Another quick wicket fell, and the position looked grim, but Billy Shewen (S. Shields) and Alan Patterson (Cramlington) came together and put on a stand which produced 30 runs before another wicket fell. The score was now 39 and the Tanfield attack became intensified with the scent of victory in the air. A determined President then came to the crease and with the help of first one and then the other of his lady players managed to weather the storm and produced the winning hit with a four into the churchyard. The remaining wickets fell rapidly and the side was all out for 57 runs, and the 'ashes' returned once again to their niche in Newcastle. Details:—

TANFIELD XI

Rev. O. Dickinson . . .	8
P. Brabban	6
H. Thompson	4
Rev. R. Race	4
D. Parker	5
D. Dickinson	1
K. Armin	2
K. Ather	1
K. Cheeseman	1
C. T. Lamb	0
R. Oliver	1
Extras	16

Total . 49

NEWCASTLE XI

I. Walker	1
M. Shewen	13
E. Harrison	2
A. Patterson	22
E. Castling	2
K. Arthur	8
M. Deas	2
M. Prophet	5
D. A. Bayles	0
S. Hewett	1
F. W. Cooke	0
Extra	1

Total . 57

Players and spectators then gathered round the Vicarage porch and the President conveyed the thanks of all to the Vicar of Tanfield and his helpers for the splendid arrangements. In reply the Vicar expressed a hope that the event would be continued and become even more popular with the succeeding years.

Following said Evensong in the Church of St. Margaret, the ringing programme of the occasion began, and the pleasant ring of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) was kept fully manned until nearly 9 p.m. Ringers of all stages were provided for, and ringing ranged from rounds for beginners to London Surprise Major for the more experienced members. Thus was concluded another 'Tanfield.' K. A.

WEST COUNTRYMEN'S TOUR

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

RONALD D. SHORT Treble	DAVID HOARE 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY 6
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 3	GWILYM SALMON 7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN 4	RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

BANGOR, CAERNARVON.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 27, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLENADDA,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

ANTHONY J. SANGER .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY 5
*DAVID HOARE 2	VICTOR ROBERTS 6
RONALD D. SHORT 3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 7
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 4	GWILYM SALMON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

* 150th peal. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVON.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Treble	*DAVID HOARE 5
*REGINALD W. REX 2	*VICTOR ROBERTS 6
*ANTHONY J. SANGER 3	*GWILYM SALMON 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	*†RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

REGINALD W. REX Treble	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 5
ANTHONY J. SANGER 2	VICTOR ROBERTS 6
RONALD D. SHORT 3	DAVID HOARE 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

DERBYSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

On Mon., July 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	*PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON 6
MRS. PATRICIA A. M. HALLS 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
MICHAEL BLORE 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* First peal in the method.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

On Tues., July 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	*PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT 5
MRS. PATRICIA A. M. HALLS 2	HAROLD TAYLOR 6
*DAVID K. WALKLATE 3	†GORDON A. HALLS 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

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

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JAMES H. PAILING Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 7
*VIVIANNE CARLISLE 4	MICHAEL BLORE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by MICHAEL BLORE.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Thurs., July 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT Treble	EDWIN WALKLATE 5
*VIVIANNE CARLISLE 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE 6
MRS. PATRICIA A. M. HALLS 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 7
GORDON A. HALLS 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by MRS. PATRICIA A. M. HALLS.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 7
JOHN CHILCOTT 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 8
BROOK K. LUNN 3	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY 9
MICHAEL P. MORETON 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION 10
ALAN J. FROST 5	WILFRID F. MORETON 11
RAYMOND G. BURTON 6	FRANCIS A. WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*FREDERICK LEECH Treble	†PHILIP J. EVANS 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	‡GEOFFREY PARTING 8
REGINALD WOODYATT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
REGINALD H. NEWTON 4	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 10
†JOHN F. BUTLER 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 11
*FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL 6	†ERNEST F. WILLCOX Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Cinques. † First of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ First on 12 bells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 28½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 8
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANDLES 9
PATRICIA M. BOURN 4	JACK MILLHOUSE 10
JOHN WORTH 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

*RAYMOND P. BURTON .. Treble	*WILLIAM T. COOK 7
*ALBERT M. TYLER 2	*JOHN PHILLIPS 8
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	STEPHEN J. IVIN 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 10
*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE 11
ALAN F. THIRST 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
*A. JAMES POYNOR 2	DAVID DARBY 7
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal 'inside.'

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	REV. GILES GALLEY .. 7
STANLEY W. GALL 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 8
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. 4	BERT GOGLE 9
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A farewell peal to the Lord Bishop of Norwich, patron of the Association, on his resignation from the bishopric.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Treble	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING 2	THOMAS BOREHAM 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN 3	*DAVID J. KING 8
E. TREVOR NEWBURY 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 9
ALBERT M. TYLER 5	DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

HEREFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND

ST. ETHELBERT.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 34 cwt.

ALAN J. FROST Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 6
JOHN CHILCOTT 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON 3	GEORGE DAVIS 8
F. ERIC ROBERTS 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
FRANK REED 5	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 2	*MARTIN FAULKES 7
†MARY C. PAYNE 3	A. JAMES POYNOR 8
HARRY POYNOR 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS 5	GORDON A. HALLS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Caters. † 100th peal.

A birthday compliment to Margaret L. Morris.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PETER LANGTON Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
FRANCES SECKER 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 6
JOHN H. SCHOFIELD 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7
JOHN PILKINGTON 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER LANGTON.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Fri., July 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
WILLIAM JUDGE 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 6
BRIAN R. WHITE 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT 4	NEIL I. ALLNATT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

In memoriam Alfred H. Pulling and Mrs. William Stone, sister of the ringers of 1 and 2.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 22, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part, No. 2.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WENDY PHILLIPS Treble	SAMUEL C. WALKER .. 5
DENIS A. BAYLES 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 6
CHARLES N. LEA 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4	*THOMAS O. PIERCY Tenor

* First peal.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 23, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.

*RITA M. JOWETT Treble	†B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
†PETER SCHOFIELD 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 6
†MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
†JOHN H. FIELDEN 4	†DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ 25th tower bell peal. First peal of Yorkshire in Todmorden.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 KILBURN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*H. GEORGE HART 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	*VERNON GREEN 6
*ELSIE K. HART 3	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Superlative and Cambridge; 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
IAN H. ORAM 2	RALPH BIRD 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

TOM CHAPMAN Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
LEONARD TREVOR 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN HAYES Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
*ROGER KING 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN 6
DENIS MADDOCK 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
HENRY PARKER 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First Surprise peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

IVAN COOPER Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
ROY DUESBURY 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD .. 3	HARRY J. MILLATT 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY 4	†EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 450th peal. † First of Yorkshire Surprise.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

JOSEPH L. STANIER Treble	*HAROLD G. THOMAS 5
*LEO EVANS 2	HARRY GRIFFITHS 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE 3	*HARRY EDGE 7
ALAN A. ELSMORE 4	EDMUND MALIN Tenor

Composed by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal of Major.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

FRANK TRINER Treble	*GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	*DAVID W. FRIEND 7
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by F. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD 5
HOWARD SCOTT 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN 6
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
ALFRED SMITH 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells, and in Cleveland.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5120 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	*CHARLES COLES 5
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	*DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung on the Feast of St. James.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

JOHN P. McDERMOTT .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	STANLEY G. PONTING 6
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4	FREDDIE SCOTT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., July 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*†ANN GEORGE Treble	*JAMES B. MORLEY 5
*MARGARET A. LADD 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 6
*RODERICK W. PIPE 3	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 7
*†ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 4	*LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal in the method. † First of treble bob hunt. ‡ First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*EDWARD M. THRESHER .. Treble	*MICHAEL F. AMOS 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 2	*ROBIN WILSON 6
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
†ERNEST G. ORLAND 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First as conductor.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDMAN .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
*HAROLD J. MUNCEY 2	GEORGE THODAY 6
FRANCES A. SECKER 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
GEORGE E. CRISP 4	JOHN G. GIPSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal in the method.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	MARTIN FAULKES 5
MARY C. PAYNE 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3	HARRY POYNOR 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 1).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Aidan,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN E. ANDERSON ..	Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS ..	5
ENID SOFTLEY ..	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	6
MARION S. AINSWORTH ..	3	DENIS A. BAYLES ..	7
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ..	4	ERIC N. HARRISON ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

* First peal with a treble bob hunt. First of Surprise as conductor.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ALLAN SMITH ..	Treble	THOMAS YEOMAN ..	5
WILLIAM H. HARFORD ..	2	JOHN D. WOODMAN ..	6
TREVOR LEWIS ..	3	WILLIAM DARE ..	7
*JANET B. HARVEY ..	4	WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

* First peal.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	2	BASIL JONES ..	6
PATRICIA M. BOURN ..	3	BRIAN HARRIS ..	7
ARTHUR G. MASON ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS ..	Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	Treble	*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ..	5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED ..	2	RONALD E. NORRIS ..	6
THOMAS BEAUMONT ..	3	†ALAN WRIGLEY ..	7
GEORGE KENWARD ..	4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 60th peal. † First of Major.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 23 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL ..	Treble	*MICHAEL D. FROST ..	5
ERIC EDMONDSON ..	2	WILLIAM T. COOK ..	6
*GERALD PENNEY ..	3	ALAN F. THIRST ..	7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	4	PHILIP MEHEW ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal of Major in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*LESTER L. GRAY ..	Treble	*JOHN ASHCROFT ..	5
WALTER ALLMAN ..	2	*THOMAS W. HESKETH ..	6
*WILLIAM S. DEASON ..	3	JOHN F. GROVE ..	7
JOHN E. BIBBY ..	4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

JOHN R. MAYNE ..	Treble	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5
FRANCES A. SECKER ..	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ..	6
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN ..	3	ALICK CUTLER ..	7
JOHN G. GIPSON ..	4	HARRY F. CHURCHMAN ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 200th peal for the Association.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*A. PATRICK CANNON ..	Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON ..	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT ..	2	ROGER BALDWIN ..	6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS ..	3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN ..	4	ROBIN G. LEALE ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 200th peal of Major as conductor.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK ..	Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ..	5
JACQUELINE S. KING ..	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS ..	6
*ROBERT E. COLES ..	3	TREVOR LEWIS ..	7
THOMAS YEOMAN ..	4	DAVID J. KING ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* 100th peal for the Association.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS ..	Treble	PHILIP MEHEW ..	5
J. DESMOND PAINTER ..	2	ALAN F. THIRST ..	6
MICHAEL LAKIN ..	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	7
WILLIAM T. COOK ..	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' transposition. Tenor 10 cwt, 7 lb.
HARRY POYNER Treble ERNEST F. PAYNE 5
MARY C. PAYNE 2 B. STEDMAN PAYNE 6
DEREK M. SAWYER 3 ERNEST MORRIS 7
ROYSTON WILMORE 4 FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The conductor's 50th peal on these bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLAYWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt, 1 qr, 15 lb. in G.

*ANN GODLEY Treble ALBERT HULLEY 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2 RICHARD HOBBS 5
*FRANK WATKINSON 3 ALEC WILSON Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being two different 2,160's and one 720.
Tenor 12 cwt, 10 lb. in F sharp.

*EILEEN FEARN Treble *JOHN R. KENNETT 4
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2 *FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5
*CAROL FERNLEY 3 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt.
LAWRENCE CLEMENT Treble STANLEY ANDERTON 4
BERYL MAYOR 2 GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
ROLAND F. ECCLES 3 ALAN CAPSTICK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr, 9 lb.
JACK PILGRIM Treble JAMES M. BAILEY 4
RAYMOND PECK 2 JAMES BENNETT 5
ERNEST G. PEARCE 3 ALAN R. BRIDGES Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. BRIDGES.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*JOHN WHITE Treble WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
DAVID CUBITT 2 GEOFFREY TOWNEND 5
KENNETH PARK 3 DAVID ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal.

WALSOKEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt, 2 qr, 7 lb.
TOM BUSH Treble G. DREW 4
*FREDA P. GREAVES 2 JOHN WILSON 5
J. SPICER 3 *NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* 25th peal together.

For Miss Freda Greaves' birthday.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PEMBROKE DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, with all the 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr.
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble JOHN F. PEARSON 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2 RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 3 LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in this method by all the band, and for the Guild.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Oxford T.B. and three extents of Kent T.B.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*S. H. WATERFIELD .. Treble *TED HOWES 4
*MISS M. MADDISON .. 2 *THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
†BEVAN WILLGESS 3 *GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of T.B. 'inside.'

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN BRANCH.
(West Lindsey Branch.)

On Mon., July 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PAULINE BULL Treble G. LESLIE A. LUNN 4
*DELIA E. SMITH 2 T. ALAN GILBERT 5
MRS. E. GREY 3 A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal in four methods.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, New, Huntspill, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob (four callings), with six extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt.
FRANK V. GANT Treble MICHAEL N. BLAND 4
ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 2 CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 5
DONALD M. SALISBURY .. 3 *EDWARD G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal. First in ten Doubles methods for all the band.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ANN PRYKE Treble WALTER R. FELGATE 4
JOHN F. FELGATE 2 FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
GEORGE WATERMAN 3 URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

A birthday compliment to Walter R. Felgate.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.
WALTER ALLMAN .. Treble ROGER KING 4
JOHN HAYES 2 JOHN ORME 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3 DENIS MADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for all.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 4
GEORGE S. DEAS .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
KENNETH LAWSON .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung on St. James' Day.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.	
JOHN WALDEN .. Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON .. 4
PETER A. SHARP .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

Rung as a last token of respect for Moses Billings, 30 years a ringer at Branston Church, was was interred in the above churchyard on July 22nd. R.I.P.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
*GILLIAN SCARTH .. Treble	ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. 4
KENNETH C. EDWARDS .. 2	RICHARD HAMM .. 5
CAROL F. FERRIS .. 3	F. ROBERT FERRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by F. ROBERT FERRIS.

* First peal. First as conductor.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., one each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
THOMAS F. METCALFE .. Treble	FRANK ANDERTON .. 4
RONALD W. DENNISON .. 2	JAMES E. DICKINSON .. 5
KEITH NEWBY .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal in five methods by all except the conductor.

Rung for the tenth anniversary of the bells being augmented to six.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Grandsire, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.	
PETER R. JOHNSON .. Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	ALAN CATTELL .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.	
MYRTLE CASS .. Treble	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS .. 4
*STELLA P. TATE-MITCHELL .. 2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 5
PETER SHERWOOD .. 3	EDWARD J. BRAGG .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

* First peal of Minor.

A farewell peal for Myrtle Cass.

LAXTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.	
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. Treble	ALEC WILSON .. 4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's (E. Banks James' arrangement) and one 720.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.	
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Treble	ROBIN WILSON .. 4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 5
EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 3	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

First peal of Surprise Minor for all except the ringer of the second.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: 22 Grandsire and 20 Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.	
HELEN M. THACKER .. Treble	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 4
PAMELA M. TURNER .. 2	MICHAEL HART .. 5
ROGER E. TALLIS .. 3	ROBERT D. HENEURY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL HART.

First peal by all except the conductor.

Rung in memory of Mr. A. Wilson, churchwarden.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.	
*REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 4
†BRIAN A. CRACKNELL .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 5
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor. † First in four methods.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.	
JOHN L. GIRT .. Treble	*ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	WALTER G. PERRY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

* 50th peal.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being ten methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Hexham, Berwick and Primrose; (2) Beverley and Cambridge; (3) Surfleet and Cambridge; (4) and (5) London and Wells; (6) York and Durham; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 110 changes of method. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. Treble	LESLEY J. HAWES .. 4
*RONALD A. WRIGHT .. 2	BRIAN BLADON .. 5
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Spliced Minor and in ten Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: St. Clement's, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob, Single Court and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

JOHN H. BENNETT Treble	PETER A. SHARP 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON 2	JOHN F. PEARSON 5
GEORGE SCOTT (82) 3	LOUIS WILLDEERS Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDEERS.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District.)

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*LEONARD RODMELL Treble	CLEMENT R. ROBINSON 4
†BARBARA FISHER 2	ANTHONY J. BROUGHTON 5
HENRY RODMELL 3	RONALD DUCKER Tenor

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

* 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. † First peal.

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR DAY Treble	LESLIE COBURN 4
SHEILA CAMERON 2	FRED C. JACKLIN 5
AMY COBURN 3	DESMOND PAINTER Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.

Rung with the loyal greetings of the band to H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, a native of this parish, for her birthday.

MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

BRIAN SMITH Treble	PATRICIA A. WARDLE 4
PAUL MARTIN 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*KENNETH R. GOODALL .. Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4
MARION ARCHER 2	LEONARD GOODALL 5
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 3	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

* First peal (aged 12 years). First of T.B. Minor by all.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods, being one extent each of Rev. Plain, Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman S.C., Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, St. Sebastian, Uffington, Stowe Place, Datchet, St. Alphege, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, Rev. New, Rev. Huntspill, Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Martin, Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Nicholas, Rev. Winchendon Place, Rev. St. Remigius, Union, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain, Antelope and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. Treble	PETER J. SHIPTON 4
PAMELA LATCHFORD 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD 3	FRANCES A. SECKER Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 42 methods by all the band, and for the Association.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 4
GEOFFREY DAVIES 2	ALAN D. STEEL 5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 3	*RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* 200th peal. First in seven Minor methods by all except the treble ringer.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 51, 49, 36, 34, 37, 48 and 50).

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

BRIAN SMITH Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 4
PATRICIA A. WARDLE 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
MARTIN FAULKES 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HADDISCOE, NORFOLK.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. Treble	†MARGARET A. LADD .. 3
‡ANN GEORGE 2	PETER M. ADCOCK 4

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.'

DANBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
TOM R. ROAST 2	JOHN WEST 5
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Mr. J. E. G. Roast and Miss Mary Dowsett, both ringers at this church. Also a 30th wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roast.

MOUNTSOREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MARY C. PAYNE Treble	ROYSTON WILMORE 4
*DEREK M. SAWYER 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
*ERNEST MORRIS 3	HARRY POYNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* 25th peal together. First as conductor of a four-method peal.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

MRS. C. B. PEMBERTON .. Treble	*DAVID G. MARSH 4
*MARGARET R. JEACOCK .. 2	A. RAYMOND M. WATKIN .. 5
*J. FRASER CLIFT 3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal.

A wedding compliment to Mr. J. M. Pemberton, of Bidston, and Miss M. Murphy.

**NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Double Court, Thelwall, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS O. PIERCY Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4
KENNETH ARTHUR 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 5
†GEORGE S. DEAS 3	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal on a working bell. † 50th peal together.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and 20 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*PAUL G. KING Treble	*MRS. P. G. KING 4
RITA M. WEBB 2	*ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. 5
SANDRA LEWIS 3	†BRYAN K. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY W. GIBBS.

* First peal of three Doubles. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, viz.: (1) Chester and Munden Surprise, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
IAN R. PANTON 2	*PETER J. EVES 5
RICHARD HARRISON 3	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* 50th peal together.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and to Mrs. D. A. S. Symonds.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERNEST F. PAYNE Treble	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE 4
DEREK M. SAWYER 2	ROYSTON WILMORE 5
†MARY C. PAYNE 3	HARRY POYNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal together. First in seven methods as conductor.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

*PAUL MARTIN Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
*PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	JOHN A. ACRES 7-8

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

A compliment to Ernest Morris on his 70th birthday.

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Miss Frances Secker, who conducted a peal off 5,088 Southwell Surprise Major at St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, on August 13th, has unfortunately had to withdraw the peal as the composition by N. J. Pitstow is false. Had it been a true peal, we believe Miss Secker would have been the first woman to call a peal in the city of Cambridge.

Walthamstow ringers rang a farewell quarter on August 16th to Mr. J. Hales, who is leaving for a three years' stay in Texas.

It is more than 60 years since Mr. J. Jeynes, of Ebbw Vale, left his native village of Linton, Herefordshire, and the quarter peal recently rung there was specially arranged for him to return and ring on the newly-augmented ring of six.

Miss Snowdon, of Cartmel, who recently underwent a rather serious operation in the North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness, is now on the way to complete recovery. She is going round the village dispensing cheerfulness, as is her wont.

Slough ringers, with some help to complete the band, were highly delighted with the quarter peal of Grandsire Cinques they rang at Reading on July 27th. It was the first of Cinques for seven of the band. They had previously rung Caters and were anxious to take the next step forward.

On August 15th a peal attempt was made at Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Joan Wraight (a local ringer) to Mr. Anthony Baldock. Owing to the tenor rope breaking in the fifth extent the attempt was lost. However, a half peal was claimed. The conductor wishes to thank the band for their loyal support in this, his first attempt at conducting a peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The wedding of Mr. Harry Poyner and Miss Mary C. Payne at Syston on August 15th was a happy occasion. Both are members of the scholastic profession, the bridegroom having secured a teaching appointment at Shrewsbury. With Mary's recent experience at Lincoln and Harry's association with Leicester Cathedral from 1948, 12-bell ringing at St. Chad's should be strengthened.

Mr. H. A. Price writes withdrawing his claim to having rung the first quarter of Erin in the Chew Deanery after reading about the Long Ashton performance last year. He offers his apologies to all concerned.

The following advertisement appeared in the Irish Press of August 18th: ASTOR.—Italy's Actor-Director Vittorio de Sica in 'Cannon Serenade.' 'Apparently,' writes our correspondent, 'Dublin is ready for the next ringing tour invasion.'

The bells of Great Hale, near Sleaford, have been swinging again since last summer. Two youngsters who have trained from scratch have now rung their first quarter peal, which was the first on the bells by the local band for almost 30 years.

Pity the poor editor and reader! For originality a District meeting report starts: 'Occasionally an old and well-tried recipe produces a result of transcendent excellence. Such a catalysis occurred at the District meeting.' We can only assume that it was a meeting of high standard which resulted in a changed experience for those attending except the catalyst. Perhaps other readers can give a better interpretation. 'The old and well-tried recipe' might possibly mean the advertisement in 'The Ringing World,' the masterliness of the Ringing Master or the splendid tea.

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The 92nd birthday celebrations of Mr. E. S. Ruck, at Willesborough. Standing (left to right): C. T. Hillis (Ashford District secretary), Rev. R. W. Poil, Messrs. E. S. Ruck, J. Willis (chairman of the Association), J. R. Cooper (District Ringing Master), G. N. Sloan (Christchurch, New Zealand), A. J. Lancefield. Seated: Mr. T. E. Soan and Rev. J. Watts.

[Photo by permission 'The Kent Messenger']

OVER 80 ringers and friends attended a meeting specially arranged at Willesborough on June 20th, to honour Mr. Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Kent County Association, in his home tower on his 92nd birthday.

The service, at which the choir kindly volunteered their services, was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Poil (curate), assisted by the Rev. J. Watts, who read the lesson. Mr. E. Solly, organist and choirmaster, was at the organ. The hymns 'Christ is our corner-stone' and 'Pleasant are Thy courts above' were specially chosen by Mr. Ruck. In his thoughtful address the Rev. Mr. Poil, who has considerable knowledge of the technicalities of ringing, made special reference to Mr. Ruck's long and devoted services to Willesborough, and also to his example in church worship.

An enjoyable tea, which included a splendid birthday cake, was generously given by the Willesborough ringers and friends, and was served by the Mothers Union in the Old School.

After the ordinary business of the meeting had been concluded, Mr. Poil said a few words about the special nature of the occasion, which was to honour the grand old man of Kent ringing, who had been a continuous member of the Association since its inception in 1880, and who still rings regularly every Sunday.

Mr. John Willis, chairman, and—like Mr. Ruck—a vice-president of the Association, said he had known 'Old Ted' for 60 years, and it was Mr. Ruck's teaching and example that had made Sunday service ringing at Willesborough a byword throughout the county, and second to none in the country. Although he rang his first peal as long ago as 1886, and although his name appears, along with many famous peal ringers, in towers all round the district, Mr. Ruck's main aim has always been the improvement of Sunday service ringing. From his tower have come pupils who have rendered official service to the Association or achieved distinction in the Exercise. In presenting him with a cheque for £10 from the Association,

Mr. Willis said it was the earnest and affectionate wish of all that Mr. Ruck would long be spared to continue his good work.

In his reply, Mr. Ruck thanked Mr. Willis and the Association for their kindness. He said that he had always only tried to do his duty, and added, characteristically, that if he had done any good then the credit should be given, not to him but to 'the Giver of every good and perfect gift, which cometh from above.'

Messages of congratulations and good wishes were then read from the Rector, the Rev. T. G. Williams (in hospital recovering from illness), Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (general secretary, K.C.A.), Mr. B. W. May (hon. treasurer), Mr. B. J. Luck (secretary of the Canterbury District), Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. J. Batchelor, and the St. Mary's, Willesborough, Boys' Club and Youth Fellowship.

Among the distinguished visitors was Mr. G. Nelson Sloan, who conveyed fraternal greetings from the ringers of Christchurch, New Zealand. He said it was his 53rd birthday, and he felt honoured and happy to have 'stood in' a quarter peal of Bob Minor with Mr. Ruck prior to the meeting. The other ringers were Messrs. R. J. Carlton, L. C. Smith, W. J. Lancefield and M. S. Lancefield (conductor). Mr. A. G. Hill conveyed the good wishes of the Lewisham District, of which he is secretary.

Afterwards thanks were accorded to the Rev. R. W. Poil for taking the service, to Mr. Solly and the choir, the Mothers' Union and the Willesborough ringers and their friends for catering to the inner man, and to Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, popular tower captain and Mr. Ruck's most distinguished pupil, for making the local arrangements.

C. T. H.

The peal of Little Bob Royal at Chesterfield (see page 458) was intended to fulfil a dual purpose, writes Mr. Sam Scattergood, 'to mark 25 years' ministry as Vicar of the Ven. T. Dilworth-Harrison and to welcome the new Bishop of Derby, who paid a visit to Chesterfield on the previous Sunday evening.

NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S PEALS

The peal at Fairfield, Buxton, on July 18th, is claimed to be the first of Surprise Minor on the bells.

With the peal at Theberton on July 18th, Mr. James M. Bailey and Mr. Alan R. Bridges 'completed the circle of the tower.' Mr. Bridges did his by taking the bells in rotation. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Bailey's grand-daughter, Christine.

The peal at Cross Stone, Tadmorden, on July 23rd, was a wedding compliment to Mr. Roy Bettley-Cooke, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Ogden.

The new incumbent of Much Wenlock (Rev. E. W. R. David) was welcomed to the parish by a peal on his bells on July 25th. His induction was on July 22nd. Visiting members of the band appreciated the generous hospitality of the Vicar, the wardens and the local ringers after the peal.

The peal at Silverdale, Staffordshire, was rung at the Vicar's request for the Feast of St. James.

The peal at Hawkley, Hants, which was rung for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was rung to mark the 94th anniversary of the completion of the rebuilding of the church. Evensong was attended by the Bishop of Portsmouth.

With an average age of 19½ years, the band who rang the peal of New Cambridge Surprise at Debenham on July 27th believe they are the youngest team to ring a peal for the Suffolk Guild.

In honour of the wedding of Miss Joan Tubbs, niece of the captain of St. Martin's ringers, Caerphilly, to Mr. Howell Evans, a peal was rung on August 1st, the day of her wedding, at St. Martin's Church. It was also a farewell to Mr. John D. Woodman, who is being transferred to West Hartlepool.

An all-Eastham band rang in the three methods Minor peal at St. Mary's Church on July 25th. It was to mark the first anniversary of the wedding of Carol and Robert Ferris (who rang in the peal), and also a farewell to Robert Winstanley, who is taking up a post at Nottingham. Gillian Scarth, who rang the treble to her first peal, was celebrating her 18th birthday.

Another vicar to be welcomed to his parish with a peal is the Rev. R. F. Canerish, the new incumbent of Laxton, Notts.

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor A. Cross are leaving Mersham, Surrey, for Maidstone. The peal at Mersham on July 30th was a farewell.

Mr. Horace Palethorpe, who for 50 years was a ringer at Fulbeck Parish Church and now resides at Leadenham, Lincs, celebrated his 90th birthday on August 1st. A peal in five Minor methods was rung that day on Leadenham bells. It also marked the birth of a grandson to Mr. George Scott (82), who rang the third.

Mr. Clement R. Robinson rang in the peal in honour of his silver wedding at Sutton-on-Hull on August 1st. It was also a wedding compliment to Miss Barbara Clarkson, a ringer at this church.

Mr. J. E. G. Roast and Miss Mary Dowsett, both ringers at Danbury, Essex, had a peal rung in honour of their wedding at Danbury on August 5th. The peal, one of Minor in seven methods, was also a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roberts.

With reference to 'Cracked Towers' (page 407), Mr. Peter Crook writes pointing out that in Bolton there are two churches dedicated to St. Peter. It is the Bolton Parish Church of St. Peter to which the article refers, not St. Peter's, Smithills.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY CONVENTION

PROCEEDINGS at the College of Campanology convention, held at Portsmouth on July 25th, opened with ringing at Portsmouth Cathedral, followed by the conference in the Cathedral House. The representatives received a cordial welcome from the vice-president (Mr. Harry Miles), who presided in the absence of the president (Mr. Ernest Morris).

Mr. Morris' presidential address, read by the registrar (Miss S. K. M. Knight), was directed mainly towards younger members, with excellent advice on the right attitude to ringing as a service of the church, and the first importance of good striking.

The Principal (Mr. A. York-Bramble) submitted a report of the work and progress of the College since its foundation in early 1956. During the past year, the revised edition of Part I of the Ringers' Manual of Reference (Planned Elementary Training) had been sold out, also the College had recorded its first peal (with pupils), and had participated in its first residential course in ringing. The report concluded with a comparative summary of results over the three years, showing an encouraging position and one in which the widely-found need is being met.

Facts and figures included membership registrations (initial) 86, county and overseas areas represented 31, ringing schools affiliated 2, tutors 32, examiners 16, correspondents 13, talks on ringing given—over 70, courses of training by College members 22, centres of instruction (annual average) 27, beginners helped by College members in their training 244, pupils instructed by members following College lines 438. The report noted that only about 40 per cent. returns were available for compiling statistics so that the cumulative effect of the three-years' work was not calculable. The report was adopted with acclamation.

The bursar, Surg./Capt. A. Lawrey, R.N. (ret'd.), gave a three-year report on College finances. This showed the liquidation of balance of loan account by donation of lecture fees derived from the Somerset Education Authority's Dillington House course, and a credit balance in the general account. The report was adopted.

The registrar reported on administration (at times a full-time job), centred in a small independent office on the premises at 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea. The report included a list of books of record and account and of files maintained. An appeal was made for prompt response to College circulars and notices as sent out, to save time and extra postage. The future of the College would rest largely with the Convention.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Principal indicated two possibilities for the future: either to wind up the organisation, with modest satisfaction in the three-years' sowing of good seed, and hopes of natural growth; or to redouble efforts towards expanding and developing College activity. To this latter the Convention gave unanimous assent, and discussed future arrangements under four heads:

(1) *General Policy.* This to include (a) Enlarging the panels of tutors and examiners to

provide countrywide coverage. (b) Continuing with the issue of Parts of the Ringers' Manual of Reference (and the possibility of aiding the maintenance of 'The Ringing World' through such publication, as later envisaged). For inclusion in Part V.—Composition and Proof, Mr. A. J. Pitman handed in a paper on the proof of spliced Surprise, which was much appreciated. (c) Extending the scheme of courses, as noted later.

(2) *Finance.* Plans for increasing revenue and for building up reserves to assist in publications.

(3) *Administration.* Plans for closer co-operation by College officers and members, and for fuller discharge of offices.

(4) *Affiliation to Central Council.* Article 2 of the College constitution enjoins loyal observance of and adherence to rules and decisions of the Central Council, and affiliation qualification by the College has now apparently been reached; but application was to be deferred, while further working experience is gained, since already there is indirect representation by several College governors and officers who are members of the Council.

The Conference adjourned for tea, kindly organised by Mrs. Knight. This was followed by a service in the Cathedral, when a chaplain (Rev. E. Jameson) gave an inspiring address, mentioning the place of the College in the service of ringing as a means of worship. The vice-president was at the organ.

Conference was resumed with elections to office. But first came the unanimous election to fellowship of Mr. Harry Miles, not only for his lifelong service to ringing, especially in tuition, but also for his magnificent work in compiling and establishing in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, the Ringers' Memorial Roll. Other elections are: President, Ernest Morris; vice-president, Harry Miles; hon. chaplains, Revs. G. Thurlow and M. Melville; hon. consultant (belfries), Frederick Sharpe; principal, A. York-Bramble; vice-principal, R. Speed; registrar, Miss S. K. Knight; bursar, Surg./Capt. A. Lawrey; Press and P.R.O., R. Baldwin; governors, Miss M. Cross and Messrs. A. L. Bennett, N. Chaddock, F. Dukes, J. Dyke, C. McGuinness, H. Miles, W. F. Moreton, C. W. Pipe, A. J. Pitman, F. Sharpe, R. I. Shepherd.

As to courses, the unexpected invitation to participate in the Somerset Education Authority's residential course in ringing at Dillington House resulted in justification of the policy of the College in this respect, and of the resolve to develop it; also much useful experience was derived. Other local authorities are to be approached as to similar courses, also half-day instructors' courses are envisaged. College meetings with demonstrations are being planned, as proposed by Mr. R. Speed.

The next Convention was agreed as for the London area, probably either at Staines or at St. Lawrence Jewry in the City. Date, last Saturday in August, 1960. Title to be 'Annual Meeting of the College of Campanology.'

Conference closed with votes of thanks to the Provost for permitting the Convention to be held at the Cathedral and Cathedral House, and to all others concerned. Ringing was resumed on the Cathedral bells that evening, and by some members staying overnight for next morning service.

WEDDINGS

TWYFORD RINGER MARRIED ON HER 21st BIRTHDAY

Miss Sonia Spencer, a ringer and chorister at Twyford, Leics, was married on her 21st birthday, August 15th, to Mr. Bernard Maurice Little, of Melton Mowbray.

St. Andrew's Church, Twyford, was beautifully decorated for the occasion for the service performed by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Leader) and a former Vicar (the Rev. C. N. Daybell). The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful classical style gown of heavy cream brocade embossed with lilies of the valley, the full folds of the long skirt forming a train. Her headdress was composed of a bow of brocade studded with lilies of the valley and mother-of-pearl sequins, with a circular finger-tip veil. She carried cream rosebuds, lilies of the valley and gardenias. She was attended by seven bridesmaids and two pages.

In honour of the occasion a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung. At the reception to mark her 21st birthday a silver 'key of the door' was suspended over the wedding cake and the key was later autographed by the 126 guests.

HAPPINESS AT HURSTPIERPOINT

Hurstpierpoint was the scene of ringers' rejoicing on Saturday, August 22nd. Miss Mary Carnochan, who learned to ring in this tower under the guidance of the former Ringing Master, Mr. Jack Dearlove, was married to Donald Bartholomew, a ringer from St. Mary's, Watford. The ceremony, followed by Holy Communion, was performed by the Rev. Guy Saunders, former curate of this parish and now the Vicar of Aldingbourne.

The local band rang the tower bells and fixed bellropes over the church porch as a welcome. After the service they and their wives held handbells over the bride and bridegroom as a guard of honour, whilst ringing friends from Hurstpierpoint, Burgess Hill, Bolney and Cuckfield rang a quarter peal of Grandfire Triples in honour of the occasion.

Expressions of happiness and good wishes were shown to the happy couple at the previous practice meeting by the presentation of six glass goblets in various colours. This was made by the 'grandfather' of the band, Mr. Harry Richardson, in the presence of several visitors including Mr. Reg Johnson, Master of the Sussex County Association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held a meeting at the Church of St. John, Great Easton, on August 22nd.

Thirty-five members were present and representatives came from 18 different parishes. The Rev. E. S. Spray conducted the choral service. Tea was arranged by the local ringers.

At the meeting which followed, with Mr. Pratt in the chair, four new members were elected. The next meeting will be at Great Bardfield on October 17th.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROADCASTING EXPERIENCES AT BARKING

Dear Sir,—In answer to my inquiry about the broadcasting of church bells for services, I should like to thank Mr. Barnett for his post card and letter informing me that he thought that St. Martin-in-the-Fields was the first, but did not know when it was or how long they were allowed to ring. He told me that the last time we met was on Whit Monday, 1918, at Saffron Walden. He and his father cycled from Crayford to Saffron Walden to an Essex Association meeting. What a good ride!

I would also like to thank Mr. Price for sending his letter to the B.B.C. about the time allowed for broadcasting the bells for services, and Mr. Pearl Inskip for answering my inquiry.

Why I asked is that at Barking we have twice had disappointments over broadcasts. The Rev. H. S. Pelham, who was Vicar and afterwards Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, came to the ringers and said he was going to broadcast a service and an appeal for the restoration of the parish church. Would the ringers kindly ring for the services? Of course we were delighted to do so. Just before the date I met the late Fred Dench and spoke to him about the broadcast. He said he had just the touch for our bells and he sent it on to me. On the date (February 27th, 1927) we met and rang the touch—144 of Stedman—and we were allowed seven minutes. A ringer who styled himself 'well known to many from the wilds of Somerset' heard the touch on the air and took it down on paper with the calling, and sent it on to me with a letter praising the striking.

The next time we broadcasted was when the Rev. L. Hunter, who is now the Bishop of Sheffield, was Vicar. The late Mr. J. Carter sent me some touches of Stedman, and I called his 120 changes and we were on the air for four minutes.

The third broadcast was an appeal by Canon H. Robins, later Dean of Salisbury. I then called a bob course 34-78-12-13, and was allowed four minutes. A photograph was taken of the Vicar and the band before ringing started.

The Rev. T. Bloomer (now Bishop of Carlisle) was next to broadcast. He said he was preaching five Sunday services to Australia and New Zealand—could we broadcast the bells for the services? We were delighted to help. We had a practice, and the first Sunday we rang the calling was these courses, 34-7-12-13. When we came down to the church they told us we had been on the air one whole pull. That was enough for the ringers so they did not turn up for the other four services. I had a letter from New Zealand saying the next time we broadcast, let them have more bells and not so much organ, as they had plenty of that.

The next time was when the Rev. H. Chadwick (now Bishop of Barking) was Vicar. We started to ring. All the radios were tuned in for the bells and service. I was calling the same touch, 34-7-12-13, and when we were put on the air the Vicar was saying the opening prayers and the number of the first hymn—so we were not on the air at all. The Vicar was very sorry but the B.B.C. kept the previous programme on too long.

The same Vicar (Rev. H. Chadwick) asked us to ring again for his next broadcast. I went and saw the B.B.C. engineers in the vestry and told them how we were treated the last time. They were very sorry, and told us to start at once and they would put us on the air as soon as possible. I called 34-7-12-13 and they put us on the air for the last course. I had a letter from some ringers in Kent, asking me if it was a record or did we ring. I wrote and told them what we rang.

Since then I have had a serious operation and a bad stroke on my right side. I am not now able to climb the belfry stairs so my ringing is done for the time being. Again thanking my friends for the information.—Yours truly,

CALEB FENN.

Barking.

THANK YOU, SUSSEX

Dear Sir,—At the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association, at Salehurst on August 22nd, it was resolved to congratulate all responsible for producing 'The Ringing World' during the difficult times of the printers' stoppage.

Mr. F. I. Hairs, who was present, told members that it was most important to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' if it was to survive.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK H. BEENEY,

Hon. Secretary, Eastern Division,
Sussex Association.

Note.—The Editor also thanks the many individual ringers who sent letters of appreciation and congratulation.

PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—The deletion from its records by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild executive committee of the peals conducted by Messrs. R. G. Leale and F. R. Scott for non-payment of peal fees as per rule does not seem to me to conclude the affair.

It is distasteful for any Society to have to take action to enforce its rules and one wonders why, in this case, these young ringers have chosen to cause all the trouble. It could not be because they cannot afford the sixpence, neither can they plead a principle involved—the Guild is merely trying to raise extra money to meet its liabilities in the midst of continually rising costs.

Then, of course, there is the nonsensical business of the peals rung in the Channel Islands recently. May I say, in parentheses, that I am most surprised that our old friend Mr. A. P. Cannon lent himself to the caper of forming a new Society in order to dodge the peal fee.

I hope I shall not be charged with taking these things too seriously when I say that such doings bring the standard of the Exercise down and lay its members open to ridicule. In other sports and pastimes misbehaviour or 'ungentlemanly conduct' can bring to the offender universal suspension from participation in that sport or pastime for a period.

As most of the ringing Guilds are affiliated to the Central Council, would it be considered too drastic for the member Guilds to support each other in the matter of rule enforcement by similar action?—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

KING'S NORTON CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Your contributor, 'Levis' (page 469), has his dates slightly muddled when he states that no work has been done on King's Norton, Leics, bells for nearly 300 years. The present fine church and tower were built between 1757 and 1775 at the expense of William Fortrey, lord of the manor, and the bells date from that time.

No doubt it depends upon what Levis means by 'work,' but it is quite possible that certain attention was given to the bells following the damage to the spire by lightning in 1843 and its destruction in 1850. At any rate, a considerable amount of voluntary 'work' was done to the fittings in 1952 and 1953 by a visiting band to enable the bells to be rung. Nevertheless, the writer's first attempt to turn in a tenor to a course of Major came to grief there on one of those occasions through the rope casting wheel!

With the help of grants, the church has recently been well restored, and it is to be hoped that the bells will receive attention in due course, though the prospects do appear to be rather gloomy.—Yours faithfully,

'ARCH. HIST.'

Leciester.

MR. E. STITCH'S 500th TOWER

Dear Sir,—The ringers at All Saints', Leamington Spa (captain, Mr. C. C. Burt) were honoured on Sunday evening, August 23rd, by a visit from Mr. E. Stitch, of Penn, near Wolverhampton, who was ringing in his 500th tower.

The reason why Mr. Stitch chose All Saints' was because that is where Mr. A. J. Pitman rings nowadays. There is a very close bond between Mr. Stitch and Mr. Pitman. For over 36 years they rang together for Sunday service on the eight at St. Mary's, Aberavon. They have rung more than 150 peals together, and it was Mr. Pitman who conducted Mr. Stitch's first and 500th peals.

It was a great joy for the Leamington ringers to have Mr. Stitch with them, and some very good ringing was achieved. Courses of Stedman and interesting touches of Grandsire Triples, called by Mr. Pitman, came round to a good rhythm.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

(Correspondence continued next page)

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LETTERS—Continued

AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO LATE ENTRANTS

Dear Sir,—In 1928 Mr. Thomas Trasler was invited to become a member of Stony Stratford St. Giles' ringing band. He could handle a bell but knew nothing of change-ringing. His age then was 55 years. With this band he gradually became proficient in Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples. As he grew older his greatest desire was to ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. After many abortive attempts he achieved his ambition, when on August 21st he rang the sixth at St. Giles' in an extremely creditable way to an excellent quarter peal of Stedman Triples. He was 86 years old on Sunday, August 23rd.

As conductor of this quarter peal, nothing gives me greater pleasure than recording this tribute to my always cheerful old friend, who will no doubt be well remembered by those bands visiting St. Giles', Stony Stratford, during the last few years.

The ringers in the quarter peal stood as follows: A. W. Dillow 1, F. C. Case 2, H. C. Edwards 3, G. E. Green (conductor) 4, T. E. Roberts 5, T. Trasler (first of Stedman Triples) 6, G. W. Holland 7, S. Miller 8.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. GREEN.

Stony Stratford.

RUSTY FRAMES

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any readers can help us with our problem at Whatley? The bells were augmented to six and rehung in 1937 and then given very little attention till recently when a volunteer band, led by the Rector (not himself a ringer), started to scrape off the rust and repaint. The job proved longer than the time available, and a local firm was called in to finish it. The snag is that the frame fits so tightly to the walls that in places it is impossible to get even fingers between, so that there are inaccessible rusty patches in the corners of the I-sectioned members and also between the uprights and the beams, these latter crossed by a bolt.

Does anyone know of a way of treating these places which could be used by the available talent? Whatley still has no local ringers but is used as a learners' tower from Frome, and the local firm says nothing can be done without dismantling.

Alternatively, if there is no practicable way, is there any point in painting the visible parts of the frame?

Perhaps some tower which has had an iron frame far longer can tell us either what to do or how much it matters if we don't.—Yours sincerely,

EUNICE D. OVEREND (Miss).
Frome, Somerset.

March, Cambs, Ringers' Outing

A party of 24 bell-ringers and friends from St. Wendreda's Church, March, enjoyed their outing on August 8th, when they visited four counties, ringing at Fordham, Chippenham, Lavenham, Castle Hedingham, Haverhill, Willingham and Somersham.

While at Lavenham the ringers gave a demonstration on handbells in the renowned Swan Inn to the obvious delight of the residents. The inn possesses 13 handbells of fine tonal quality, and these are the property of Trust Houses Ltd. The tourists afterwards visited St. Paul's Church—a magnificent edifice—and rang the eight bells: the 'matchless' tenor evoked much admiration.

The Rector of Haverhill very kindly arranged a sumptuous tea for the party, and thanks to him and to all clergy and ringers of the churches visited are due for enabling all to experience a delightful day.

T. A. B.

West Countrymen's Tour of North Wales and Cheshire

ON July 25th, a band of 11 ringers assembled for the fourth annual tour of the West Countrymen, under the direction and guidance of David Hoare.

The first call was at Oswestry, where eight of the company duly completed a peal of Yorkshire before departing for Ffestiniog, our first glimpse of the really magnificent scenery to which we were to be treated in the ensuing week.

Ffestiniog was safely reached, whereupon the ability of our organiser was immediately put to the test. Ringing on Sunday morning had been arranged on the pleasant eight at Portmadoc, but the Welsh hoteliers were apparently unaccustomed to the Somerset habit of rising early, and breakfast had to be consumed at an alarming rate. Our morning ring was all too brief, so we returned to pay another visit in the evening. Meanwhile, the party suffered from the archaic licensing laws operating in Wales. Even Dick, renowned for acquiring ale in unusual circumstances, met his match!

Monday saw us bound for Bangor, where a peal of Cambridge was rung. At the end of the peal biscuits and tea were kindly supplied by the local ringers and were much appreciated. The rest of the day was devoted to sightseeing. A visit was paid to Anglesey, where a ring at Beaumaris had originally been planned, but where the bells had been recently deemed unringable. Our route passed near Snowdon, and the more energetic were purported to have climbed the summit. The remainder preferred to view the beautiful scenery from the comfort of a car!

A peal of Aldenham at Llandudno started Tuesday on the right note. Our headquarters for the remainder of the tour were to be in Chester, and ringing was enjoyed at Abergelle en route. Sightseeing took us to the Marble Church at Bodewyddan and to St. Asaph Cathedral. Chester contained the most important necessity of the tour—a Chinese restaurant, and good use was made of this establishment for the remainder of the week.

ONE OF SEVEN WONDERS

After receiving a catching Devonian well-wishing, the band rang a peal of Double Norwich on the glorious bells of Gresford. We were left in no doubt as to the reason why these are one of the seven wonders of Wales. More beautiful scenery enthralled us on our journey, on which we rang on the fine eight at Llangollen and the handy six at Overton-on-Dee.

Our successful run of peals came to an abrupt end on Thursday, when Bristol and Spiced were lost at Buckley and Northop respectively. At Buckley we were entertained to lunch by Dennis Millward, whom we met later at the weekly practice at Wrexham. The tower here was very impressive, and the bells, especially the back eight, well befitted it.

Failure on Friday on the first-class bells of Eccleston was greeted by the appearance of Ralph Edwards. Ringing on these bells was a real pleasure, and it was a great pity that a shift after 2½ hours had to terminate proceedings. After free time for shopping and sightseeing, a peal attempt was started on the ten at Chester Cathedral. Ringing on these bells is always somewhat slow, and 'Stand' was called after two hours for fear of our being trapped in the Cathedral after 'locking-up time.' It transpired that all would have been well, but our regrets were soon extinguished with good Chinese food.

IN LIVERPOOL

Saturday saw us bound for Liverpool, where we were pleased to meet Frank Harris and Laurie Hitchins. The size of the completed portion of the Cathedral amazed us, and our amazement continued when we travelled via two lifts to the ringing room and bells. Good use was made of Ralph by allowing him to pull most of the bells up, and we then attempted Stedman Cinques, Kent Royal and Cambridge Major on the back eight. The proverbial tape-recorder was put to good use as it was for most of the week, except when technical details were overlooked and the operator's efforts rendered fruitless.

The last peal attempt was at 'St. Nicholas', Liverpool, where Stedman Cinques came to a finish after 1½ hours because of a shift. With no more ringing arranged for the day, the party made for Chester, where refreshment and tales went round until a final visit was made to the restaurant of the Orient. The day ended with the tape-recorder doing overtime and book tokens being presented to David Hoare and to Tony Sanger, the latter having arranged accommodation, cleverly procuring for himself a personal bathroom at the Chester hotel!

Sunday dawned and, after packing our bags and ringing for morning service at St. Mary's-Without-the-Walls, we departed, homeward bound. Another week's tour had passed all too quickly, and we left with our memories of the magnificent countryside and of a week well spent.

B. B. D.

A LEARNERS' TOUR

A week's tour was run this year for the second time to cater for ringers in the early stages of method ringing who wish to increase their capabilities. Many thanks are due to those who came to help us with the ringing, the Branch secretaries and others who gave advice on the choice of towers, and all the clergy and tower captains who so kindly gave permission for the use of their bells in this rather unusual venture.

The towers were chosen as far as possible to avoid towns and places where there were likely to be complaints about the noise. This plan had the additional advantage of keeping us off main roads and in some very picturesque parts of Somerset, Dorset and Wilts.

Nineteen ringers took part, the majority travelling by cycle and staying in youth hostels at Winyards Gao, Biddoort, Milton Abbas and Marnhull. Milton Abbas Hostel is in a very rural situation and we were introduced to the joys of 'real hostelling.'

The party was divided for some of the time and, in all, 29 towers were visited. Methods attempted were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles.

Anyone interested in joining a similar venture next year, either as a learner or as an 'assistant,' should write to Hugh B. Makins, Fairview, Harold's Park Farm, Nazeing, Essex.

QUARTER PEALS

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Tomkinson 1, Maureen Barker 2, J. S. Webb 3, P. Laffin 4, J. Barker 5, B. Harris 6, C. Bell 7, J. Bell 8. First quarter 2 and 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On July 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, G. North 2, R. G. Hooper 3, L. Baiting 4, Cherie Paine 5, F. Rowsell 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, H. W. Woolven 8. A farewell compliment to Miss Cherie Paine, who is taking a teaching post in Birmingham.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Fry 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, Miss M. P. Coffin 4, R. Buchanan 5, M. L. Northway 6.

CONDUCTING A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

Most people are agreed that Cater music is some of the best bell music obtainable, but with the popularity of Surprise Major peal ringing the number of efficient Stedman conductors seems to have shrunk considerably. Whilst some of the old expert Stedman peal conductors might smile at this article by a non-expert, it is hoped that some of the less experienced might find it a help in having a go at calling a peal in this attractive method.

In order to check all the instructions given below it is advisable to write out in full a plain course of Stedman Caters. There are 18 sixes (108 changes) in a plain course.

The figures given in touches of Stedman are usually the six ends, and since rounds are normally in the middle of a quick six the first six-end given in most touches and peals is 231456789. It will thus be seen that in the plain course treble is in 3rds place, 3 is in 2nds place and 2 is in firsts place.

MAKING CALLS

Study the following, which is part of a course with 6 in 2nds place, and 978 course-ends. Though calling positions are shown the figures are the changes produced by plain sixes (NO calls actually made).

Bob at 1	261453978	Course-end
X	624135798	First six of next course
	264317589	
	246135798	
	426317589	
Bob at 2	462135798	Six-end
	642317589	
X ²	463271859	First change of second six

A Bob at 1 would be called at the change preceded by the dash, made by 9, and 78 would triple dodge in 8-9. The cross shows the change at which the bob would actually be made if called and the figures actually written down to show the effect of such a call are those that would appear at the last row of the six instead of 642317589. A bob at 1 would produce (from 261453978) the six-end 642319578.

A Bob at 2 would be called at = and made at X², etc.; i.e., in Stedman a bob is called two changes before the six to which the figures refer and is made at the first change of the six.

It is recognised that the best music in Stedman Caters is produced with the 6th in 2nds place and 978 course-ends and with the 6th in 5ths place and 879 course-ends. Further improvement is obtained if the 5th is in 5ths in 978 course-ends, and the 3rd in 2nds place with 879 course-ends. In other words, the best music is found in courses ending 060050978 or 030060879, and a peal with these qualities is set out in full below. The opening course is set out in full by six ends and so is the turning course. The last three changes of the peal are written in full after the last course-end (134265879). At the first single 3 makes 7ths, treble makes 8ths and 4 makes 9ths, and at the second single treble makes 7ths, 5 makes 8ths and 2 makes 9ths. In case the conductor wishes to ring the 7th, which is fixed throughout, the position of the 7th, WHEN THE CALLS ARE ACTUALLY MADE, is given.

In this peal a bob at 5 is called when the seventh is making 3rds to first half turn, and a bob at 16 is called when 7 is 4-5 up after quick before course-end. She will do this 4-5 up dodge with 9 in first half of the peal and the 8th in the second half. At the course-end the seventh is 8-9 down after quick.

Bobs should be called immediately after tenor strikes on the 4th change of the six.

5,069 STEDMAN CATERS

By G. LINDOFF

Opening course

Six-end	Position of 7th
231456789	
342617589	— 1 7ths (make bob)
346725189	— 2 6-7 down
473568291	
475839612	
784951326	
789143526	— 6 2nd ½ turn
817392465	
813276954	
128635749	
126584397	
251463897	—11 8-9 up
254319678	
532946178	—13 8-9 down
539621478	—14 "
365194278	—15 "
361452978	—16 "

Note: Bob-making bells are in italics

First half of peal

5	16
362154	—
364251	—
463152	—
462351	—
264153	—
263451	—
261354	—
162453	—
163254	—
164352	—
461253	—
461352	S —
462153	—
463251	—
364152	—
362451	—
263154	—
264351	—
261453	—
162354	—
164253	—
163452	—
361254	—

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Turning Course

Position of 7th

361254978	
623417589	
624735189	— 2 6-7 down
276548391	
275869413	
782954613	— 5 1st ½ turn
789421536	
847195236	— 7 Last W/T
841572936	— 8 Out slow
458219736	— 9 4-5 up
452983167	
594326871	
593647218	
965731482	
967158324	
619873524	—15 Out quick
618395724	—16 4-5 up
136582947	
135264879	

Second half of peal

135264879	5	16
531462	—	—
532164	—	—
534261	—	—
435162	—	—
432561	—	—
431265	—	—
134562	—	—
132465	—	—
231564	—	—
234165	—	—
235461	—	—
235164	S	—
532461	—	—
531264	—	—
534162	—	—
435261	—	—
431562	—	—
432165	—	—
234561	—	—
231465	—	—
132564	—	—
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312456789	Last three changes	
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In order to maintain control of the bells during the peal, the conductor should at least memorise and check the going off and turning courses, the quarter peal course-ends and the course-ends with singles in. The trebles (first place) place bells should also be checked. The order of trebles place bells is 34214—43213—1—5412—5421. The trebles place (first place) bells are changed by the bobs at 5.

Whilst each conductor selects his own guides so that he is not just a bob caller, the following notes will be useful, especially if the conductor is ringing the 7th:—

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QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEALS

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 15th, 2,880 Minor (three 720's Single Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob): J. Clark 1, Hazel V. Daddon 2, E. C. Barton 3, G. A. Naylor 4, L. Mitchell (longest length as cond.) 5, G. Kenward 6. A compliment to Miss Joan Patricia Wraight (a local ringer) and Mr. Alfred Anthony Baldock on the occasion of their wedding and on the eve of the bride's 21st birthday.

OXFORD.—On July 26th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: J. Venn (longest length 1, B. Cogges 2, W. G. E. Collett 3, R. Allsworth 4, E. Venn (cond.) 5, P. H. Toccock 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Allsworth.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On April 25th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Celia F. Whitfield 1, G. Waghorn 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, E. Bromley 4, R. T. Lambert 5, F. J. Lambert 6, E. F. P. Bryant (first in method as cond.) 7, R. E. Lambert 8.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On July 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 600 Plain Bob: T. N. J. Bailey 1, R. Hart (first in two methods) 2, J. B. Morley 3, L. N. Melton 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, B. W. Fairhead 6. Jointly conducted by ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Rosemary Hawkes (first quarter) 1, Alison Macfarlane 2, Gillian Grancy (cond.) 3, Mikaela Erik 4, A. Hickson 5, B. Hullah (first quarter) 6. First quarter for the Watford Grammar Schools Society of Change Ringers.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, J. Carrott 4, J. Fowler 5, M. Blond 6, A. Gargrave 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Marins.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sykes 1, M. Phinps 2, C. Bradley 3, K. R. Goodall (cond.) 4, R. Bradbury 5, G. N. Goodall 6, A. Wilson 7, L. Goodall 8.

STEDMAN CATERS—Continued

NOTES

A bob at 16 is made by the 6ths place bell, putting her in 3rds place. The 7th dodges 6-7 up with this new 3rds place bell just after the bob.

A bob at 5 is also made by the 6ths place bell. The 3rds place bell is 8-9 down becoming the new trebles place bell.

How to check when to call a bob at 5 (apart from counting the bobs at 16).

Watch for the bell due to be the next trebles place bell dodging in 6-7 with the 7th the next six after the bob at 16. This bell is now in 3rds place. Call a bob at the next 5 position to put this bell into trebles place. Immediately after the course-end before this bob at 5 the 7th will meet this bell in 6-5 down.

Treble (First) Place Bell. The 7th passes this bell in 3-4 up always.

2nds Place Bell. (6 in 1st half, 3 in 2nd half.) 7th always passes this bell in 5-6 up and takes

Position of 7th	Bell 7th strikes over
9ths	8 (9 in 2nd half)
8ths	9 (8 in 2nd half)
7ths	5ths place bell
6ths	3rds " "
5ths	1st (Trebles) place bell
4ths (First Blow)	2nds place bell
4ths (Second Blow)	4ths " "
4ths (Third Blow)	6ths " "

The information given in this article on conducting Stedman Caters is confined to that necessary to help the uninitiated to call a peal of Stedman Caters without spending a lot of

EALING, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of Christ the Saviour, on July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Palmer 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Miss F. P. Greaves 3, J. Mudd 4, B. Colesworth 5, A. Lewry 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. Also on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Palmer 1, G. M. Harvey 2, Miss F. P. Greaves 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, A. Lewry 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Miss J. Scruton 8. For Evensong.

EASTWOOD, YORKS.—On July 6th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Patricia Walker 1, Elizabeth A. Wardill 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Susan Chaddock 4, I. Tilling 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, D. G. French 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On July 14th, 1,320 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, E. White 3, R. J. Harrison 4, E. L. Duffield 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On July 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Peck 1, L. Wright (first of Plain Bob) 2, L. Shapp 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, R. Rose 6, A. Cook 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On July 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. H. Marshall 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, J. H. L. Blick 4, E. L. Duffield 5, R. J. Harrison 6, J. H. Edwards 7, R. G. Corby (cond.) 8. First on eight bells for 1 and 3.

FLETON, HUNTS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Brighton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, F. Bovall 3, M. Parker 4, J. Brown (first as cond.) 5. For patronal festival Evensong.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, J. Warner 4, Hilda G. Snowden 5, E. Piper 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 300 Grandsire): E. C. Crewe 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, T. Holmes 3, S. W. R. Crewe 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, B. Maund 6. First quarter in four methods for 1, 3, 4 and 6. For the Sunday School festival service.

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OUTINGS

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The Grappenhall Branch outing, on July 18th, received the support of 80 ringers and friends. A start was made at 7.30 a.m. from Runcorn and Frodsham. The first tower was the nice Taylor eight at Ripley, Derbyshire, which was followed by a rather mixed but delightful bag of 10 at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

After lunch the quaint old Church of St. Giles, Sandiacre, with its good ring of six, was visited. At St. Michael's, Breaston, the strong smell of disinfectant told of the havoc of the death watch beetle.

We were surprised, after seeing the neat and tidy ringing room at St. Andrew's, Derby (10), to learn that there was no regular Sunday service band for this quite good ring. A substantial tea followed and the last call was at Duffield, where the bells are in keeping with the beauty of the surroundings.

Methods rung and attempted were Cambridge Minor, Major and Royal, London Minor and Major, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Major and Royal. For over 20 years Mr. C. Raddon has organised this annual outing and thanks are due to him, incumbents and ringers who met the party. On the homeward journey the Runcorn contingent made a presentation to Mrs. Winstanley, whose birthday was that day. W. A.

HITCHIN, HERTS

Hitchin ringers had a full and enjoyable day in the Cotswolds on July 11th, the coach starting to pick up its complement at 6.30 a.m.

Brailes, the first stop, was reached 25 minutes before time, but not too early to sample Cotswold beer. Unfortunately, justice was not done to these bells although London and Cambridge came round. Moreton-in-Marsh proved a pleasant and easy-going eight. Following lunch at the Cotswold Restaurant, Moreton, came the most unusual ring of the day at Bourton-on-the-Hill. Here the two trebles are hung in a maze of timbers above the other bells.

Slow-in-the-Wold bells were up and ready and some of the best ringing of the day took place on these bells. Full justice was done to the tea of cold ham and tongue at the White Hart Hotel, Chipping Norton. After the speechmaking the journey was resumed to Hook Norton. Bristol went well on this beautiful eight.

Rain had set in by the time Adderbury was reached. These were the best bells of the day, but by 8.45 p.m. everyone was just a little bit sore and thirsty, so with thanks to Mr. Roper the journey for home was continued. A word of praise is due to the driver who not only stuck rigidly to the timetable but visited every ringing chamber.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE

For their outing this year on August 8th, Chelford ringers selected the North Derbyshire and Nottingham district. At the first stop, Chapel-en-le-Frith, some moderate touches were rung on a varied six. With the sun smiling on us we made our way to Eyam, a grand six in a most picturesque part of Derbyshire. Great Longstone, the next tower, has so small a belfry that some of the ringers had some difficulty in handling the ropes.

After an excellent lunch at Bakewell, a good 30 minutes' ringing was enjoyed at Barlborough. The route was by way of Worksop to the Dukeries, to ring at Edwinstowe, followed by Sutton-in-Ashfield (a very good eight). Here Mr. and Mrs. Sollis and lady bell-ringers had organised a very enjoyable tea.

The evening ringing was at Brassington, reached via Alfreton and Matlock. F. G. F.

her off slow." At the course-end this bell is going to first $\frac{1}{2}$ turn.

5ths Place Bell. (5 in 1st half, 6 in 2nd half.) 7th turns this bell from lead as she (7th) does LWT, courses her up behind and down to lead.

In the first half 7th always cuts 9th in 8-7 down and dodges her in 4-5 up after quick. The 8th courses 7th up behind to course-end and then down to lead. The work with 9th and 8th is 'exchanged' in second half of the peal.

If the 'weaker' ringers are put on the 8th, 9th, 2nds or 5ths place bells the ringer of the 7th can look after them better.

COURSING ORDER

The coursing order is almost clear going to course-end. After the course-end the 7th meets the bells in the natural coursing order. If the conductor can retain the coursing order in his mind he can check every course. If not, he can at least check selected courses.

The work of this bell
8-9 up with 7th
6-7 up
6-7 up with 7th
4-5 up
4-5 up with 7th
Last W/T
First $\frac{1}{2}$ turn
Quick Bell out

time on research. For some, too much information is given; others will wish to avail themselves of more; that depends on the individual.

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HANDBELLS WANTED.—Up to 12 bells, on any key, are wanted by this parish for change-ringing, carols, etc.—Came, Stanborough House, Halwell, Totnes, Devon. 4798

MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Practice, Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 7.30 p.m., Sacred Trinity, Salford. Freshers coming up next session are asked to contact the secretary, Patricia Walker, 3, Mowbray Place, East Dene, Rotherham, Yorks. 4803

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MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—King's Walden, Saturday, Sept. 5th, 5.30 p.m. Special method. Warkworth Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4788

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Elstree (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4786

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4742

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Kent District).—Joint meeting, Chiddingstone, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 4787

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Sonning on Saturday, Sept. 5th, and Binfield on Saturday, Sept. 19th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4801

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. All welcome.—J. Seager. 4752

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4758

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Sept. 7th, at 7 p.m. 4794

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th, North Curry. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 4748

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Old Warden, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's, Norwich Surprise. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 4820

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton, Northwich, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich. 4804

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Congleton (8), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 8th to H. C. Longon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Frequent buses and trains from Manchester, Macclesfield, Stoke, etc. 4745

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Creswell, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop.—A. B. Cooper. 4772

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Northern Districts.—Gateshead, Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m., annual meetings. Names for tea, not later than Sept. 9th, to Mr. N. Elliott, 18, Mersey Road, Gateshead-on-Tyne. 4822

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wilbraham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4809

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th, Wanstead. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Leytonstone (St. John's) (8) also available at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Chalk, 6, Latchett Road, Wanstead, E.18. 4750

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Staunton, near Coleford, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. M. Combe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 4825

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Broadwell, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 4815

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonersh, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 8th, to W. E. Enticknap, Redlands, Poplar Road, Shalford.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 4821

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Tring, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea only.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 4766

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Igham, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at The Chequers for those who notify me by Thursday, 10th.—R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, W. Malling, Kent. 4761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Northfleet, Saturday, Sept. 12th. (N.B.—Not Hoo on Sept. 5th.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. J. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4753

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Beetham, Saturday, Sept. 12th, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Milnthorpe 5.30 to 7 p.m. Names for tea to me, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4807

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names, by Sept. 9th, to W. Hunter, The Bridge, Eccleston, Chorley.—L. Walmsley, Hon. Sec. 4826

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Oldham, Sept. 12th. Bells (12) 2.30. Business 6 p.m. in tower. For tea, cafes near.—Hudson, Hon. Sec. 4827

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Quarterly general meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Ringing arrangements: Blaby (5), 2 to 3; Whetstone (6), 2 to 3; South Wigston (8), 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30; Countesthorpe (6), 7 to 8; Willoughby Waterless (5), 7 to 8; Peatling Magna (4), 7.15 to 7.45. Service, South Wigston, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) in Sunday School, 5 p.m., price 2s. 6d., only for those who notify undersigned by Thursday, Sept. 10th. Important business affecting date of annual meeting for 1960. General committee meeting in vestry of St. John-the-Divine's, 7.45, Monday, Sept. 7th.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. Tel.: Wigston 3244. 4755

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Bigby (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by Sept. 9th to Canon H. Thackeray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 4780

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4749

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common, Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3-4 p.m. Tea and business follows immediately. Further ringing St. Mary's, Battersea, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by phone, please.—Miss Powell, Tulse Hill 8190. 4813

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Nether Windendon (5), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury. 4756

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivenham, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 4757

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at West Deeping (6). Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 9th, please. 4777

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th, Shrewton (6). Chitterne (5) also available in evening. Names to reserve tea (2s. 6d.) by Sept. 8th, please, to Miss Sweeney, 26, The Close, Salisbury. 4778

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Powerstock, Sept. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 4814

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Little Aston, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Staffordshire. 4793

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, The Church of the Annunciation, High Street. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bus No. 227 from Chislehurst Station (S.R.) or Nos. 161 and 161A from Motttingham Station (S.R.) to High Street. Green Line No. 725. Names for tea not later than Monday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. I. H. Oram, 18, Crown Court, Home Park Lane, Lee, S.E.12. St. Nicholas' bells available after meeting. 4790

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford cup contest and meeting, Clayworth (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m. Ham and tongue tea (4s. 6d.) only for those who notify by 8th Rev. C. Blomely, Clayworth Rectory, Retford.—H. Denman, 4763

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Charlwood (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 4766

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Pulborough (8) on Sept. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to:—E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 4828

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at Kingsclere (6), 1.30 to 3 p.m.; Sydmonton (6) 3.15 to 4.15. Service, Burghclere, 4.30, followed by tea in the Parish Room. Burghclere (6), 5.30 to 7: Highclere (8), 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea essential not later than Sept. 7th to the Rev. Mr. Ince, Burghclere Rectory, near Newbury.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 4775

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington (8), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after meeting 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington Hants. 4799

WITNEY FEAST.—The Witney Ringing Society invites you to an Open Day held on Sept. 12th, the eve of the Feast. Bells (8) at 2.30. Tea available in the town. 4808

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—Tower Sunday, Sept. 13th. Ringing 5 p.m. and after service at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Preb. E. V. Cox (president, Guild of Devonshire Ringers). All ringers welcome. 4779

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—273rd anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 20th. Ringing at 2 and 5.15 p.m. 4805

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kilminster, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 16th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 4784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars, near Melton Mowbray, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 16th, please, to:—Mrs. A. Hinman, Kirby Bellars, near Melton Mowbray.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4830

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Ringing: St. Andrew's, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Luke's, 1 to 2.25 p.m.; Cathedral, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Business meeting at Police Headquarters, Central Police Station, Derby, at 3 p.m. Dinner and social evening at the Friary Hotel, Friar Gate, Derby, 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets for dinner 12s. 6d. each from J. A. Smith, 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester. Last date for tickets Tuesday, September 15th. All ringers and friends, etc., will be welcome to join us at the Friary Hotel for the dinner and social evening, if not earlier in the day. 4776

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Reedham, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, certain, please, to Mrs. F. O. Petherick, The Hills, Reedham, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 4760

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, East Hendred, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 15th, for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4806

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanslope, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 15th, to Mr. A. Keaves, 3, Williams Close, Hanslope, Wolverton.—F. Vickers. 4812

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. C. J. Copp, North Muskham, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. 4768

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD for the DIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Coleshill on Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available 3.30. Please notify for tea by Sept. 15th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28, Phone SPR 1025. 4811

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley, near Kidderminster, Saturday, Sept. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names by Wednesday, 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4817

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Pudsey on Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in Parochial Hall, Radcliffe Lane. Service 4.30, followed by tea and general meeting in Parochial Hall. Names for tea, by Sept. 16th, to A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 4829

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Sept. 26th, Corn Exchange, Rochester, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from District Secretaries or direct from Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. Chatham bells from 4 to 6 p.m. 4754

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8 p.m. 4810

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) shortly available and obtainable from Branch secretaries, the dinner committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham. 4785

OUTINGS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS

The annual outing on July 11th was much enjoyed by ringers and friends from Bulkington and Coventry, as well as by our own band. We rang at Gloucester Cathedral, where we were pleased to meet Mr. W. T. Cox, late of Coventry. We did not show to the best advantage here as the bells were much heavier than those to which we are accustomed.

Tea in the hall of St. Mary-de-Crypt's was prepared by ladies of the parish and, although we arrived in twos and threes, some being half-an-hour late due to a misunderstanding about the location of the hall, we all did full justice to a very nice meal. Votes of thanks were accorded the ladies who had provided it, and to Mr. Leslie Barry who had made the local arrangements.

We rang next on the eight bells of St. Mary-de-Crypt's, and felt that we did ourselves justice there. On to Evesham, where we were welcomed by Mr. Roger Savory in the absence of Mr. Geoff. Hemming. The clapper of the treble bell being tied, and no key being found for the belfry door to gain access to the bells, we contented ourselves by ringing ten bells. Half a course of Cambridge Royal went well, as did Kent Treble Bob Royal. Grandsire and Stedman Caters came round in fine style but not so the London Surprise Major on the back eight.

Dinner at the Northwyck Arms Hotel followed the ringing, and a social hour of impromptu entertainment proved most hilarious. Geoff. Hemming and son Gerald had by this time put in an appearance and gave us tunes on handbells, as well as yarns which convulsed the listeners.

We reached Coton after midnight, having enjoyed a very full and memorable 12 hours.

D. E. B.

WATFORD, HERTS

Watford ringers and friends started their annual outing on August 15th with ringing at Little Munden, where they were met by Arthur Phillips. It was also pleasing to see Canon Thorpe again, one-time rector of St. Mary's, Watford. Good use was made of the pleasant six, and methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise.

Owing to poor navigation, the visitors were late arriving at Finchfield (Essex), and ringing was curtailed to plain courses, including one of Cambridge Surprise Major. They then continued to Saffron Walden for an excellent lunch at the Abbey Hotel, but were unable to sample the ring of 12 because of a wedding.

At Trumpington (Cams) Miss Kitty Willers welcomed the party, and the eight by Taylor proved the highlight of the day. Although a touch of Spiced refused to come round, a course of London—among other things—somewhat made up for it. After a satisfying repast at the Chaise and Pair, Barkway, the ringers proceeded to the tower, and touches rung included Spiced, Bristol and Bob Major. Mr. Bysouth also joined in the ringing. They continued to Norton and were greeted by Miss Sanderson. The light eight were put to good use, and two touches of Stedman and a course of Yorkshire were rung. Thanks are due to incumbents for the use of their bells, and also to Steve Hoare for arranging a most enjoyable day.

B. B. H.

LATE NOTICE

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upton Pyne, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 4831

QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON BERKS.—On July 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. M. Parsons 1, G. Holifield 2, W. R. White 3, G. Bishop 4, F. Messenger 5, F. White 6, A. H. Webb 7, B. R. White (cond.) 8, F. C. White 9, E. Drewitt 10. For the induction of Dr. A. Tyndal Hart as Rector.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marilyn Gibbs 1, Geraldine Piper (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, Diana Prynn 4, T. Lewis 5, B. Piper 6, J. Hayns (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For the silver wedding of Mr. J. T. Symonds (tower captain) and Mrs. Symonds.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. Dear 1, P. Hutton (first in method) 2, C. Harwood 3, L. Scoot 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, A. Leggett 6, E. Buck 7, R. Castledine (cond.) 8. For the patronal festival.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Sherwood (first in method) 1, A. W. Beard 2, V. Hester 3, D. Mitchell 4, C. Wilmington 5, S. J. Holgate 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, E. Lucas 8. For the institution of Prebendary John Denis Wakeling, M.C., M.A., to the benefice of St. Margaret's, Barking.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): K. Abel (first quarter) 1, H. Butler, jun., 2, W. Benton 3, T. Fowell 4, A. Armstrong 5, Miss J. Ansell (longest length) 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, H. Butler 8. In honour of the wedding of Joyce Irene Borley, eldest daughter of Mr. E. Borley, a local ringer, to William Stewart, of Glasgow.

CAPE TOWN.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, R. Law 2, L. Hewitt 3, J. Riley 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, W. Abraham 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernsten 8. For Evensong on the centenary of the church. A farewell to W. Abraham.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Beeson 1, O. L. Warner 2, A. V. Queen 3, R. Cooper 4, J. P. McDermott (cond.) 5, A. Edwards 6. Rung on the 80th birthday of Mr. Humphrey Bowman, Rector's warden.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on July 25th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (480 Bristol, 320 London, 160 each Rutland and Superlative, 96 Yorkshire, 64 Cambridge, with 31 changes of method): Miss I. Inman 1, G. Pearson 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, I. H. Oram (cond.) 4, J. R. Cooper 5, T. Cullingworth 6, R. Bird 7, B. D. Threlfall 8. First of Spliced on the bells. Rung for the Feast of St. James, and as a compliment to Leslie W. Inman and Margaret Schollon, two local ringers, on their engagement.

CHORLEY, LANCs.—On July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Gartside 1, S. Walmsley 2, T. Barker 3, J. Pilkington 4, N. Smith 5, B. A. Tomlinson 6, C. Crosswaite (cond.) 7, L. Walmsley 8.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Naish 1, Hilda Kimber 2, S. J. Orman 3, Josephine M. Haskins (first of Minor) 4, R. M. Virgin (first of Minor) 5, J. W. Owen (cond.) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 2nd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Talbot 1, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 2, Mrs. P. G. Humphries 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. G. Abbott 5, W. F. Oatway 6, N. G. T. Steere (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, P. G. Humphries 8.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Clarke 1, C. Jones 2, Mrs. D. Hall 3, R. Rayfield 4, T. Easterby 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, A. Hall 7, D. Hall 8. A compliment to Miss Janet Ball (of the local band), daughter of the conductor, and niece of the second ringer, on attaining her 21st birthday.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on July 16th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. R. Pocklington 1, G. Halls 2, C. Walklate 3, D. Walklate 4, F. R. Lowe 5, G. Freebrey (cond.) 6, P. Bellamy-Knight 7, C. Walklate 8, M. Blore 9, S. Walklate 10. Also on July 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. K. Smith 1, S. Walklate 2, Mrs. G. Halls (cond.) 3, G. Freebrey 4, D. W. Brunning 5, D. Walklate 6, P. Bellamy-Knight 7, G. Halls 8.

GREAT HALE, Lincs.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. A. Williams 1, Daphne P. Brown (14) 2, A. Bird (14) 3, E. A. Cole 4, R. Brown (cond.) 5, G. T. Brown 6. First quarter for 3, 5 and 6.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and Grand-sire): W. Ward 1, A. E. Hinman 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5. For the wedding of Miss Mary Chandler and Mr. Barry Queenboro.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On July 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. R. Crump 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, I. D. Thompson 3, R. H. C. Johnson 4, J. A. Acres 5, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Elliott 1, F. Whitby 2, V. Tipton 3, W. Wheeler 4, S. Clark 5, J. Aley 6, R. Young 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung in affectionate remembrance of Charles Tucker, who for many years was captain of the band and who passed away on July 15th.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, Mrs. A. Levett 2, Miss M. A. Wilson 3, Miss J. M. Downing 4, A. Levett 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, A. Jackson 8. For the baptism of Neil Timothy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Price. Also on July 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Godfrey 1, Miss M. A. Wilson 2, Miss J. M. Downing 3, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 4, A. A. Price 5, J. Downing 6, A. Jackson 7, B. Skinner 8. Rung for the 78th anniversary of the dedication.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, F. Wills 2, B. Thompson 3, C. Yates 4, E. Glass 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford 7, A. Mitchell 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Heather Royal, daughter of the Vicar of Heavitree; also birthday compliments to Mrs. A. Michel and F. Wills (captain of St. Boniface).

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Kenward (13, first quarter) 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, Laura Beency 3, G. Beency 4, F. Beency (cond.) 5, Judith Funnell 6. A 21st birthday compliment to both the conductor and David Kenward, brother of the ringer of 1.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pizley 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, C. N. Chinnery 3, D. Brock 4, D. Boniface 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, D. Scott 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Shephard, of Sunbury and Hershams, who was interred on the following day at Sunbury.

HEYWOOD, LANCs.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): A. Ward 1, G. Dyson 2, J. P. Partington 3, G. Rothwell (first 'inside') 4, R. Maher 5, B. Cole (first quarter) 6, G. S. Mills (cond.) 7, K. Abbott 8. For the Sunday School anniversary.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, A. Hodge 2, G. Coombe 3, A. Crabb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Clouston 6. For morning service.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: L. Way (first quarter) 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, W. G. Wilson 3, Miss F. Greaves (first of Caters) 4, Mrs. K. F. Parr 5, C. H. Rogers 6, S. J. Way 7, J. Mudd 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, Miss B. Humphrey 10. First quarter on ten for 6, 7 and 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Edgeley, an old and faithful member of the church and wife of a former churchwarden.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew): E. T. Newbury (cond.) 1, A. Pulley 2, F. Wood 3, C. Brazier 4, D. Devereux 5, F. Trotman 6. Rung before morning service to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. E. C. C. Price).

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Hutching 1, C. Gilbert 2, Myra Gilbert 3, W. Izzard 4, Pearl Inskip (cond.) 5, C. Izzard 6, L. Turner (covering) 7. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Hutching.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen M. Thacker 1, M. S. Hart (cond.) 2, Judith Gwilt 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Warburton 5, J. K. Foot 6, M. C. Hughes 7, R. D. Henebury 8. First of Triples 1, 3, 4 and 7. A farewell to the ringer of 3.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Dunning (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Evans 2, R. Stephens 3, T. Stephens 4, J. Alsop (cond.) 5, J. Jeaynes 6.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Berry (first quarter) 1, R. E. Scudamore 2, B. D. Sims (first as cond.) 3, W. F. Scudamore 4, R. I. Thomas 5, G. T. Horritt 6. An engagement compliment to Mr. H. Taysom and Miss Janice Organ.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Blyth (12) 1, D. Herschell 2, G. D. Robinson 3, W. Parrott 4, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Munton 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung by members of Christ Church, Epsom, band.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. C. Kercher (first quarter) 1, K. Tipper 2, K. Sansom (first quarter) 3, D. Hughes (first quarter) 4, J. F. M. Maybrey (cond.) 5, N. H. Bassett 6.

STAFFORD.—On Aug. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggan 1, R. J. Warrilow, jun., 2, Miss S. K. Seery 3, E. Malin 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, F. Eley 8. For morning service and as a farewell compliment to Miss Seery.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Stacey 1, C. Sangwin 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, C. Taylor 4, B. Perkins 5, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung for the opening of the annual church fete.

THURLBY, Lincs.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): C. Broughton (first quarter) 1, C. Wade (cond.) 2, W. Oldman 3, A. Wade 4, T. Courton 5. Rung to the memory of Edmund Stevenson, for many years a ringer at this church, interred this day.

USK, MON.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Clift (cond.) 1, D. Hughes 2, E. W. Luff 3, G. Knight 4, F. Hobbs 5, G. Hawkins 6, L. Jones 7, N. Biddiscombe (first quarter) 8. Rung at the request of church authorities before a presentation service marking the silver wedding of the Vicar (the Rev. D. I. Jones, M.A.).

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Spliced Oxford and Kent): H. Follen 1, S. G. Eley 2, J. Fox 3, W. W. Cousins 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.—On June 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 York, 360 Cambridge, 180 Plain Bob): H. Follen 1, S. G. Eley 2, J. Fox 3, W. W. Cousins 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. A compliment to Mr. F. Elmer, who was admitted a lay reader, June 15th, 1929.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Maynard 1, P. D. Chapman (first 'inside' in method) 2, H. Rumens 3, G. Battell (first in method) 4, D. Hewitt 5, F. W. Sykes 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

UPLYME, DEVON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parr 1, C. Webb (cond.) 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparks 4, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 5, W. Webb 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. B. Hullah (first away from tenor) 1, R. D. Bell (first 'inside') 2, S. H. Hoare 3, R. G. Smith 4, S. F. Dolley 5, R. G. Bell (cond.) 6, G. W. Seaman 7, M. Howard (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and to mark the occasion of the wedding the previous day of Peter E. Pratt and Pamela D. Lyle.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): C. Scott 1, Jill Eason (first in two methods) 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, T. Randall 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also as a compliment to the ringers of 3 and 6 on their engagement.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. A. Hughes 1, A. B. Skinner 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. Faircloth 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, A. Macve 6. First of Treble Bob for 2 and 4.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Aug. 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Burrows 1, E. Shippey 2, Miss D. Green 3, A. Gower 4, L. Harvey 5, J. Bird (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. F. C. Woodhouse, whose funeral took place this day.

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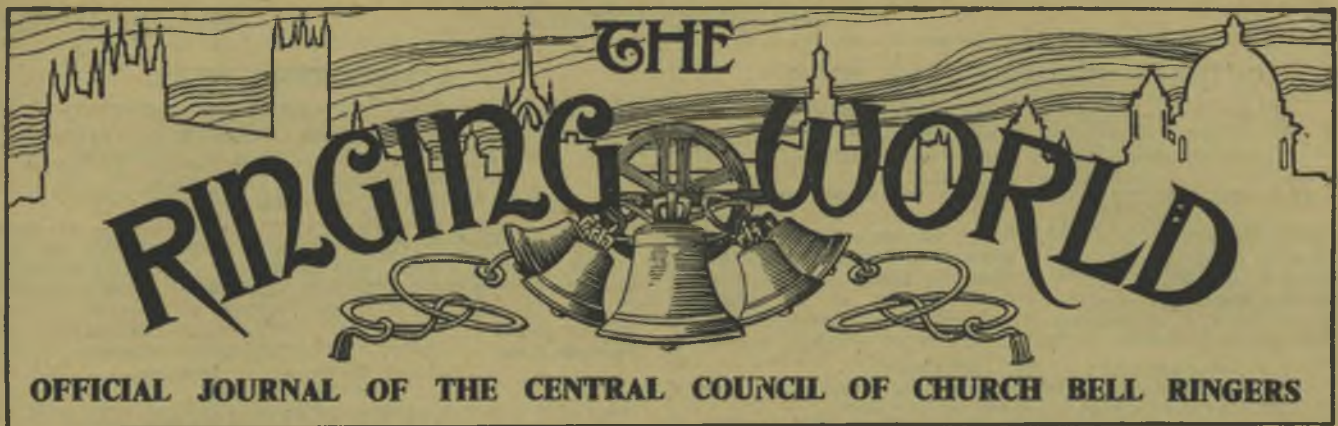
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THE RT. REV. D. G. LOVEDAY, Bishop of Dorchester, gave the address at the Oxford Diocesan Guild festival, and based his observations on Romans xv, 18: 'But I say, have they not heard: yes, verily, their sound went unto all the earth.'

In the course of his address the Bishop referred to the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual report, and said:—

'I want to draw attention to the splendid length of loyal service recorded in the report: 68 members have 50 or more years to their credit. Sometimes in a small country village I find one bell-ringer or one choirman who never misses, whose quiet example has inspired successive generations, whose loyal, sometimes lonely service has been a perpetual witness to his faith and devotion. Such men are true servants of God.'

'My text is taken from this morning's second lesson, one of the more difficult chapters in an obscure epistle. But on it may hinge the three words I want to set before you this morning—Preparation, Concentration, Co-operation.'

'*Preparation.* If anyone were to ask what is the purpose of bell-ringing, you could scarcely give a better answer than this, to prepare the worshipper to receive the word of God. The bells are rung before morning and evening prayer to remind the worshippers that they must come to church prepared, made ready beforehand, unhurried, undistracted, that they may offer and receive the full blessing of Divine worship. A former bishop of this diocese used to go straight to the altar and begin the service of Holy Communion without preamble. How right he was! though flippant criticism is sometimes heard of him now. The preparation of priest, or priest and server, or priest and people should be before the advertised hour of service. So the bells are rung before Sunday service to remind us to prepare our hearts; the passing bell is rung to remind us to pray for the departed and for ourselves that we may not be surprised by unprepared death. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

'Secondly, *Concentration.* No one can go into a belfry when ringing is taking place without realising that each member of the team is concentrating on his art. Ringing is a wonderful mental and spiritual discipline; and in these days of lack of discipline ringers have a real contribution to make to the well-being of society. Today I received a book which stated that the number of indictable offences known to the police amounted in 1957 to 545,562, an increase of 13 per cent. on 1956—to such a degree has ill-discipline invaded our people. Discipline and concentration go hand in hand. Bell-ringing with its essential concentration is a pleasant way of inducing young people to lead a disciplined life, a consecrated life, the life of service and personal religion which alone can restore sanity and health to our country.'

'This concentration, with preparation, is an essential in the prayer life to which the bells summon us. I am sure you will agree that we have learnt more from observing and trying to emulate the concentrated devotion of another worshipper than from all the exhortation in the world.'

'Lastly, *Co-operation.* Your report very properly emphasises the importance of team work, of how an idle or unsympathetic incumbent, an unappreciative churchwarden, a depressing or ultra-critical captain who makes the young ringer disheartened, may mar a team and make a tower come into the far-too-large class of silent or partially-manned towers. It is very grievous to me that in Oxfordshire—for I asked for this county's figures—there are 12 unringable, 33 silent and 43 unsatisfactory towers out of 130. Sometimes a ringer is tempted by very loneliness to leave his own tower, where he should be trying to gather recruits, and go to a stronger parish where there is a proper team. Of course, I do not mean that ringers should not on occasion visit other towers: this is part of the wider fellowship. I confess that I had not realised till lately the wonderful freemasonry there is among ringers, so that a man going on holiday can visit church after church and join with complete strangers and make new friends. Where a tower is properly manned it can be a wonderful centre of keenness and happy fellowship both within and without the tower, and can influence and inspire a whole parish and even neighbourhood.'

'Perhaps I may end by telling you a story of an old pupil of mine, now a young doctor. He was christened as a child and confirmed at school, but had no very vital or energetic connection with the Church until a friend introduced him to bell-ringing. So enthusiastic a churchman did he become that he is now a churchwarden—moreover, he organises once a quarter a men's service, when two- or three-hundred men fill a country church, now here, now there, in order to listen to a well-known preacher or speaker, and so are brought into closer touch with our beloved Church. That is a present-day example of co-operation induced by a bell-ringer's enthusiasm.'

'May God bless you all in your great art and in your dedicated service, and may all who are brought by the sound of the bells to worship the Most High God come to His House prepared for His message, concentrated in their devotions and co-operating as workers together with Him for His glory, to their salvation and to the edification of His Church.'

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SOUTHERN IRELAND PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

On Sun., Aug. 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and in the county.

KILKENNY, CO. KILKENNY.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CANICE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal of D.N.C.B. on the bells, and in the county.

WATERFORD, CO. WATERFORD.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN 2	BARRIE HENDRY 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
*A. PATRICK CANNON 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 25th peal together.

CORK, CO. CORK.

On Wed., Aug. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. FINBARRE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

BARLOW B. DIBBEN .. Treble	*BARRIE HENDRY 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
ROBIN G. LEALE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal of Superlative on the bells, and in the county.

WEXFORD, CO. WEXFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At THE R.C. CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	BARRIE HENDRY 8
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	PHILIP MEHEW 9
F. HECTOR BENNETT 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal of Plain Bob on the bells, and in the county. The conductor's 50th county for a peal.

LIMERICK, CO. LIMERICK.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At THE R.C. CHURCH OF MOUNT ST. ALPHONSUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
*ROBIN G. LEALE 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 50th peal together. First peal of Lincolnshire in Ireland, and for the Association. First of Major on the bells.

LIMERICK, CO. LIMERICK.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

PHILIP MEHEW .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

A YORKSHIRE WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob and (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

LEONARD GOODALL .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD GOODALL .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 6
HAROLD CHANT 3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

MARION ARCHER .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON 7
LEONARD GOODALL 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich, York, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, London and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HOWARD SCOTT .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
HAROLD CHANT 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 6
LEONARD GOODALL 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
GORDON BENFIELD 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

LEONARD GOODALL .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
HOWARD SCOTT 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by D. KNOX.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In two methods, being 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5
CYRIL RUSBY 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
LEONARD GOODALL 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by R. BALDWIN.

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

DIANA J. PERRINS Treble	JOHN McDONALD 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	PETER BERESFORD 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	PAUL J. RIGBY 6
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
RUTH M. BORDER 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
JOHN McDONALD 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Royal in the method for the Guild.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDELA.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	HARRY BROWN 6
*REV. JOHN J. FIELDING 2	*WILLIAM A. PATTERSON 7
†BERYL E. CAWSE 3	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY 8
*FRANK E. FAGG 4	FRED E. DUKES 9
*JEAN STEWART 5	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal (first attempt). First of Royal as conductor, and of Plain Bob Royal. First of Royal on the bells. Rung for the engagement of Jean Stewart.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

DIANA J. PERRINS Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
MURIEL REAY 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
PAUL J. RIGBY 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

MRS. PAT. A. M. HALLS .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	RONALD G. BULLEN 7
DAVID K. WALKLATE 3	CLIVE WALKLATE 8
BURLEY P. MORRIS 4	JAMES H. PAILING 9
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHTS .. 5	MICHAEL R. BLORE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

In memoriam Harry Fletcher, oldest member of the Derbyshire Association.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-TH-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

*CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	DAVID H. BUXTON 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 8
JOAN WILCOCKSON 4	FRANK C. PRICE 9
†MICHAEL J. PALMER 5	

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal of Royal. † First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	*HAROLD J. HAZELL 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	GORDON A. HALLS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 13).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Royal.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	IAN H. ORAM 6
RALPH BIRD 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 8
ROBIN G. LEALE 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 9
WILLIAM S. DEASON 5	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 50th peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD 5
MARGARET ROSS 2	DAVID JAMES 6
PAT J. WALKER 3	TREVOR TAYLOR 7
GEORGE NIX 4	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JUDITH K. ESSEN Treble	*DEREK E. SIBSON 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 2	*A. REX AGG 6
*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 3	*ROGER KEELEY 7
*MICHAEL R. ROSE 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and for the Society.

Rung to mark the occasion of the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

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CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HAROLD A. MAY Treble	*GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 5
ERNEST R. WARNER 2	†DONALD A. KIRK 6
STANLEY G. PONTING 3	O. LESLIE WARNER 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal other than Minor. † First in the method.
Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first peal of the ringer of the second.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	*PAUL J. RIGBY 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
*JOHN McDONALD 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Bristol.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. BARRY PICKUP Treble	GORDON ROTHWELL 5
ROGER LEIGH 2	KEITH ABBOTT 6
F. JOHN NELSON 3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 7
*GEOFFREY DYSON 4	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY S. MILLS.

* First peal. First of Major as conductor.

LLANGATTOCK-JUXTA-CRICKHOWELL, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Catwg.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 5
JACQUELINE S. KING 2	LESLIE EVANS 6
MARGARET E. WILKINSON .. 3	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 7
FRANK REED 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal of Major on the bells.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN RHODES Treble	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 5
RUTH H. APPLEBY 2	DAVID ATKINS 6
JOAN M. DAWSON 3	PETER M. DAWSON 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN RHODES.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. N. A. Hughes, vicar's warden 1913-1944, good friend of local ringers.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

*MARTIN FAULKES Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 6
MARY C. PAYNE 3	HARRY POYNER 7
†A. JAMES POYNOR 4	JOHN A. ACRES Tenor

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' 350th peal as conductor. First of Major on the bells.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
*JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Stedman.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOAN BERESFORD Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	ROBERT COLLINS 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 23).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 6
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Day's Six-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GLADYS E. ROGERS .. Treble	H. S. COOPER 5
ARNOLD MOSS 2	PETER CROOK 6
FRED BROWNLOW 3	A. GREENHALGH 7
JIM CUNLIFFE 4	*J. A. HILTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Halsall, leader of the local band; and to commemorate the 60th birthday of Mrs. Cooper, wife of the fifth ringer.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

ERNEST S. BAILEY Treble	ERNEST G. PEARCE 5
JACK PILGRIM 2	ALAN R. BRIDGES 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
JAMES SMY 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*G. LEONARD THOMPSON Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
*LOUIS WILLIERS 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
*JOHN F. PEARSON 3	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 7
*†PETER A. SHARPE 4	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (10).

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 25th peal together.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL (MELBOURNE) SOCIETY.

On Sun., Aug. 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 111 lb. in G sharp.

*HOWARD IMPEY Treble	DIANA M. PIPE 5
ARTHUR H. FISHER 2	GEORGE W. PIPE 6
KENNETH J. MINCHINTON .. 3	PETER G. RICHARDS 7
GRAEME W. HEYES 4	JOHN J. F. ROPER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal and first touch above 720. 100th peal as conductor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*STUART ELLISON Treble	ALEX RICHARDSON 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON 3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Surprise. First of Cambridge on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	*JOHN A. SMITH 6
DIANA J. PERRINS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
PETER BORDER 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	*DENNIS COOPER 6
GEORGE P. ADAMS 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

J. ARTHUR HOARE Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 6
*DONALD WYATT 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
FRANK ROWSELL 4	JOHN T. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Triples.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MARION ARCHER Treble	*LEONARD GOODALL 5
*MRS. G. A. HALLS 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	JAMES H. PAILING 7
CYRIL RUSBY 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 2	JOHN McDONALD 6
PETER BERESFORD 3	JOHN ANDERSON 7
MICHAEL ELSON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

ERNEST F. PAYNE Treble	ROYSTON WILMORE 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
DEREK M. SAWYER 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 12).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

A compliment to Mary C. Payne and Harry Poyner, who were married at this church earlier in the day. Also a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. D. J. M. Niblett).

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
JOHN A. ACRES 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
DEREK OGDEN 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
WILLIAM G. WILSON 3	SAMUEL J. HAINES 7
J. BARRY PICKUP 4	GEOFFREY S. MILLS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

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BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.
 MURIEL REAY Treble NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
 RUTH M. BORDER 2 TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
 DIANA J. PERRINS 3 JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
 GEORGE E. FEARN 4 PETER BORDER Tenor
 Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
 Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Shepherd.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 At BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.
 HENRY H. FEARN Treble JOHN PINFOLD 5
 MURIEL REAY 2 *JOHN McDONALD 6
 *MICHAEL ELSON 3 *NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
 *JOHN A. ANDERSON 4 GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor
 Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
 * First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
 At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE.
A PEAL OF 5024 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
 VERNON GREEN Treble FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 5
 ELSIE K. HART 2 ALICK CUTLER 6
 FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3 KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
 H. GEORGE HART 4 JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor
 Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
 First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
 Rung for the wedding of Donald R. Bartholomew and Mary G. Carnochan, which took place at Hurstpierpoint this day.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5000 MARDEN LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt.
 DORIS E. COLGATE Treble ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
 STANLEY JENNER 2 IAN H. ORAM 6
 ROBERT COLLINS 3 RALPH BIRD 7
 JOHN R. COOPER 4 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor
 Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
 First peal in the method.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
 At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt.
 *PATRICIA HEAP Treble JOHN OWENS 5
 LAWRENCE CLEMENT 2 HERBERT RAINFORD .. 6
 STANLEY WALMSLEY 3 GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 7
 ALAN CAPSTICK 4 ROLAND F. ECCLES Tenor
 Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ROLAND F. ECCLES.
 * First peal.
 A fifth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
 At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
 Parker's Twelve-part. Michael T. Sprackling Treble ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
 *NADINE PRICE 2 PATRICK J. BIRD 6
 LEONARD MILLS 3 HAROLD E. RAXTER 7
 CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4 PETER D. WARREN Tenor
 Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
 * First peal.
 Rung in honour of the wedding of Alan J. Smith and Pauline F. Sprackling, which took place at the Abbey earlier in the day.

MARDEN LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
 —56—14—56—38—16
 8ths place lead-end.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
 At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.
 *MARION WALL Treble GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
 *MICHAEL H. PAULSON 2 RONALD H. BULLEN .. 6
 DAVID A. MELLOR 3 HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
 J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4 ERNEST PAULSON Tenor
 Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
 * First peal.
 Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours,
 At THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
 STANLEY WOOD Treble WILLIAM TYSON 5
 JOHN FROOME 2 PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
 JAMES WM. KAY 3 WILLIAM JOHN STOKES .. 7
 THOMAS BRATBY 4 PETER CROOK, JUN. .. Tenor
 Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
 Rung by the service ringers to celebrate the birth of the first grandchild to William John Stokes and John W. Hamer (another service ringer).

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Liversedge variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
 ERNEST MORRIS Treble PETER J. HAWCOCK 5
 JOHN VERNON 2 PETER R. JOHNSON 6
 JOHN M. JELLEY 3 ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
 BARBARA MANSHIP 4 G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor
 Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
 First peal in the variation by all the band, and for the Guild.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt.
 WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
 TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2 A. WILLIAM BIRD 6
 MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. 3 †ANDREW E. CROWE .. 7
 *PETER A. WAKEMAN .. 4 EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Tenor
 Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
 * First peal of Major. † First peal.
 Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapman.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 TOTTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.
 C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble THOMAS J. LOCK 5
 JOAN BERESFORD 2 ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
 JOHN HILL 3 DENNIS KNOX 7
 ALICK CUTLER 4 JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
 First peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.
 ELSIE K. HART Treble H. GEORGE HART 5
 *B. CLARE WEBSTER 2 FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 6
 *JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3 JOHN R. MAYNE 7
 *CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. 4 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor
 Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
 * First peal in the method.
 Rung to commemorate the founding of the Middlesex County Association 70 years ago.

TOTTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
 34—38. 6—56—36. 14—14. 5—14—1.
 8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.	
PETER J. EVES	Treble	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON ..	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	6
EDWARD E. DAVEY	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	7
HARRY J. MILLAT	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) and (3) Kent T.B., (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.			
Tenor 8½ cwt.			
VALERIE WATERFIELD ..	Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ..	4
LESLIE BARLOW	2	DENNIS SMEDLEY ..	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	3	RICHARD HOBBS ..	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Barlow, of Creswell, upon their 21st wedding anniversary.

OCKLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ..	Treble	*A. GRAHAM CLARKE ..	4
WILLIAM PARROTT	2	MARTYN W. HARBOTT ..	5
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT ..	3	MICHAEL F. AMOS ..	Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.			
Tenor 2½ cwt.			
HENRY TOOKE	Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT ..	4
MRS. M. ROAST	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW ..	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	JOE E. ROAST ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. ROAST.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.			
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.			
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	4
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	A. JAMES POYNOR ..	5
MARTIN FAULKES	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being a block of 2,160 and four 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*ROHILLA M. COOKE ..	Treble	THOMAS COOKE ..	4
FREDERICK W. COOKE ..	2	W. NORMAN PARK ..	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	ROLAND PARK ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Surprise.

In memoriam Robert T. Simpson, for many years a ringer at this church.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
DENISE SHALLCROSS ..	Treble	JOHN S. DEAN ..	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ..	2	PERCY SWINDLEY ..	5
JOHN PARSONAGE	3	ROGER KING ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

BARTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt.			
*DAVID HARBRIDGE ..	Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. F. MUNCEY	3
†JEAN LAVENDER	2	HENRY C. FOSTER ..	4
GEORGE E. THODAY ..		Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

*MONICA E. COLLINS ..	Treble	ELIZABETH LOVELAND ..	4
SALLIE BUCHANAN	2	CATHERINE M. POWELL ..	5
†CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT ..	3	†PATRICIA COLLINS ..	Tenor

Conducted by CATHERINE M. POWELL.

* First peal in two Doubles methods. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	3
*JOHN H. SOANES	2	†A. WILLIAM BIRD ..	4
†RALPH W. BICKERS ..		Tenor	

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First of Doubles in the method. First in the method as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of Mr. A. J. Kirkham and Miss Monica A. Howes, of the local company.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DUKE OF NORFOLK TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*JOHN GUILDEN	Treble	CAROL FERNLEY ..	4
STUART ELLISON	2	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First in the method.

Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*LINDA J. KEW	Treble	MICHAEL HATCHETT ..	4
WILLIAM BUTLER	2	*D. KENVYN WALTERS ..	5
†PAMELA M. JERVIS	3	ALAN R. PINK ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First of Minor in more than one method.

**STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Reverse Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE GROCOCK Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 3
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 2	EDGAR A. COLE 4

JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

A 51st birthday compliment to Mr. James H. Musson.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*AUBREY CROSBY (Ormesby, St. Cuthbert, Branch) Treble	
FREDERICK W. COOKE (Darlington, Holy Trinity, Branch) .. 2	
KENNETH ARTHUR (Fenham, SS. James and Basil, Branch) .. 3	
THOMAS COOKE (Darlington, St. Cuthbert, Branch) 4	
THOMAS BULLERWELL (Winlaton, St. Paul, Branch) 5	
CHARLES N. LEA (South Shields, St. Hilda, Branch) Tenor	

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal.

Rung by members of the C.E.M.S. in the jubilee year of the Society. The Vicar (Rev. C. I. Pettit) is general secretary of the Society.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE WILKINSON .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 4
CHARLES N. LEA 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 5
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 3	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Minor. † 200th peal on tower bells.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Mona Sproat and Mr. Jack Harwood on the occasion of their wedding, which took place at St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, the previous Saturday, a peal attempt at that church immediately following the service falling after 1 hour owing to a shift course.

LUBENHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1) and (2) Stedman, (3) and (4) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (5) and (6) Plain Bob, (7) and (8) Kennington, (9), (10), (11) and (12) St. Simon's, (13) and (14) St. Albans, (15) and (16) Eynsham, (17) and (18) St. Martin's, (19) and (20) St. Paul's, (21) and (22) St. Leonard's, (23) and (24) Southrepps, (25) and (26) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (27) and (28) Clifford's Pleasure, (29) and (30) St. Giles', (31) St. Nicholas', (32) St. Andrew's, (33) St. Nicholas', (34) St. Andrew's, (35) St. Miles', (36) Winchendon Place, (37) St. John's, (38) St. Miles', (39) Winchendon Place, (40) St. John's, (41) Plain Bob, (42) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in A.

*BRIAN SMITH Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 3
ERNEST MORRIS	A. JAMES POYNOR 4

JOHN A. ACRES Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in more than one method.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
GORDON ROTHWELL 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the 90th anniversary of the bells.

**HOLKHAM PARK, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Aug. 23, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHBURGA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

TONY OWEN Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	WILFRID WILSON 5
JOHN WILSON 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 SHERBORNE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
DENNIS LAUD 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 100th peal for the Association. First in the method.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, Durham, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON 4
JOHN V. TEMPLE 2	MARTYN HAWKES 5
MICHAEL R. ROSE 3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal. First of seven Surprise Minor by all the band, and for the Society.

BLAYDON, DURHAM.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. Treble	MICHAEL R. ROSE 4
*MIKAELA ERIK 2	MARTYN HAWKES 5
JOHN V. TEMPLE 3	DEREK E. SIBSON Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band and for the Society. The Society's 50th peal.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT SUTTON .. Treble	*JOHN E. BROUGH 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	GEOFFREY PARTING 5
*FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in seven methods.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT 4
HARRY SPRINGATE 2	*CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 100th peal together.

BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

VALERIE WATERFIELD .. Treble	DENNIS SMEDLEY 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2	ALEC WILSON 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*LLOYD JENKINS Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
EDMUND J. MORRIS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
*CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES .. 3	JOHN S. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BARNES (72) Treble	RONALD G. RUSSELL 4
GEORGE SCOTT (81) 2	DENIS A. FRITH 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Arranged for Messrs. H. Barnes and G. Scott, who took part in the first peal on these bells on December 31st, 1904.

KIRK ELLA, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JANET PORTER Treble	KEITH GOLDTHORPE 4
JOHN S. RANK 2	DAVID JOHNSON 5
*KENNETH KIRK 3	RONALD DUCKER Tenor

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

* First peal. First of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 19, CROMLEY ROAD, WOODSMOOR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*BRIAN HARRIS 1—2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH 5—6	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

BASFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT NO. 6, WEST AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 9.

*GEOFFREY DAVIES 1—2	MICHAEL SLANEY 3—4
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5—6	

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Hilary Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Grocott.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 30, 1959, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, one extent of St. Simon's Bob and 39 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 18 in G.

*KENNETH L. BROWN 1—2	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3—4
‡E. CHARLES BAILEY 5—6	

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal of Doubles on handbells. † First in three Doubles methods 'in hand.' ‡ First in three Doubles methods.

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It happened at the Queen's Hotel, Exeter. Howard, who was to conduct the next morning's peal attempt, retired early, and was heard muttering Heywood's Double Norwich at intervals throughout the night. One of his two room-mates, waking early next morning, asked the other the time, the reply being 'Six.' They were very surprised to hear Howard continue with 'Single at 1, 1 and three 6's,' the rest fading away beneath the sheets.—From 'Westward with Wratten.'

Messrs. T. McMorran and J. Atkinson, of Dublin, have been visiting this country. A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was arranged for them at Overseale on August 11th.

Owing to the defects of the roof of Lancaster (R.C.) Cathedral the bells, which had been silent since January, were rung for the first time on August 30th, when a quarter peal was successfully brought round.

Mr. F. Vickers, of 64, Bourtonville, Buckingham, is the new hon. secretary of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in succession to Mr. P. Howson, who has resigned through health reasons.

There is a special interest concerning the peal on August 4th at Llangattock-juxta-Crickhowell, Brecon. It was only the second peal on the bells. The other was of Grand-sire Doubles on December 10th, 1922, which was the first peal of Mr. Wilfred Williams, the Master of the College Youths.

A 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at St. Mary's, Amersham, on August 30th in thanks for the recovery of Mr. Geoffrey Orchard, who has recently had a leg amputated. The band hope to see him back in the tower soon. The ringers were A. Fortin 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, C. Shepherd 3, E. G. Swift 4, M. G. Swift 5, J. E. Camp (conductor) 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Lady visitors to the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Lancaster are asked to observe the ruling that they should not go into the belfry and church with uncovered heads or scantily attired. The privilege of ringing should not cause exception in matters of dress and conduct to be taken by the church authorities and other members of the church. Oxford Diocesan Guild has 68 members who have given 50 or more years' service to the Guild.

The quarter peal at Long Ashton on July 17th (see page 484) was rung as a welcome to Peter John Mack, a brother for Shirley Mack. The error is regretted.

Mr. George W. Pipe used the same composition of Plain Bob Major as his first peal at Ufford, Suffolk, in 1947 for the peal he conducted at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on August 9th.

The peals at Clipston and Cogenhoe on July 15th were to mark the bicentenary of the death of George Frederic Handel and not his birth, as erroneously stated on page 482. We thank those who have called attention to this unfortunate mistake.

Mr. Ernest Morris has had his latest book, 'Tintinnabula,' published this week by Robert Hale, price 21s. A review will appear in our next issue. He has also completely rewritten 'The Church Bells of Leicestershire,' which the Archaeological Society describe as a 'monumental work.'

Two members of the Rochester Cathedral band, Mr. C. E. J. Norris and Mr. W. A. J. Knight, rang their 100th peal together at Barming on August 29th. Their first was at Chatham on April 24th, 1937. In that band, which rang Stedman Triples, the only other two survivors are Mr. Fred Southgate and Mr. George Naylor.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1960 AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

OXFORD Diocesan Guild Festival, held on July 4th. at Oxford, was again a popular event. Ringing at Christ Church preceded the service in the Cathedral, which was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) and the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) read the lesson. The choir was formed by members of the Guild and the Guild's banner was carried in procession. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Dorchester (the Right Rev. D. G. Loveday): his address is given on the front page of this issue.

The Bishop also attended the annual meeting in the Chapter House, where the Master presided and opened the meeting with prayers. He also welcomed the Bishop, who is a vice-president of the Guild.

Arising from the minutes the hon. general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross) reported that books had been purchased for Miss Irving as a token of appreciation of her work in connection with the Guild's banner. The Sunday service survey report would be discussed at the autumn meeting.

Miss Cross reported that as a result of the meeting concerning the revision of branch boundaries, there was a move to form a new branch in the Aylesbury area. Nothing definite had been done but it was proposed to hold a meeting of the towers concerned in September. The general committee approved the formation of the branch.

Mr. W. Birmingham wrote pointing out the dreadful state of the grave of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and asking if the Guild could take action in the matter. Mr. A. E. Lock said he would be responsible for tidying it.

The officers' reports and the balance sheet and auditors' accounts were accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected: Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. general treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. general secretary, Miss M. R. Cross; hon. librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper; committee members, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. P. Walker, F. A. White and A. Diserens (other two vacancies to be filled at autumn annual meeting); auditors, Messrs. E. Francis and Sons. Reading: trustees, Messrs. C. H. Kinch, A. R. Pink and F. Sharpe; editor of the report, Mr. P. Walker.

A ballot for the election of four representatives of the Central Council resulted in the election of Messrs. A. D. Barker (87 votes), A. E. Lock (74), P. Walker (60), D. Smith (69). Not elected: Mrs. A. D. Barker (57) and Mr. R. Diserens (16).

GRANTS TO TOWERS

St. Aldate's, Oxford.—This application had been supported by a grant of £10 from the Oxford City Branch. The General Committee recommended £25 and this was agreed to.

St. Mary-le-More, Wallingford.—This application towards work costing £500, carried out by Mr. F. White, of Appleton, was supported by the North Berks Branch, which had voted £20, and personally by Mr. A. E. Eversden, churchwarden, who said there was now a young band there and a close liaison between the ringers and the Parochial Church Council. A grant of £40 was voted.

Enstone, Oxon.—Towards the cost of £663 10s., the Rev. A. W. Holmes, Branch chairman, said the ringers had raised £429. The Chipping Norton Branch supported the application and had voted £10. The application was deferred until the autumn meeting, when Mr. Hucken was asked to produce the specifications.

The autumn meeting was fixed for October 3rd at Banbury and the election of 217 new members was confirmed.

The subscription for 1960 was deferred until the autumn meeting. Mr. A. D. Barker pointing out that it was impossible to settle this until the cost of the reports for 1958-59 had been settled and the financial position of 'The Ringing World' had been discussed. He held the view that there must be financial support from the Guilds and Associations for the journal.

The Deputy Master pointed out that the Guild could not go on without 'The Ringing World' as without it they would lose touch. If the cost of printing went up, as expected, the additional cost would be £1,000. Everyone must be encouraged to buy the paper as only thus could the cost per paper be kept down.

A grant of £5 was made from the General Fund towards the Sear Memorial.

The Deputy Master reported that Braywood Church was to be demolished. He had contacted the church authorities and the bells were to be sold to a church in the Oxford Diocese.

Mr. W. Birmingham gave notice that he intended to move at the autumn meeting that the general committee meeting be held after the agenda for the Central Council meeting had been issued. This would enable guidance to be given to Central Council representatives.

THE LUNCH

As is customary, the lunch was held in the Dining Hall of Christ Church. The Master presided, supported by the Bishop of Dorchester, Messrs. T. Trollope and W. H. B. Wilkins (vice-presidents) and the Guild officers. The guest of honour was the Dean of Christ Church (the Very Rev. J. Lowe).

In reply to the toast of 'Church and State,' proposed by Mr. H. Lawrenson, the Dean of Christ Church said this was his farewell after 20 years. During that time he had enjoyed his contacts with the ringers in the Cathedral Society and in the town. He urged ringers not to make ringing a hobby in itself but to harness it to the service of God. When giving permission for ringing, the Dean and Chapter had to take into account that the College was a place where people had to work. In the vacations he was glad to welcome the ringers and glad to hear their efforts.

AMERICAN VISITOR

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. W. Birmingham and accorded a special welcome to Mr. Young, from Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., where there was a ring of eight bells which, he understood, were rung regularly. They hoped Mr. Young would have learned much during his stay in this country about ringing and the fellowship of English ringers. Mr. Birmingham also welcomed Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, Mr. Peett, a former member, now living in London, and Mr. Coles, from Hillingdon.

Mr. R. S. Young, who replied, thanked Mr. Birmingham on behalf of the visitors for the warm welcome they had received. That day, said Mr. Young, was doubly important to him for he was celebrating American Independence Day and lunching in the Dining Room of Christ Church with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had much pleasure in proposing the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.'

The Master, in a brief reply, said he felt he must say, from the bottom of his heart, how much they appreciated the privileges given to the Guild by the College and Cathedral authorities and particularly by the Dean. He thanked the Bishops in the Diocese for encouraging ringers in their work and hoped that this happy relationship would long continue.

Proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks, the Deputy Master said during the Dean's period of office great things had happened. The record of Stedman Cinques had been rung at Christ Church, Tom Tower had been rehung (this was largely sponsored by the Dean) and members of the Guild had been given the privilege of having their own choir to sing at the Guild Festival. After thanking the Bishop of Dorchester, the clergy, the deputy organist and the ringers of Oxford, the Deputy Master had a special word of thanks for Mr. Wilfrid Wilson on his work of duplicating the Guild report. The collection taken for the Restoration Fund amounted to £7 12s. 6d.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Some 60 ringers and friends enjoyed the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District at Crayford. The Rector (the Rev. A. R. Agg) officiated at the service, Mr. Palmer was organist and Mr. E. Barnett read the lesson. Tea was taken in the Church Hall, where Mrs. E. A. Barnett and her assistants had functioned admirably as caterers.

The Rector presided at the business meeting. Four new members were elected. Erith was chosen for the annual District meeting on October 24th, and support was asked for the combined meeting with the Surrey Association on October 10th and the Association's dinner at Rochester.

It was decided to arrange a series of Surprised practices at Crayford at regular intervals. The Rector and all who had helped in the arrangements for the meeting were cordially thanked. Ringing in the afternoon and in the evening was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, Ringing Master.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The August meeting of the Southern District at Staindrop, Co. Durham, on August 29th, began badly, with a wait of half-an-hour while a search was made for the belfry key. Just when a note had been put on the belfry door to say that the ringers had gone to Gainford, four or five miles away, to try their luck there, and would be back for tea, the key was located. Local members were joined by members from Newcastle, Consett and West Hartlepool, and spent a very happy afternoon on this attractive site. Methods rung included Plain Bob Minor and Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, St. Clement's, College Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise.

This was the annual meeting, and Mr. E. P. Rock was re-elected secretary. Vice-presidents of the District next year will be either Mr. T. Cooke or Mr. F. W. Cooke. The next District meeting will be at Gainford, Co. Durham, on October 31st.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Once again the weather proved favourable for the meeting held at the Church of St. Oswald, Collingham (8), on August 29th. The tower, being of small structure, limited the number of persons in the ringing chamber and those not actually ringing strolled in the churchyard enjoying the lovely scenery.

During the business meeting two new members were elected—Mr. Brian Sissons and Mr. Allan Sheppard, of Sherburn-in-Elmet. Methods rung during the day ranged from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise, and rounds for the beginners. Thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens were expressed by Mr. Irvin Slack and Mr. David Atkins.

The next meeting is to be held at Rothwell, D. T.

AND ALL THEIR BRIDES WERE RINGERS

HARRY POYNER AND MARY C. PAYNE

Two well-known Leicester ringers were married at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Syston, on August 15th. The bride, Mary C. Payne, is the daughter of Ernest F. Payne, verger and captain of the ringers at Syston. She comes from a ringing family; her elder brother, Bernard Stedman Payne, is secretary of the Syston District, and her younger brother, Harry, is also a ringer. The bridegroom, Harry Poyner, has been a ringer at Leicester Cathedral since 1948, when both he and the writer were taught to ring by the late Harold J. Poole as recruits from the choir. During recent years both have made many friends in different parts of the country, notably Lincoln, where Mary has been teaching.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Syston (the Rev. D. J. M. Niblett) and the bride was given away by her father. Her brother, Bernard, was best man and the writer was the organist.

After the reception, held in the Red Cross Hall, long famous as the venue for ringers' teas, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Syston conducted by the writer. Included in the band were John Walden, from Lincoln, and representatives from the Syston and Leicester Districts.

Among the congratulatory telegrams was one signed 'The Presidents,' obviously from Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, who were on holiday at Teignmouth. Peter is the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and his wife, Jill, the president of 'he Ladies' Guild.

After the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Poyner are living in Shrewsbury, where Harry has secured a teaching appointment.

MR. CHARLES ROUSE— MISS MARY DREW

Mr. Charles Rouse, of Cheltenham, general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Miss Dorothea Mary Drew, of Cromhall, Glos, secretary of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch, were married at St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall, on August 29th. Ringing friends filled the little church to capacity.

The Rector (the Rev. R. F. Burlton) officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Peel (chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch) and the service was fully choral and included the ringers' hymn 'Again, O Lord, we bless Thy name,' written by the Rev. A. D. H. Allen (late Rector of Cromhall).

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an embroidered coffee dress with matching veil, pearl headdress and carried a sheaf of mauve orchids. Her bridesmaids were in turquoise nylon. Mr. R. F. Dowdeswell, chairman of the Cheltenham Branch, was best man. As the bride and bridegroom left the church they passed under an arch of handbells. The bells were rung before and after the service.

The reception was held at the Parish Hall and the guests included the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and Mrs. Frank Skidmore, the Rev. W. A. Peel (chairman) and Mr. Harold Hobbs (Ringing Master) of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch. Many congratulatory telegrams were received.

TWO DANBURY RINGERS MARRIED

The wedding took place at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Danbury, on August 5th, of Joe E. G. Roast and Mary Dowsett, both well-known ringers in the district and members of the Danbury band. Prior to the service a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on the bells, conducted by Ivan Saunders, also of the local band. Tom Roast, the bride-



THE HAPPY COUPLE

groom's brother, was kept busy ringing in the peal and then playing the organ for the service. The best man was Peter Came, another local ringer.

Following the service the bride and bridegroom left the church under an archway of handbells formed by ringing colleagues. A short honeymoon in Norfolk concluded with a peal of Minor at Saxthorpe, in which both took part. Mary and Joe both learned their ringing at Danbury under the supervision of the bridegroom's father, Mr. E. W. Roast, and since 1953, when Joe called Mary's first peal, they have rung about 80 peals together.

A GNOSALL WEDDING

Gnosall, Staffs, has had its first ringers' wedding—Mr. Terrence Marriott and Miss Barbara Middleton, who were married at St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall, on August 1st. Both are regular Sunday service ringers and the good wishes of the band were expressed with the presentation of a set of fruit spoons.

The service was followed by the ringing of several extents of Grandsire Doubles—the first time that anything other than call changes have been rung at the tower for a wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Marriott are to make their new home at Stafford and it is sincerely hoped that Gnosall's loss will be Stafford's gain.

MR. F. R. LOWE'S 300 PEALS

Mr. Francis R. Lowe, who began ringing in 1932 at St. Luke's, Derby, rang his 300th peal at Overseale on July 4th. These have been rung in 80 different towers in eight counties and for eight Associations. His peal failures total 247 and two false peals have been rung. He has 'circled' nine towers to peals and rung three peals of London Surprise in one day in three different counties. Details:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 1, Plain Bob 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, Total 7.

Minor.—Cambridge 9, London 2, Plain Bob 8, Kent 1, St. Clement's 1, Childwall 1, Cumberland 1, Thelwall 1, Killamarsh 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 5, 4 methods 9, 5 methods 5, 6 methods 1, 7 methods 6, 9 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 19 methods 1, Total 56.

Triples.—Grandsire 10 (conducted 1), Stedman 11, Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 1, Total 23.

Major (Plain).—Plain Bob 28 (1), Double Norwich 22, Little Bob 2, Hereward 1, Duffield 1, Double Oxford 1, St. Clement's 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Total 57.

Major (Treble Bob).—Kent 8, Oxford 2, Kent and Oxford 2, Albion 1, Total 13.

Major (Surprise).—Cambridge 25, Yorkshire 13, Superlative 7, London 20 (including 10,368), Bristol 8, Rutland 3, Lincolnshire 4, Truro 2, Derby 2, Pudsey 2, Spliced (2 methods) 2, New Cambridge 1, Ashted 1, Chesterfield 1, Kerry 1, Fife 1, Aldenham 1, Zetland 1, Jersey 1, Victoria 1, Xenia 1, Nanpanton 1, Ilkeston 1, Lyme 1, Wye 1, Overseale 1, Total 103.

Caters.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 9, Erin 1, Total 16.

Royal (Plain).—Plain Bob 7, Little Bob 1, Duffield 1, Total 9.

Royal (Treble Bob).—Kent 4, Oxford 1, Kent and Oxford 2, Total 7.

Royal (Surprise).—Cambridge 2, New Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 3, Langley 1, Total 9.

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S.A. Rector Rings A Quarter

The quarter peal at Ranmore, Surrey, on July 8th, was specially arranged for the Rev. G. Harvey, Rector of St. Mark's, Humansdorp, Cape Province, South Africa. He has been on leave for eight months and used to ring at Dorking 30 years ago. His only previous quarter peal was at Watermoor, Glos, in 1939, and he has hardly touched a bellrope for 20 years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GEORGE BAKER AND 'LONDON'

Dear Sir.—To your recent front-page article by 'M. R.' on the late George Baker (which mentions my name), may I add a word of tribute and of correction in a point or two of general interest?

Although the correspondence between George and myself over the years became, at times, a trifle incisive, yet I am happy to say that our last communications, just before he left for New Zealand, were entirely cordial.

He will be remembered, no doubt, for his earlier ringing, his compositions and his method designing. There is little doubt that he made some discoveries in the relationships of change-rows, as between course and course, and as between methods of the same category. I made attempts to understand his 'Round Blocks and Transpositions,' which I believe to have been intended to express these relationships, but I have never succeeded in this. I should be glad to hear from anyone who has.

As some of your readers know, my two main interests in ringing have lain in instructing and in the study of theory, the former culminating in the College of Campanology, and the latter developing through Grid Analysis to 'Theory of Method Structure in Change Ringing'—with particular reference to stage-variation ('Extension'). When George reached his 90th birthday I made one more effort to solve my problem, with the intention of including a reference to his theories, in written matter relating to each of the interests above-mentioned. His reply to my letter was interesting—declining attempted explanations on the score of failing eyesight, he said that he had passed on his papers to Mr. Brian Price. So they are not 'lost.'

Turning to what 'M. R.' says of method extension—George Baker's way of approach was (as 'M. R.' suggests) through the figures themselves rather than through the pattern or design of the method. Because my work in this field was introduced (early 1920's) by analysis of the design (the Bristol method was in fact the first subjected to grid analysis), George at once joined issue. The argument spread to the London method, of which by 1920 seven Royal versions had been published, and other people joined in. But it was not until 1921 that Baker's first version appeared, and in 1926 came his second version—often called the 'Brighton' version. It was 12 years later when his third version was published, now known as 'No. 3.' The important point to realise is that this means—'Baker's No. 3,' and NOT 'The third version of London Royal': for by that time at least 13 other versions had been published! So 'M. R.' is not correct in attributing 'No. 2' to me, nor, indeed, 'No. 4' to William Taylor, whose first published London Royal method was coincident with Baker's first, seven others having preceded them.

But we have advanced considerably in our study of method structure since those days, and nearly 20 versions of London Royal have been published. The curious and interesting fact is that 'No. 3,' which is mostly rung, does not conform to the requirements of the Central Council's 'Report on Extension' in some respects, in which respects some other versions do conform. Although my working notes indicate over 50 versions of London

Royal, 'the first 'pealed' version of these ('U.A.') was not published until 1949. The Royal version which I claim as the 'proximate' to the London design, i.e., 'Metropolitan,' together with its Maximus counterpart, 'Metropolis,' were published later and rung to peals, conducted by the late Harold Poole, with the famous Leicester band.

Why, then, is 'No. 3' the version mostly rung? Those who have rung other versions and those who care to look into the history of the matter may agree that there are four probable contributory factors:—

- (1). London Royal ringing calls for a really good band, so its performance is somewhat restricted.
- (2). Baker's 'No. 3' version appeared after a gap of 12 years and was regarded then as something of a novelty and as a 'high level' ringing target.
- (3). In the somewhat limited field of capable bands this version of the method was accordingly the one taken up.
- (4). So the general idea of 'London Royal' became identified with this version, fostered in quarters where London Royal is within capability.

It seems a pity that 'No. 3' version should have obscured the virtues of other versions not so much before the public eye, but lest it should be thought that one is prejudiced, may I add that I have had the privilege of standing in with a peal of 'London Royal No. 3.'—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space to follow your contributor 'M. R.' in his appreciation of the life of the late Mr. George Baker.

It was through the correspondence columns of the 'R.W.' in the late 1920's and early 1930's that Mr. Baker and my father (the late W. W. Wolstencroft) became friends.

It was a very happy and rewarding friendship, which only terminated with my father's sudden death in February, 1957.

Between them, they carried on a most voluminous correspondence, much of which is in my possession.

Mr. Baker's enthusiasm for his theories, and my father's keenness to learn them, caused 'Round blocks and transpositions' to become almost household words at 103, Victoria Street, A.U.L.

The following quotation from one of his letters illustrates how convinced he was of the rightness of his arguments.

'Round blocks and transpositions do exist in peal compositions as well as in methods, principles and systems. They do exist, and the three symmetrically arranged peal compositions which follow, together with their round blocks and transpositions, prove the fact indisputably.—G.B.'

Although 'M. R.' says that Mr. Baker kept silent when J. S. G. once satirised him, Mr. Baker, in a letter to my father in February, 1942, once expressed himself thus:—

'I can't understand J. S. G.'s attitude to myself. We were good pals many years ago, and as a matter of fact I rang in his first peal with a bob bell in 1894—a peal of Grandsire

Triples, at Southover, Lewes, not Brighton, which was where J. S. G. learned later to ring Surprise methods.'

After my father's death, he wrote to me several times, and the last occasion on which I saw him was on a visit to Windsor, with his sister-in-law, in September, 1957, when, at the age of 90, he almost literally walked me off my feet!

Several names mentioned in his correspondence with my father indicate that there are ringers still living who understood his 'round blocks and transpositions.'

It was a great sorrow to him that, within three months of his arrival in New Zealand his son-in-law, whom he had not seen for so long, died suddenly.

Our sympathy goes out to his daughter, Olive, who in so short a time lost her husband and her father.—Yours faithfully,

Windsor.

IDA HAWKINS.

ALL THREE HIS METHODS

Dear Sir,—With reference to George Baker, on the front page of 'The Ringing World,' of August 28th, there is an article by 'M. R.' I do not know who 'M. R.' is: he mentions A. York-Bramble and No. 2; he can leave out A. York-Bramble or anyone else. The 1, 2 and 3 are George Baker's London Royal, and the 1, 2 and 3 are all his methods. No. 2 was rung at Brighton on February 11th, 1926; at that time no numbers were mentioned, so it was called Brighton version.—Yours faithfully,

A. D. STONE

Saltdean.

(Secretary at that time).

Sussex County Association.

FIRST BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Further to the correspondence on the first broadcasting of church bells. St. Martin-in-the-Fields were on the air for the Watch-night Service on December 31st, 1923.

Stedman Cinques was rung, and Mr. A. A. Hughes rang the 11th in an endeavour to solve the problem of the 'go' of that bell following the restoration of the 12 in that year.

The bells were on the air for a few minutes only.—Yours, etc., C. J. MATTHEWS.
London, S.W.

ACTON'S OLD CLAPPER

Dear Sir,—We possess the clapper of the old saunce bell cast in 1553, the bell itself having had more metal added to it when the church tower was rebuilt in 1876 and is now used as the tenor.

The old clapper had been painted with black stove enamel and I have got all that off. Fortunately the stuff used affected nothing, for unexpectedly the clapper appears to have been painted, the hook and stem showing red paint, and the business end traces of yellow paint and less traces of a deep blue. Where there is no paint the metal appears to be a brown and white mottle.

That sets us wondering of what metal the clapper would be made, and whether it was usual for clappers at that period to be painted.—Yours sincerely,

DORIS INGOLD.

20, Rosemont Road, London, W.3.

Note.—The clapper will be on view at an open day and exhibition Acton Parish Church is holding on Saturday, September 19th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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LETTERS—Continued

REMINISCENCES OF OLD LONDON RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. E. Symonds, in his account ranging from 1895 to 1900, brings back memories of the few years I spent in London, commencing in 1900.

When I first met Bob Haworth he was 80, and he gave me my first introduction to fish and chips! Bill Cooter was also a keen time-keeper even though his eyesight was failing. At one time he was on the staff of the 'Bell News.' Ted Horrex took a fatherly interest in me and I lived with him for some time in the Lavender Hill district.

Probably Mr. Symonds will remember Walter Prime and Dick French at St. Paul's, John Rogers, Arthur Jacob and Arthur Hardy, of the Cumberlands, also the brothers H. S. and A. G. Ellis and J. W. Golding, from Rochester Row, where Charlie Brice used to ring. Others I recall are Ted O'Meara, Bob Newton, E. Barnett senior, T. Faulkner, F. W. Thornton, G. N. Price, H. P. Harman and many other well-known names too numerous to mention here. All kinds of occupations were represented in the towers and meeting places, and during practice a steward would collect a steeple fee, usually 2d. or 3d., so if you attended four or five a week you could get plenty of ringing to keep you in trim.

Most of the ringers I had the pleasure of ringing with in those days have now passed to higher service, but I am pleased we still have with us three great stars who maintained the high traditions of London ringing for well over half a century: yes, I rang a peal with my old friends Herbert Langdon and T. H. Taffender over 58 years ago. The following year Challis Winney introduced me to a young man of my own age (19) at St Magnus', London Bridge, who rang the tenor to a round 5,000 Stedman Caters, his first peal on ten bells—his name, Alfred B. Peck.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

TAPE-RECORDING LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—Once more I am inquiring if there are any readers of 'The Ringing World' who are also owners of tape-recorders. I am keen to correspond by means of tape, with any ringers in England, or any other part of the world, who may be likewise interested. At present I am building a library of ringing tapes, which no doubt would be of interest to others. There are quite a few ringers-cum-recordists about now, but I had a poor response to my last inquiry. However, one outcome is that I am now participating in an interesting exchange with our ringing friends in South Africa.

My machine will accept up to 7in. reels and play at 7½, 3½ or 1½ Ips., and ringers who may care to send either tapes or letters to the address printed below are invited to do so, stating their various ringing interests together with other pastimes. This is also extended to sympathetic non-ringers. — Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Fosseway, Talbot Avenue,
Streetly, Sutton Coldfield,
Warwickshire.

KIRBY-BELLARS, LEICS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,250 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandwire); G. A. Bowcitt 1, B. Bown 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, J. H. Cook 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Frisby-on-the-Wreake and Kirby-Bellars (the Rev. J. G. Frostick) and Mrs. Frostick for the birth of their son (Simon John).

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR—FIVE OR SIX METHODS

Dear Sir,—I send the following figures of a composition of Spiced Surprise Major for five or six methods, in which more Yorkshire can be rung than is usual in compositions of London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Cambridge. Superlative and Rutland.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

5,083 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H	Methods
3 6 4 5 2	—	—	2	LCLB
4 2 5 6 3	—	—	2	LALB
5 3 6 2 4	—	—	2	LALB
6 4 2 3 5	—	—	2	LALB
2 5 3 4 6	—	—	2	LALB
3 5 6 4 2	—	—	3	LARBB
3 2 5 4 6	2	—	—	RBCCDY
2 6 5 4 3	—	—	2	YDCELB
5 2 6 4 3	—	—	—	LEL
3 6 2 4 5	—	—	—	LAL
6 2 3 4 5	—	—	2	LALB

A = Superlative or Cambridge. D = Superlative or Yorkshire. E = Superlative, Yorkshire or Cambridge.

Repeat as from 25346 four times, calling first course each time as follows: 1M 2W 3H LCBRRB. London may be rung for Rutland if desired.

Stagnation Surprise Minor

By PROFESSOR DODGE

Being a logical development of the latest retrograde step in Minor ringing.

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
1 2 4 3 6 5
2 1 3 4 5 6
2 3 1 4 5 6
3 2 4 1 6 5
3 2 1 4 6 5
2 3 4 1 5 6
2 3 4 5 1 6
3 2 5 4 6 1
3 2 5 4 1 6
2 3 4 5 6 1
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2 4 3 1 6 5
4 2 1 3 5 6
4 2 3 1 5 6
2 4 1 3 6 5
2 1 4 3 6 5
1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 5 6
1 2 4 3 6 5

1 4 2 6 3 5

N.B.—Of course, the above method is hopelessly false, but any ringer who is prepared to accept 'single' changes as an integral part of the construction of a Minor method is unlikely to quibble at such comparatively insignificant defects. The important thing is to realise that the above has 'regular' lead-ends and heads. —Prof. Dodge.

Holiday Ringing

Thanks to the good services of Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. John Smith, a number of ringers on holiday at Cromer had a good day's ringing visiting 11 Norfolk towers. The party included Mr. Ronald Dove and his son, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wright and daughter (Bury St. Edmunds), Mr. B. A. Franks and his two sons (Radlett, Herts), Mr. and Mrs. G. R. G. Butler and Peter (Long Sutton) Messrs. Robert Strickland (Crowland Abbey), A. T. Weeks (Devizes) and A. E. Boon (Long Sutton). Evening ringing trips were also arranged. The holiday-makers express their thanks to all who made them so welcome.

OBITUARY

THE REV. J. B. FRITH

We have just received information concerning the death of the Rev. J. B. Frith, who was clerical secretary and treasurer of the North Staffordshire Association from 1928 to 1933, and died last December, aged 76.

He succeeded his father as Rector of Swynnerton in 1920 and held the living until 1942. He was the first representative of the North Staffordshire Association on the Central Council and served from 1932 to 1935.

In accordance with his wishes, interment of his ashes in Swynnerton Churchyard on April 23rd was delayed 'until daffodils which as a boy he planted in the churchyard should be in full bloom.' The bells were rung half-muffled later in the day by the local band.

The widow, who lives at Newport, Salop, is a descendant of Lord Brereton, one-time Master of the College Youths.

MR. J. H. P. CONQUEST

The death took place at his home suddenly on June 22nd of Mr. John Henry Price Conquest, a member of the 'All Saints' band, Leighton Buzzard.

John Conquest was taught to handle a bell at Hughenden, Bucks, at the late age of 30. After a stay at Stevenage and King's Walden he came to Leighton Buzzard and joined the band in 1934. He was 72.

The funeral service, on June 25th, was attended by Miss E. Steel and Mr. H. B. Whitney, a simple service being conducted by the Rev. R. G. Foster.

On the Sunday a great tribute was paid to him by the Rev. J. J. F. Scammell (Vicar). In 1957, together with Mrs. Rose Conquest, he received the Maundy money in St. Albans Abbey from Queen Elizabeth II.

He was a loyal churchman, a regular ringer for service and practice, a great help in the belfry and churchyard and a devoted husband to his wife, who is blind. R.I.P. H. B. W.

OUTINGS

BARKING, SUFFOLK

On May 30th ringers from Barking, with friends, enjoyed a day's ringing in Bedfordshire. A coachload of about 35 ringers, together with a few non-ringing friends, made an early start from Ipswich on a hot summer's day. The towers visited were Ashwell, Clifton, Maulden, Flitton, Silsoe, Flitwick, Westoning and Barton-in-the-Clay. The majority of Minor methods were rung during the day: good ringing was enjoyed by all.

The thanks of the ringers are extended to Mr. Robert E. Lester for his good work in organising the outing and to all clergy and local ringers who made them so very welcome. L. N. M.

SOUTH WALES NOMADS

Starting from Weston-super-Mare on the morning of August 4th, South Wales Nomads had an enjoyable five-day tour mainly in Somerset. The party was conveyed in two Austin Sevens and two motor-cycles and visited some 37 towers, including a number of four-bell towers.

Thanks are accorded to Ron Short, Cecil Clarke, 'Mike' Stone and other friends and also all ringing captains and incumbents. Fine sunny weather and good companionship made this first tour a memorable occasion.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY ON TOUR

*The shades of night were falling fast,
As through a Rutland village passed
A youth, who bore upon his bike
A banner: never was there like . . .
Campania!*

So all week long the sound of bells was flung
Across the Leicester wolds and Cambridge fens;
Until friend Martin's ringers, one by one,
Had conquered *Childwall* or his wrath incurred;
And many methods mastered by the road.
But not that master-touch of minor spliced.
At Grantham met, we rode to Harlaxton
And started well with *Kent* and *Plain Bob* pure.
Fair stood the wind for Ponton: lovely lot!
Two brass 'uns, three leather 'uns, knick knack
pluff.

Light day to train us, and at night we turned
Our steps to Grantham hostel and the pubs.

Next morn, with aid. St. Wulfram's ten we
[swung
To *Grandsire's* music, *Little Royal*, and then
Catered with *Stedman* for a service touch.
To Colsterworth, where Josie—strapping lass—
Turned in the tenor to *Plain Bob* on six.
A touch of *Cambridge*, dinner, then once more
Beclagged, becyceled, tackled we the slopes.
At Skillington our *Stedman* we brushed up
And then *St. Martin's* for our leader tried.
Our strength was taxed at Wymondham, and so
We kept the methods simple, with success.
Next Whissendine defied us, but we struck
A range of decent blows in *Cambridge* there.
Dreary the ride to Somerby in rain.
But good the ringing there to cheer us up.
So, weary, hostelward we hunted down
And camped at Loddington to find new strength.

Monday dawned bright, and Belton's pretty six
Were swung to *Cambridge* and to *Double Bob*.
Uppingham's curious scholars gazed awhile
As Mr. Pres. Sir called our first on eight.
At Hambleton the vanguard raised the five.
But neighbouring turkeys caused us to withdraw.
When frightened by the unfamiliar sound.
Arrangements made, we dined in Oakham quick,
And grabbed the dev'lish five which would not
rise.

Now came the rains apace, but, dauntless, we
Rode on to Edith Weston's lovely six.
To Barrowden next journeyed we, and there
Old *Stedman's Orpheus* from the dead recalled.
A mighty storm we weathered, struggled on,
And ended up on King's Cliffe's noisy ring.
Where budding officers their voices tried,
And Mr. Sec. Sir boomed as Pres. Sir howled.
Who bothered what the weather? We were gay
While ringing made a good excuse for beer.

Next day our longest trek, and fifty miles
Of fenland passed beneath our rolling steeds.
Barsham and others Elton's five rang out,
Then Peterbro' St. Mary's six were rolled
And *Cambridge*, *Kent* and *Oxford* well enjoyed.
Through wind and rain to March we bravely
foraged
But tiring riding made the ringing poor.
However, Chatteris amended that
With *Double Court* well struck, St. Clement's
too;

And on to Sutton's heavy six we pressed
Where all were disappointed in the tone.
A noisy night the hostel had to stand
While we rang *Minor* in the dark in hand.

Stretham we handled first next day, and rung
Some *Single Oxford*, *Cambridge* and *Plain Bob*.
St. Andrew smiled on us at Chesterton,
Voted by all the best so far: indeed.
Two ancient natives praised our efforts there.
In *Stedman's* church his masterpiece we rang
And once more shook old *Orpheus'* hoary beard.
At Great St. Andrew's and at Fulbourn too



Leeds University Campanological Society on tour. Left to right: F. Keith Williamson, Grace M. Beardon, Clive Rudkin, J. Martin Thorley, John S. Rank, Josephine R. Hutchings, Keith Goldthorpe and R. Brown.

We struggled bravely 'gainst o'erwhelming odds,
And fled to Trumpington with worse than oaths.
Ah God! to hear the very music sing
Across the fields when Trumpington do ring.
Another noisy night, and, in the morn,
Whence came the socks upon the hostel lawn?

Rain played the infidel next day once more.
And Cherry Hinton scarcely knew we'd been.
Off to Long Stanton, and a decent eight
Changed into *Grandsire* Triples rather well.
Drenched by the storm we fed us by the way
And cancelled Holywell: for heaven's spring
Too freely flowed upon us as it was.
Swavesey we liked and had two decent pulls,
But Over disappointed, and we dashed
To Willingham. A lovely six we found
And rang some decent *Single Court* and *Plain*.
Long trek to Houghton and the hostel then,
And what a five to finish up the day!
Still, *Barsham* and some *Little Bob* we bashed.

That night a ringers' service Houghton saw,
With Mr. Pres. at organ, while poor Sec.
Pumped hard: and each a lesson read forthwith.
Friend Martin led the prayers, and then a course
Of *Plain Bob Minor* rang in hand in church.
Together with Keith Goldthorpe and John Rank.

There followed still a wilder night of mirth,
With warden's sax: and ringers' songs rang loud
Till past the 'witching hour when tenors boom.
At half-past twelve Vice-Pres. was called on
guard

When Pres. was found with ex-Vice-Pres.'s
[card.!*

Next morning, travelling light, we crossed the
fields

And at both Hemingsfords enjoyed the ring.
Then our best eight for handling and for tone
At Godmanchester: verdict: 'Splendid, yes!'
But nought seemed right at Huntingdon All
[Saints',

Nor at the café! Glad we were to leave

And find a five where *Erin* went with swing
And *Stedman* rustled through the Brampton
[trees.

Sad story now, for we got out of course:
The tenors parted and the trebles strayed:
Four of us one way, four the other went.
We missed out Leighton, for we had no choice
And travelled separate ways to early tea
At Alconbury in the vicarage grand.
Another night of revelry and song,
And all the naughty verses are preserved
Within the archives for our future use.

So to our final day, and Spaldwick's six
Were handled competently in short time.
To Leighton Bromswold dashed we on, and
[there

The mighty tenor in to *Grandsire* turned:
At Thrapston still a further octave found
That pleased our ears and proved delight to
ring.

Key trouble held us up at Lowick: ha!
Oh, for the keys, for the keys of a Dove.
A fair two touches on this noisy six,
Then on to Sudborough and ye ancient clocke.
Moving more smoothly than our *Erin* would,
Though other Doubles methods went apace.
More trouble from St. Peter when no key
And messages misguided lost us Benefield.
So on our pedals pressed and Deene was

[reached:
The final tower of this our first grand tour,
Excellent good, i'faith: though *Single Court*
Was doomed to peter out in dismal clangs.
And yet we conquered, for a decent course
Of *Cambridge Minor* made a fitting close.

That night we camped once more in King's
Cliffe town.

Next morn our fond farewells in Stamford said;
Though three dared sample Thorley in his
[home.‡

And rang at Gosberton on Sunday night.
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SOME ODD TOUCHES FOR CONDUCTORS

BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

IT was once remarked that of the making of books there is no end; and it certainly might be added that there is no end to the making of material for ringing. Methods and compositions are in constant demand, and the supply of both seems inexhaustible. But while the peal conductor ranges over a wide field of composition, observation would seem to show that the caller of short touches, at meetings and in the Sunday belfry, is confined within a very limited field, so that upon the demand for reasonably brief touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob or Stedman, it is in most cases easy to predict what will be called.

There are, however, signs of expansion in this field, and more enterprise is bringing some welcome freshness to the repertoire. The modern text book has given more attention to short touches than was considered necessary by the older treatises, and the excellent and very extensive collection provided by 'The Ringers' Note Book and Diary' has brought to light much material that has long been used but rarely published.

It is with some diffidence, therefore, that I offer these notes on some unusual touches. I venture, nevertheless, to embark on this short essay, knowing, first, that no collection of touches can ever be too large, and, second, that there is much simple delight for the caller in presenting some novelty or uncommon construction. I should like to feel that these inadequate notes will lead the curious to further experimental pricking, particularly in Stedman Triples, where the chance of novelty in the short touch may still be within reach.

The notes are confined to Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, for it is in these methods that the need (and the scope) for short touches may be more clearly perceived.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

The flexibility of the Triples method gives scope for the construction of a vast number of short touches, and all the text books are well supplied with material. Yet when one experiments with figures one finds that it is still possible to drop upon touches that for some reason have escaped the compilers. The little touch of 154 given here has its uses.

234567

S 572634 1
465372 1
234765 1
732546 5
467253 2
S 234567 1

It was constructed and used for some of the early practices of a handbell band struggling with Grandsire Triples and it will be found to have (for this specific purpose) the advantages of keeping 3-4 and 5-6 coursing for a period long enough to give the beginners some small confidence, while 1-2 are kept out of mischief at the same time! The success of this small piece led to the discovery of the next touch, a more ambitious effort, but based on the same principle—the strengthening of confidence by ensuring a run of changes with the bells in a fairly easy position. Here, again, in Parts 1 and 2, the pairs 3-4 and 5-6 are kept coursing and once again 1-2 are free from trouble. Part 3, of course, ends with four full leads of the plain course.

336

234567

S 572634 1
345267 2
S 237645 1
PL 234756 4

Twice repeated.

Both this touch and the one above can be used in the tower to great advantage with the beginner, and by a manipulation of the back three bells the 336 can become 672 and still restrict 3-4 and 1-2 to a limited amount of work.

167

234567

752634 1
S 437265 2
S 564723 2
S 325476 2

Round at hand in five leads.

Touches that provide some small element of surprise are always attractive, and the little 167, which has not to my knowledge appeared in any book or published collection, sometimes causes mild amusement and a chance for some gentle chaffing of the ringer of the 3rd ancient the advisability of further practice in plain hunting.

252

234567

S 572634 1
S 325746 3
463572 2
254763 1
PL 237654 2

Repeated.

The value of the terminations 67, 74 and 46 in Triples is fully appreciated, and there is an abundance of touches exploiting these qualities. A position less noted, but of musical importance, is the termination 654. In this placing, not only does 6548 provide a pleasing effect, but the position of necessity produces 46 behind. The short touch shown here exhibits the general plan, and a little experimenting with figures will speedily show how the touch can be extended to include more 654's. The most attractive manifestation of this position is, of course, 76548, but this can come only twice: 2376548 and 3276548. From each of these lead ends, however, a speedy return to 000567 can be made by calling the two singles as at the beginning of the 252. A good plan, then, on which to construct touches in the 654 position is to delay the arrival of 007654 until it is required to bring the bells round.

1,260

234567

S 762453 2
627453 4
536742 2
365742 4
PL 342576 3

Five times repeated.

Of quarter peals of Grandsire Triples there is an abundance, and some analogy may perhaps be due for introducing further specimens into an already well-stocked garden. Indeed, there is not much to commend the 1,260 given here except its rather unusual plan and the fact that it has only 24 calls. The 5th is the best observation, and is called very simply: 'S Wrong, Wrong, In and Out at 4.'

When bells are rung with the clappers muffled at backstroke it is clearly important that as much music as possible should come on the handstroke blows. In Caters and Cinques there are numerous compositions, both peal and quarter peal, that provide for this need. In peals of Triples it would not appear easy to secure the greater musical effects at handstroke throughout the whole

5,040, but it is not too difficult to secure a 1,260 in which a satisfying quantity of 74, 46 and 67 music may be heard on the open blows.

Now, walking as delicately as King Agag and risking being hewn in pieces by some zealous Samuel, we will at this point venture the opinion that no violation is done to Grandsire if it goes off into changes at backstroke. And if we can still proceed unharmed we would draw attention to the quarter peal shown here. If the reader will take the trouble to pick the figures out in full he will perceive more clearly both the properties and the plan. The plan is simple. It is an easy 12-lead block with a bob block inserted in each part, and the six part ends are 352647, 325764, 352476, 325647, 352764 and 325476. Thus, we have a complete 1,260 coming round at handstroke. At the lead end there are twelve 67's, twelve 74's and twelve 46's, all at handstroke. This means, of course, that a great deal more of this music occurs inside the leads.

1,260

325476

S 463725 1
254376 2
762435 2
S 457362 1
234657 1
762534 1
S 547362 1
765423 3
347265 1
PL 352647 2

Five times repeated.

This is really a most accommodating quarter peal, for if you start from rounds in the normal way you will get a not uninteresting 1,260 with part ends 243756, 234675, 243567, etc., and if you transpose this slightly so as to call the first single at the second lead instead of the first you will get a very pleasing composition with part ends 257346, 236574, 254367, etc.

Here we must leave Grandsire Triples and I would remark, in passing, that the student should make a point of pricking out these touches in full, for in the doing of this small task he will perceive items of interest that are not always clear in the shortened form of presentation.

(To be continued)

Leeds University Tour—Cont.

Thanks to the human vicars who endured

Our presence: sent us on our way with hope: Thanks too to those who met us, and arranged A week without a single broken rope:

Thanks last, not least, to Martin, friend of all: Who could not say he sure deserves that

[thank?

Here, Martin: blank verse you requested me: Take it! And here's the blankest of the blank.

R.B.

N.B.—* We would still like to know how the lady's cardigan came to be under our president's pillow. Any information should be sent to the vice-president.

† Any reference to any living person is completely intentional.

‡ *Thorley at Home*, by Reg. Publishers, Strangeways and Cooke, 5s.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Creswell, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 4772

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wilbraham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4809

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Wanstead. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Leytonstone (St. John's) (8) also available at 6.30 p.m. 4750

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonersh, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 4821

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday, Sept. 12th (not as published in last issue). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8 p.m. 4848

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SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Powerstock, Sept. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4814

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Pulborough (8) on Sept. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. 4828

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at Kingsclere (6), 1.30 to 3 p.m.; Sydmonton (6) 3.15 to 4.15. Service. Burghclere, 4.30, followed by tea in the Parish Room. Burghclere (6), 5.30 to 7; Highclere (8), 7.15 to 9 p.m.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 4775

WITNEY FEAST.—The Witney Ringing Society invites you to an Open Day held on Sept. 12th, the eve of the Feast. Bells (8) at 2.30. Tea available in the town. 4808

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Sept. 19th. 6 p.m. Ringing, 4 p.m., at St. Olave's, Hart Street.—John Chilcott. 4844

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—273rd anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 20th. Ringing at 2 and 5.15 p.m. 4805

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Eaton Bray, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names to Mr. S. Purcell, 3, Green Lane, Eaton Bray, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 4849

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to Rev. E. W. Winter, The Rectory, Middleton-on-the-Wolds. E.Y.M.S. bus leaves Hull 2.15 p.m. 4838

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept. 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4854

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells, Meriden (5), 3 p.m. Tea 5. Berkswell (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by 16th to Mr. B. Warmingham, 96, Fillongley Road, Meriden. 4800

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kilmington, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 16th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 4784

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Whickham St. Mary, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whagg's Road.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4833

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea will be provided.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4857

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Holland, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 16th, please, to Mr. S. Leach, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 4861

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Colerne, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by 17th to G. Sheppard, 38, High Street, Colerne, Wilts. 4851

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, Sept. 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Camp, Sparrows Nest, Thorley, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4860

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), Saturday, Sept. 19th, 3 p.m. Cafés nearby.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 4855

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Long Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. (Bull Hotel). Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. C. T. Watts, 25, West Street, Long Sutton, Spalding, Lincs. 4834

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Newton-Nottage, Porthcawl. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 4837

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Arrangements: Shepperton (5), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Sunbury (8), 4 to 5 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea, business and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by 15th to D. Brock. 7. Loudwater Road, Sunbury. Regret no names, no tea.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 4865

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Ringing: St. Andrew's, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Luke's, 1 to 2.25 p.m.; Cathedral, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Business meeting at Police Headquarters, Central Police Station, Derby, at 3 p.m. Dinner and social evening at the Friary Hotel, Friar Gate, Derby, 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets for dinner 12s. 6d. each from J. A. Smith, 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester. Last date for tickets Tuesday, September 15th. All ringers and friends, etc., will be welcome to join us at the Friary Hotel for the dinner and social evening, if not earlier in the day. 4776

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Reedham, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, certain, please, to Mrs. F. O. Petherick, The Hills, Reedham, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 4760

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Mr. E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs. Committee meeting 4 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, East Hendred, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 15th, for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4806

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanslope, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 15th, to Mr. A. Keaves, 3, Williams Close, Hanslope, Wolverton.—F. Vickers. 4812

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. C. J. Copp, North Muskham, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. 4768

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD for the DIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Coleshill on Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available 3.30. Please notify for tea by Sept. 15th.—G. E. Fearne, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 4811

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday, Sept. 15th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4823

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Upham, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Hall for those who notify by Sept. 16th R. Maidment, Upham, Southampton. 4853

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting fixed for Cookley, Saturday, Sept. 19th, is transferred to Hagley. Meet 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names by Wednesday, 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4859

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Pudsey on Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in Parochial Hall, Radcliffe Lane. Service 4.30, followed by tea and general meeting in Parochial Hall. Names for tea, by Sept. 16th, to A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 4829

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, Sept. 21st. 7.30 p.m., and third Monday in each month thereafter. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.45 p.m., All Hallows', Twickenham.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. ISL 3921. 4852

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Church Broughton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. 4863

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LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 26th, St. Bartholomew's, Penn, Wolverhampton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m., approx. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 4839

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Broughton, Saturday, Sept. 26th (note change of date). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4840

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Sept. 26th, Newport, Mon. Ringing arrangements: All Saints (8), 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; St. Woolos' Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea (4s. 6d.) at the Tudor Restaurant, Stow Hill, Newport. Names for tea to Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea, Glam. 4832

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Cottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in King Street Rooms. Names by Thursday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. K. G. Ornbø, 36, High Street, Hull.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4836

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be at Banbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House, 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, to Mr. H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. Ringing arrangements as follows: Souldern, Somerton, Sandford St. Martin, 11 a.m. to 12 noon: Rousham, Lower Heyford, Great Tew, 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Bodicote, Banbury, 1 to 2 p.m.; Banbury, Tadmorton, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Adderbury, Swalcliffe, Bloxham, 7 to 8 p.m.; Deddington, Steeple Aston, Hook Norton, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 4850

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **SUSSEX ASSOCIATION** (Northern Division).—Joint meeting, Blechingley (8), on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, to Mr. F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 4864

QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, T. Templeton 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, R. H. Cook 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, J. Panter (first quarter) 6. For the birth of Lynne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zanker.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,250 Plain Bob Minor: Miss T. Lova'l 1, A. Wilson 2, F. Watkinson 3, R. Watkinson (first quarter) 4, A. Hulley 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6.

DESFORD, LEICS.—On Aug. 13th, 2,160 Minor (Double Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge): B. Smith (first in three methods) 1, E. Morris 2, G. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, M. Faulkes 4, A. J. Poyner 5, J. A. Acres 6.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 16th, at the Church of Christ the Saviour, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Palmer 1, Miss F. P. Greaves 2, G. M. Harvey 3, J. Mudd 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. Fulwell 6, F. Ranson 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. F. Sergeant 1, A. Benstead 2, A. G. Orbell 3, S. Bunting 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Phillips 1, K. Prime 2, A. J. Davey 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Sandal, London Scholars, Kent, Merchants Return, Oxford and Bob): J. W. Buxton 1, C. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, T. Tarbatt 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Welcome to C. Moxon, home on leave from Germany.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. H. Williams 1, M. J. Bailey 2, E. A. Gautrey 3, J. E. Goddard 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On July 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Withell 1, T. H. Smith 2, H. W. Badger 3, A. Gammon 4, E. Venn 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Badger, and to mark the 80th birthday of Mr. R. Taylor, vicar of the church. Also on Aug. 16th, 1,440 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Clarke (first quarter) 1, R. J. Trebilcock 2, Miss C. Withell 3, H. W. Badger 4, T. H. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Cruickshank 6. For Evensong.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Mathews 1, W. Preece 2, J. Arnall 3, Mrs. E. D. Wilson 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, T. Gazeby 6. A farewell to the Rev. B. M. Niblett on his retirement. Rung by the regular Sunday service band.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, at St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Patricia J. Walker 1, R. Woodward 2, P. Walker 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, G. S. Lee 5, N. Chaddock 6. First in method for 2 and 3. Rung on St. Bartholomew's Day.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): E. Nice 1, W. G. Paul (Watford) 2, J. Sutton 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, H. Fuller (Thetford) 6. A 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Nice (August 9th).

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mary Norman 1, B. Smith 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, D. A. Houl 4, E. Morris 5, P. Norman 6. First in two methods by 1 and 2. For Matins. Also on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mary Norman (first in three methods) 1, B. Smith (first in three methods 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, E. Morris 5, P. Norman 6. For Matins.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Stapleford 1, B. Davis 2, D. J. Barnett 3, J. J. Jefferies (first of Minor 'inside') 4, T. J. Milsom 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. First of Minor on the bells by a local band.

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		—	—	34625
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Rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, January 31st, 1959, conducted by D. P. Jones.

MILNROW, LANCs.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,312 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. H. B. Schofield 1, F. J. Nelson 2, M. D. Fishwick 3, B. Tomlinson 4, N. Smith 5, P. M. Dawson 6, H. B. Schofield 7, D. Butterworth (cond.) 8. For the 90th anniversary of the church.

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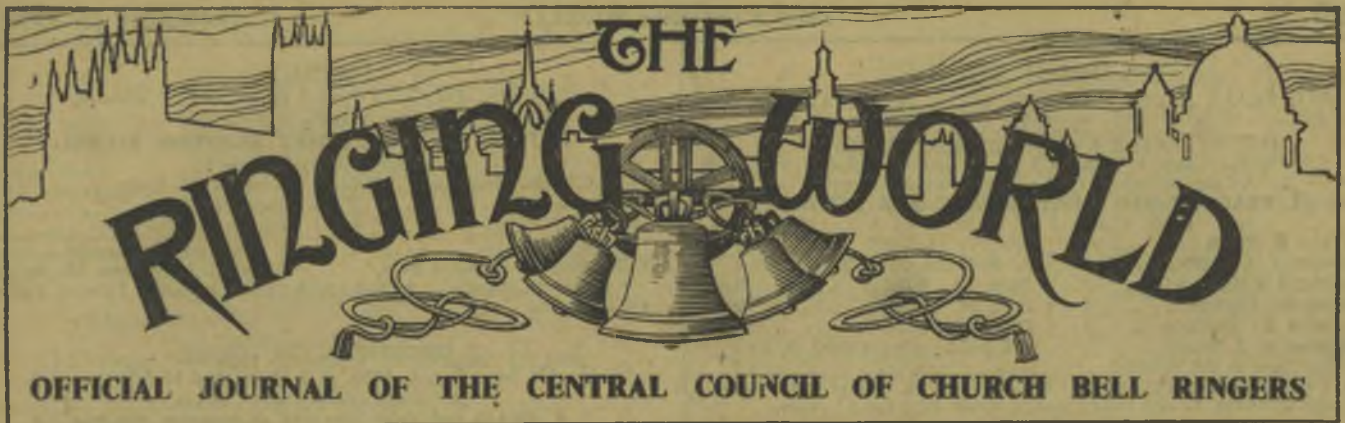
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'TINTINNABULA'

MR. ERNEST MORRIS has added to his list of books another this month 'Tintinnabula,' published by Robert Hale, 21s. It is the story of small bells from the earliest days to the modern electric bells. For years Mr. Morris has been a collector of small bells of various descriptions and his collection has now a permanent place in the City of Leicester Museum.

Perhaps those whose interests are confined to church bell ringing, and change ringing in particular, might have expected Mr. Morris, with his 1,860 peals to his credit and the author of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' to have devoted his literary energies to their immediate interest. Ernest, however, is versatile with no one-track mind. This we say for 'Tintinnabula': anyone who has dabbled in the history and development of church bells will find this book, which is profusely illustrated, very companionable. It is the contribution of the small bell to the life of the community, both in religious, domestic, secular and other forms, from the earliest days that gives this book its peculiar niche.

All ringers are familiar with the bells on Aaron's robe and the High Priest Ephod's, but it is not appreciated that they were also attached to the garments of Hebrew women and also in the royal costumes of Persians and other races. Little bells were prominent in ecclesiastical vestments of mediæval days; thus Conrad, Archbishop of Canterbury, had a cope fringed with 140 little silver bells, and Lanfranc 51 of silver-gilt around his cope.

Many of the ringers who attended the Central Council meeting last year in Dublin saw in the National Museum of Dublin the collection of bells and crotals. On these and early British bells Mr. Morris writes an interesting chapter. Small bells were in common usage at the celebration of the Mass and were not confined to a 'sacring' bell carried in the sexton's hands at the consecration of the Sacrament, but there were more elaborate affairs of bells on a wheel. Mr. Morris quotes from Britton's 'Wiltshire' the case of Brokenborough, Wilts, where 18 bells were hung in the middle of the church, which were rung by the pulling of a wheel at the Elevation of the Host.

A chapter is devoted to American Tintinnabula. Pre-Columbian bells exist, and the genealogy of the bells in this continent has been traced from a nutshell or gourd,

then a clay model and finally in metal form. It seems somewhat inexplicable that bronze and copper bells found in the Calchaqui region of Argentina should have a characteristic form somewhat resembling Chinese bells. The bell was very much in evidence in this early era of history: the Aztecs used large numbers of golden bells as ornaments and for use in dances and religious sacrifices, while a kind of bell was attached to domestic llamas by Indians.

In our country the prize of a silver or gold bell was frequently awarded for a horse race and attached to the headgear of the winning horse. Records of such awards in the 17th century came from York, Paisley, Dumfries, Carlisle and Huntingdon. An epitaph quoted from Camden's 'Remains' commences:

'Here lies the man whose horse did gaine The Bell
in race on Salisbury Plain.'

Small silver bells were also given as prizes at school cock fights, particularly in the North of England. These were days of crude pleasures. In vogue a century ago was a sport known as 'thrashing the hen.' A man carried a hen upon his back and had horse bells fastened to him, by the sound of which his fellows, who were blindfolded, endeavoured to follow him and strike the hen with sticks.

Perhaps closer akin to matters dealt with in this journal is the chapter devoted to handbells. Mr. Morris has nearly 300 handbell peals to his credit, and while he resists giving readers some of the handbell feats of change ringing he does outline the principle of changes. Mention is also made of Mr. William Wagstaffe's collection of old bicycle bells, upon which a handbell peal was rung. In regard to tune ringing on handbells, Mr. Sidney Harrison, of Leicester, with the brothers Hebborn, is photographed giving a demonstration.

Of railway bells quoted, the one most interesting is the 'Lady Gordon, 1785,' at Lossiemouth Station. It weighs over 50 lbs. and is secured in a strong wooden standard erected on the platform. The bell was tolled five minutes before the departure of trains and also when the Greenwich time signal was received. It was originally at Lossiemouth House, which Lady Gordon built. At her death the house was bought by a sea captain who was harbour-master. Until the advent of the railway the bell heralded the arrival and departure of vessels from the port. The sailing ship service ended with the coming of the railway and the bell was transferred to the railway station.

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AN IRISH TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.

THE ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

JEFFREY B. WEBB .. Treble	GORDON H. LANE .. 6
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 8
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	JACK N. BROWN .. 9
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by J. WOOD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. William H. Wilson, hon. secretary and treasurer of this tower, and a ringer here for 52 years.

DUBLIN.

On Sun., Aug. 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

ELSIE K. HART .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. 5
JACK N. BROWN .. 2	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
†H. GEORGE HART .. 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 50th peal together. † First of New Cambridge. First peal in the method in Ireland.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5184 BAWNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
*GORDON H. LANE .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
DEREK P. JONES .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in Ireland.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D.

JEFFREY B. WEBB .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	GORDON H. LANE .. 7
JACK N. BROWN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

WATERFORD.

On Tues., Aug. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

JACK N. BROWN .. Treble	*JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
H. GEORGE HART .. 4	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in Ireland.

BANDON, CO. CORK.

On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER. BALLYMODAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 WATERFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

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Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	GORDON H. LANE .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. T.B. 16).

LIMERICK.

On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	†GORDON H. LANE .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 2	†JACK N. BROWN .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*DEREK P. JONES .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 25th peal together. † First touch in the method. First of Pudsey on the bells.

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On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method. rung without previous practice.

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On Sat., Aug. 15, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 9
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 10
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. 11
JOHN WORTH .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 8
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. 9
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

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Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

BASIL JONES Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 7
JOHN WORTH 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. * 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYBI.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	BASIL JONES 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
BRIAN HARRIS 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Rung in memory of Mr. Williams, who was tower captain here until the week prior to the peal.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

JOHN WORTH Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON 2	*BASIL JONES 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	*BRIAN HARRIS 7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 4	†ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 100th peal together. † 150th peal.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 7
BASIL JONES 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS 9
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
*JOHN WORTH 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* 900th peal.

BRECON, WALES.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	JOHN WORTH 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 8
BASIL JONES 3	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. 11
JOHN WORTH 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

TEN BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Ilkstone variation. Tenor 21 cwt.	
PETER R. JOHNSON Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
BARBARA MANSHIP 3	ARTHUR GIBBS 8
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
PETER J. HAWCOCK .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal of Royal in the variation by all the band, and for the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTRIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5152 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

ELSIE K. HART Treble	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	H. GEORGE HART .. 6
*MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	†DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. † 425th peal.

Rung to mark the enthronement this day in Derby Cathedral of the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Allen, Bishop of Derby.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol, 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL F. AMOS .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	PETER BORDER 6
AVRIL THACKRAY 3	DAVID T. DARBY .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to welcome Peter David Niblett, born July 3rd, 1959. Also to celebrate the coming-of-age of Alan J. Frost this day.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	ROGER MAHER 5
M. HELEN WRIGHT .. 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 6
*GORDON ROTHWELL .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	KEITH ABBOTT Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal 'inside.'

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 640 Bristol, 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

STEPHEN IVIN .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. 5
AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
 First peal of 8-Spliced on the bells, for the Association, and by all the band except the ringers of 1, 6 and 8.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	REV. GILES GALLEY .. 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 3	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY (57).

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble	*DONALD WHITE .. 5
JOHN HAWTIN .. 2	JACK BENISTON .. 6
F. GEORGE BAILEY .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. 7
*C. WILFRED LORD .. 4	JAMES A. LORD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	REV. GILES GALLEY .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 7
DAVID HEIGHTON .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*DAVID E. HOUSE .. Treble	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 5
DAVID J. FORDER .. 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 6
†CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE .. 3	TOM CHAPMAN .. 7
‡JOHN FAITHFULL .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
 * First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*JANICE WILLIAMSON .. Treble	DAVID J. FORDER .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 6
JOHN FAITHFULL .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 7
†M. D. GEORGE NORTHWAY .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First of Major.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. Treble	NORMAN SMITH .. 5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	*MAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 6
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. 7
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 4	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal of Stedman.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	*ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in the method as conductor, and 50th on the bells.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Treble	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 5
*VERONA C. NAYLOR .. 2	BRIAN DAWSON .. 6
H. HOWELL .. 3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 7
†E. MARION KEY .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

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

A birthday peal for the fourth ringer, and a thank you peal for the work in the parish of Rev. M. Pollitt, who is leaving Cannock shortly.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

JOAN BERESFORD .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	PETER BERESFORD .. 6
*MICHAEL ELSON .. 3	EDMUND MALIN .. 7
CYRIL WRATTEN .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Charles Rouse (general secretary of the Association) and Miss Mary Drew, who were married at Cromhall, Glos, earlier in the day.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

MRS. R. T. JONES Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN 4
*JACK BAVERSTOCK 2	CHARLES G. JONES 5
*M. D. GEORGE NORTHWAY .. 3	REGINALD T. JONES Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Herbert Abrahams and Anne Bacon.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

*JOHN WATKINS Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSAY 4
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 2	GRAHAM T. BALL 5
JENNIFER STRATFORD 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal, being his first attempt (aged 11 years).

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob, two 720's of Double Court, and 2,160 St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	REV. GILES GALLEY 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

A. WILLIAM BIRD Treble	PETER A. WAKEMAN 4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
*MICHAEL E. STRACEY 3	RONALD J. HILL Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal in more than one method.

A compliment to the ringer of the third on his 20th birthday.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (five callings).

*SIMON G. HOOPER Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL 4
*PENELOPE J. WHITE 2	SIDNEY W. WHITE 5
*ANTHEA M. GREAVES 3	WILLIAM DELEMONT Tenor

Conducted by ANTHEA M. GREAVES.

* First peal.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. P. Greaves (Rector, 1946-1959), and as a farewell to him on his leaving to become Rector of St. Mary's, Rougham, Suffolk.

NORTH RAUCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK 3
WALTER WESTON 2	RONALD G. RUSSELL 4

JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent.

MRS. E. SUTTON Treble	BRIAN BLADON 4
ERIC SUTTON 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
CHARLES G. JONES 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON 4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 5
IVOR JENKINS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMOND,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILFRED P. LAMBERT .. Treble	HAROLD C. R. VINE 4
HERBERT SMITH 2	MARTIN D. BISHOP 5
WILLIAM E. TURNER 3	MICHAEL E. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. BISHOP.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Dennis W. Bishop on the anniversary of their silver wedding.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 58, 69, 67, 68, 66, 64 and 65).

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

FRANK E. DARBY Treble	*STEWART F. KIMBER 4
RALPH BIRD 2	*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 5
*KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 3	DAVID E. PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First of Surprise and quickest peal on the bells.

Michael V. Chilcott has now rung peals in the method from Minor to Maximus.

BELTON, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two Pitman's 240's and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings), 12 of Plain Bob and six of Reverse Canterbury (four callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

*J. RICHARD PERKINS .. Treble	HUGH MATTHEWMAN .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 2	ROYSTON WILMORE 5
CHARLES LOWE 3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.

* First peal.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. DOROTHY PEARCE .. Treble	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. 4
REGINALD F. CROOK 2	BRUCE GRAINGER 5
S. FRANK TUFFLEY 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal in three methods on the bells.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ELIZABETH ROGERS Treble	RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 4
ROSEMARY E. GOWER 2	DAVID STAPLES 5
PETER F. T. SMITH 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID STAPLES.

First peal as conductor. The ringers of the fifth and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. I. Collins, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lancefield and sister of Mr. Mark S. Lancefield (tower captain)

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 15 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Munden and Chester; (2) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick; (3) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 106 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ERIC SUTTON Treble	VICTOR GRIFFIN 4
LESLEY J. HAWES 2	BRIAN BLADON 5
RONALD A. WRIGHT .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 100th peal. First in 15 Surprise methods by all the band, and for the Association.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

WALTER ALLMAN Treble	FREDDIE SCOTT 4
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	JOHN D. ROCK 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HANDBELL PEAL

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkston variation. Tenor size 13 in E.

FRANK C. PRICE 1-2	*JOAN BERESFORD 5-6
JOHN R. MAYNE 3-4	JOHN HILL 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 250th peal.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Barnes 1, Frances Smith 2, C. Turner 3, H. Davis 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. For the Family Communion service, and as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. R. Charles and family, who are leaving for Boreham Wood.

ASH, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. V. Muller (first quarter) 1, F. C. Allum 2, T. C. Benson 3, P. F. Borer 4, G. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, N. J. Muller 6. For the induction of the Rev. S. W. Baker as Rector.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): P. R. J. Lester 1, Rosemary Seabrook 2, R. E. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, D. Brand 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Williams 1, Margaret Ward 2, Brenda Foster 3, Susan Nicholson 4, Mary Andrews 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 St. Clement's): Margaret Ward 1, Susan Nicholson 2, Mary Andrews 3, Mary Ward 4, Judith Cox 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Knott 1, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 2, J. D. Reamington 3, B. Rumney 4, J. Robinson 5, C. E. Tompkinson 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For the 18th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Robinson, parents of the fifth ringer.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On July 23rd, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hunns (first on eight) 1, Betty Stephenson 2, F. Rowsell (cond.) 3, K. Knight 4, C. W. Riddleston 5, G. North 6, H. Stalham 7, A. Turner (first on eight) 8. A compliment to Mr. F. Rowsell.

BRISTOL.—On Aug. 24th, at Christ Church (City), 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. Cobb (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, B. Shackleton 3, F. Mack 4, J. Stallard 5, D. Yeo 6, L. Pearce 7, D. J. Hunt 8, J. Brain 9, M. J. Horseman 10. Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Norris 1, H. Hodaetts 2, E. Ashby 3, T. Clark 4, C. Cook 5, J. Rootes 6, L. North 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Carnochan and Mr. D. Bartholomew, who were married on Saturday, August 22nd.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Aug. 30th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. E. Moore 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, P. Everett 6, G. Jennings 7, W. Goodship 8, F. Buckle 9, H. Doel 10. For evening service and as birthday compliments to Mr. A. E. Moore (77) and Mr. F. Buckle (68).

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Allford (first quarter) 1, Mary Solomon 2, P. G. Tovell 3, J. B. Corrod 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. For the national festival.

CLENT, WORCS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jane E. Butcher 1, J. Eisel 2, W. H. Cooper 3, M. D. Fellows 4, Stella Hughes (cond.) 5, M. J. Austin 6.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 1, Susan Chaddock 2, B. Morris 3, H. E. Taylor 4, G. F. Paulson 5, H. Chaddock 6, R. Bullen 7, N. Chaddock 8. A birthday compliment to J. F. Smallwood (75) and H. Langdon (78).

EVERCRECH, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marion March 1, Bridget Sanger 2, A. J. Sanger 3, H. J. Sanger 4, M. Rose 5, G. Salmon 6, A. R. Pink (cond.) 7, R. March 8, J. H. R. Freehorn 9, R. G. Field 10. For Evensong.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,440 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. M. Key 1, Mrs. B. G. Key 2, L. W. Key 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, D. W. Friend 5, J. Dyke 6. First of Stedman for 1 and 6. For morning service on the patronal festival.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,320 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, E. C. Crewe 2, J. H. Edwards 3, S. W. R. Crewe (first of Minor) 4, E. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Aug. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. M. Simpson 2, Miss M. Bailey 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, H. L. Squires 5, P. A. Hill 6, H. R. Woods 7, W. R. Read 8, J. M. Simpson 9, J. R. Holmes 10. With the best wishes from all Grantham ringers to Peter E. Parry, about to leave for Bristol. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. McCartney 1, Miss B. D. Stannage 2, P. A. Hill 3, P. E. Parry (cond.) 4, W. R. Read 5, P. A. Slight 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On July 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith (first quarter) 1, R. Mills 2, D. Armstrong 3, B. Mills 4, F. Bradley 5, J. Meredith 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Horabin 1, A. R. Crump (first of Major 'inside') 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, J. A. Acres 4, M. F. Hall 5, R. H. C. Johnson 6, I. D. Thompson 7, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 5, 6 and 7. A farewell compliment to the Rev. K. H. Hills, who is leaving for an incumbency in New Zealand.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Aldous 1, G. Leach 2, R. L. K. Whitell 3, R. E. Lester 4, J. B. Morley 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung after peal failure.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, R. Harris 3, R. D. Hart (cond.) 4, Miss T. Bowcutt 5. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harris, parents of R. Harris, ringer of 3.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On June 10th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Michaela Erik 1, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 2, R. J. Trebilcock 3, J. V. Temple 4, M. R. Rose 5, M. Hawkes 6. First in the method by all the band.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, J. Woods 2, F. Hornby 3, R. Warden 4, R. Rainford 5, R. F. Eccles 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, J. Pye 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Warden.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Newman 1, H. B. Whitney 2, E. J. Conquest 3, C. F. Luke 4, F. J. Plummer 5, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 6, R. Woodruff 7, W. Insley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. H. Conquest.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Cook (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Mead 2, Miss J. Cook 3, Miss B. A. Tester 4, J. Young (first 'inside') 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. G. Silvey 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Jill Cook.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Macay 1, Miss D. Stafford 2, P. Jones (first of Surprise) 3, B. Groves (cond.) 4, A. Osbaldeston 5, R. Smith 6. For Evensong.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Ranford 1, C. Bowers 2, R. Lewis 3, C. W. Nutt 4, J. Ward 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam L. V. Hatch, a good friend of the ringers.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Purchas 1, Miss B. J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens 3, Pamela Stevens 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr 7, H. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Albert Tout (92), interred this day. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Jean Stevens 1, Mrs. E. T. Powell 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, J. Martin 4, C. Tarr 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. J. Stevens 7, P. J. Bird (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for the wedding this day of Jim Taylor and Marion Hingby at Balderton, Notts.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Riley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Miss E. Mason (first 'inside') 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): D. W. Friend 1, J. K. Smith 2, Miss V. C. Naylor 3, T. McMorran 4, Mrs. B. G. Key 5, J. Atkinson 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, P. N. Grice 8. First of Stedman Triples 3 and 5. Arranged for ringers of 4 and 6 from Dublin.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Daw (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, J. Rolfe 3, M. Parker (cond.) 4, G. Cowlin (first 'inside') 5, G. Davis 6. For morning service and the second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Parker.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, W. Smith 2, B. Sadler 3, P. King (cond.) 4, J. Belcham 5, P. Sadler 6, D. Belcham 7, P. Sloman 8. For Evensong.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. Perrett 1, W. Moreton (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Moreton (first in method) 3, F. E. Roberts 4, R. Pocklington 5, J. Pusey 6, D. Roaf 7, B. D. Threlfall 8.

RADYR, GLAM.—On Aug. 30th, quarter peal of Doubles (Stedman, Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss G. Harvey 1, M. Lamking 2, W. J. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, B. Taylor 4, G. S. Strickland 5, G. M. Ray 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cyril Purnell, a founder-member, who was cremated on August 29th.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On Aug. 15th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Cambridge Surprise): R. Howard 1, B. Taylor 2, A. Coombes 3, J. Goodfellow 4, D. Llewellyn 5, G. Stickland (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for all. A wedding compliment to Miss Yvonne Harding, married at Penarth this day. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1 R. Howard (first of Plain Bob Minor) 1, D. Llewellyn 2, J. Goodfellow 3, G. Stickland 4, B. Taylor 5, A. Coombes (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

ST. PETER-IN-TANET, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cobbold (first quarter) 1, S. Davies (first of Triples 'inside') 2, N. Bridges 3, K. Futter (first quarter) 4, M. Cubbit 5, M. Holmes 6, T. Holmes (cond.) 7, A. Hickson 8 (cover). A farewell to Keith Futter, who is leaving the district.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Watkins (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. A. Hill 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For children's festival service.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Janet L. Adamson 1, J. C. Birt 2, Marion J. Skinner 3, W. Birmingham 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, B. T. Lister 6, A. J. Glass 7, A. D. Rivers 8, B. J. Woodruff (first of Grandsire Caters as cond.) 9, D. Livingston 10. For Evensong and to welcome Mr. B. J. Woodruff, on a visit from Fairfield, Buxton.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Whittel 1, Miss A. Lester 2, P. Lester 3, R. Whittel 4, C. Woodard 5, R. Steward (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Monica, daughter of the Ven. O. C. George, Archdeacon of Suffolk, to Desmond, son of the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. A. H. Morris).

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. H. Hull 1, K. Prime 2, S. A. Read 3, D. Purnell 4, M. J. Sione 5, E. Naylor 6, C. Clarke 7, V. G. Roberts 8, G. Salmon (cond.) 9, R. Short 10. First on 10 bells for 4, 5 and 7. For Evensong.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: June Mallinson 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Sykes 3, J. R. Jordan 4, P. C. Thompson (first quarter) 5, Kathleen Mallinson 6, J. E. Dews 7, D. Elwick 8, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 9, F. Lamerton 10. First of Grandsire Caters by 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Castle Cusfew Tower, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Butler 1, N. Golden (cond.) 2, W. Birmingham 3, B. B. Dibben 4, J. Brooks 5, A. J. Glass 6, R. G. Leale 7, F. R. Scott 8. Rung for the 15th birthday of Prince Richard of Gloucester.

WIVELSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gale (first of Stedman Triples) 1, Mary Hall 2, W. Hartnell 3, A. Turner 4, C. Bellew 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casely (cond.) 7, G. Sparkes 8.

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We regret to learn that Mr. Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, was rushed to hospital on September 6th and operated upon almost immediately. He is in Felix Ward, Anglesea Road Wing, of the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.

The Bedfordshire Association have a new sub-section—'The Remorseful Society of Slider Bashers and Stay Benders'!

St. Mary's, Bexley, Kent, has some talented lady ringers. Conducted by Mr. Sidney J. Woodcock, five of them rang two quarter peals in August of Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's Minor.

Miss Joan Beazley and Miss Ann Cox wish through 'The Ringing World' to thank Worcester ringers for making their six months' in the city most enjoyable. They are really sorry to leave.

The struggling band at SS. Peter and Paul's, Ash, near Sevenoaks, desire to express their thanks to Mr. G. J. Butcher for his help and encouragement. The new Rector (Rev. S. W. Baker) is learning to ring, and apart from Sunday ringing the band hope to report regular quarter peals.

A Stowmarket, Suffolk, reader inquires of 'Woman' if any bell is named after one of the fair sex. She writes: 'Ships, aeroplanes and railway engines are always referred to as "she," but bells always seem to be given masculine names, such as Big Ben and Great Tom.'

Handsworth ringers were pleased to welcome Mr. John A. Acres and Miss Diana Perrins to share in the ringing of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major on August 30th as a farewell compliment to the Rev. K. H. Hills, who is leaving St. Mary's, Handsworth, for an incumbency at Wanganui, New Zealand. Miss Perrins was a ringer at St. Mary's for several years before leaving the district.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After a gap of nearly 55 years, Mr. George Scott (81) and Mr. Harry Barnes (72) have rung another peal together. The occasion was at Fulbeck, Lincs, on August 29th, and it was for the first peal on these bells on December 31st, 1904, that they last stood in a peal together. Mr. Barnes now lives at Stainton, Yorks, and he travelled 50 miles for the peal. Mr. Scott carries his years lightly. It was an excellent peal.

The fine ring of ten at Aylsham, Norfolk, is shortly to be turned, tuned, rehung and generally overhauled.

On Sunday, September 27th, the bells of Mark Parish Church, Somerset, will be heard prior to the harvest thanksgiving service to be broadcast from there at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service. The service will be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. T. E. Morris); the captain of the ringers is Jack Burrough.

Recordings recently made of the bells of a number of West Sussex churches will be heard on Sunday, November 1st, at 9.45 a.m., in a West Home Service programme entitled 'Pilot's Eye View.' Towers included will be those of Chichester Cathedral and of the parish churches of Arundel, Bosham, Brighton, Findon, Harting, Petersfield, Pulborough, Shoreham and Worthing.

According to 'The Cornish and Devon Weekly News,' of August 29th, the ringers of Padstow rang a muffled peal known as Watts' Knell, as has been done for 327 years, on the anniversary of the death of Nicholas Watts, a midshipman, who died in a foreign port in August, 1632. Under his will, date August 2nd, 1632, he left a sum of money to certain of the poor of Padstow and to the ringers of the parish, that 'every year upon the date of my decease they ring a peal in memory of my *git*.'

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MIDLAND RINGERS' SOUTHERN IRELAND TOUR

THE well-known Overseale, Derbyshire, ringer, Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, popular secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, organised an Irish peal tour this year which may well become an annual event. A dozen ringers and members of his own family with friends participated. Towers represented were Overseale, Church Gresley, Lichfield Cathedral, Kingsbury, Davenport, Baldock, Packington, Harrow Weald, Liverpool (St. Nicholas') and Langleybury. Mr. Frederick Dukes kindly organised the ringing arrangements.

By air liner and by sea the party converged upon Dublin, where proceedings opened with an interesting tour of the Guinness Brewery.

The peal was on the majestic bells (Taylor, 1897) of St. Patrick's Cathedral, in honour of Mr. William H. Wilson's 70th birthday; and pleased he was for such a compliment in the tower which he has served since 1907. These are very much 'men's bells,' and in view of the inexperience of some members on such weight of metal a safe choice was Kent Royal, and a fair peal resulted, the 'roll-ups' coming up grandly throughout, in the quite fast time of 3½ hours. The locals entertained the party afterwards.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME

On the Sunday morning the band deployed for service ringing at the city towers. Stedman Caters was rung on the heavy ten (by Murphy's, of Dublin) at Christ Church Cathedral and Bob Major on the back eight at St. Patrick's, and also at the R.C. Augustinian Church of St. John, but only for those who braved the famous iron mid-air spiral stairway, from which the congregation is viewed from a dizzy height.

In the afternoon, the fine Classical design Church of St. George, with a beautiful 'wedding cake' steeple, was visited, and a very fair peal of New Cambridge Major (surprisingly, a 'first' for Ireland) was rung on the excellent old eight, by Thomas Mears.

In the meantime the transport had been assembled and consisted of two hired Consuls (beige twins) and Derek Jones' venerable Morris Cowley which, fresh from a major overhaul and resplendent in gleaming violet livery, had been imported into Ireland and had already done 1,200 miles there before the tour commenced. It was destined to do a further 800 and to be wildly acclaimed wherever we went.

That Sunday night, two parties went to the Wicklow Mountains at Blessington, where there is a large lake, the Pollaphouca Reservoir, but permission was not granted to ring the six bells owing to their very poor condition.

Bank Holiday Monday was our busiest day, as peals were fixed for Bray and Arklow. An excellent musical peal of Double Norwich, the best of the week, was rung at a sedate pace on the majestic bells of Bray. Arklow bells are lighter and tuned differently, and a fast peal of Braunstone Surprise Major, another 'first' for Ireland, was rung in rather stifling conditions; and one of the light bells dried up and gave difficulty, which we take it that it did not do when J. W. Washbrook rang it as one of two bells to a peal.

The weather was now becoming brilliant and the Tuesday journey took us through a blaze of coloured countryside in this fertile south east corner of Ireland. At Wexford we rang touches on the highly-musical heavy ten at the R.C. Church of the Immaculate Conception, with its tall broach spire and beautiful interior. There is a twin church, the Assumption, a short distance away, but no ring of bells: what a chance for another foundry to stage a direct demonstration of comparison!

ANOTHER 'FIRST IN IRELAND'

Waterford Cathedral, on the other hand, has an old style ring by Mears, and hard work is needed on the big bells. They are good music, however, and a very fast peal, the first of Overseale Surprise in Ireland (we could not bring Joe to Ireland without attempting this), was rung. We then proceeded to Dungarvan, under the dusky Comeragh Mountains.

Wednesday dawned another glorious day, and we sped the 50 miles to Cork, passing the quaint town of Youghal, with its gateway tower straddling the narrow street. St. Finbarre's Cathedral, with three spires like Truro, and beautiful mosaics, contains a heavy Rudhall eight, which we thought were the finest bells we had heard, full of rich beauty. Mr. Bogan welcomed the party, and somebody had thoughtfully left out a 'R.W.' open at the page with 'Peal Ringers of 1958.' Unfortunately, we were not scheduled for a peal here, nor was there time to inspect the eights at Shandon Church (chiming) and St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral (tenor 34 cwt., but unringable for many years despite efforts by local ringers to awaken interest). These are both fine towers. We hastened on to Bandon for lunch and a peal at St. Peter's, Ballymodan (one end of Bandon). The pinnacled tower is approached by a long flight of steps and the chamber gained by iron ladders up a rather alarming chimney. The bells are a very fair six that go reasonably well but are very noisy for the ringers: more than 'beb' is practically unintelligible. A good, steady peal of Waterford Treble Bob Minor was rung, which was the first ever.

Our H.Q. that night was Glengarriff, 50 miles away, between sandstone mountains becoming increasingly wild and lofty—the remotest point of our tour. The Eccles Hotel had already welcomed the advance guard, who were enjoying the open-air swimming pool and the delightful land-locked, tree-girt harbours of this end of Bantry Bay.

WONDERFUL SCENERY

Thursday was another brilliant day, and our programme was 'sightseeing via Killarney,' then 'peal at Doneraile,' and 'bed at Rathkeale': 40 miles, 50 miles, 25 miles. The first aim was amply fulfilled; in fact, due to the large number of photos taken the Cowley was so late into Killarney that it had to leave immediately, piled high with peal band, the driver having to be content with a loaf and a bottle of milk purchased at Kanturk en route.

The high passes were crossed: firstly Glengarriff to Kenmare across the wild Caha Mountains, the top being via tunnels, after circumventing two great glacial hollows, where patchwork quilt leads up to heathery bog, then to jagged, folded rocks and peaks. After Kenmare on another bay, the ridge-pole of Ireland towers grandly ahead—the MacGillycuddy's Reeks, whose great cliffs culminate in the peak of Carrantushill (3,414 feet). Below the mountains, pierced by the ice-cut Gap of Dunloe, lie the series of beautiful lakes of Killarney. No wonder we were late in such magnificence!

The long ride east to Doneraile took the Mallow road across open, wild country beneath the Boggeragh Mountains, and we arrived to meet the awaiting local captain, whose fears for the ropes on this old, light Taylor six (9 cwt.) were amply justified, for splicing was essential before the peal could commence in very stuffy conditions. Killarney Minor was the method in view of our visit there that day; but it did not settle well in the circumstances, and when the fifth sally began to disintegrate the peal came to a halt half way through, in time for the tardy sightseers to have a pull. On the way through Charleville to Rathkeale all three cars

took the same wrong road, inquired of the same locals, and took the same terribly rough road as a result over a large hill! Rathkeale proved to be a one-horse town.

There were also signs of local enthusiasm for a united Ireland so we were not sorry when we took the road to Limerick on the showery Friday morning. The peal was on the pleasant anti-clockwise octave in the massive tower of St. Mary's Cathedral, where the modern Taylor tenor weighs 24 cwt. but has the surprisingly high note of F which makes it sound lighter. After a welcome from the Dean, we rang a peal of Pudsey, the first in that method in the tower. John Jelley was at the helm for a change.

After lunch, the R.C. Redemptorist Church attached to the Monastery of Mount St. Alphonsus, with its beautiful new Taylor ten (tenor 21 cwt.), was open for ringing. Several locals welcomed us, and one of them made a good job of covering to Grandsire Caters at his first attempt. These bells must be one of the nicest tens anywhere.

As the tour was now nearing its end, the opportunity was taken for group photographs and presentations: Joe Cotton received a musical jug and Joan Cotton glassware of Waterford glass for their great efforts in organising the tour so well, and Derek Jones received a prize cup, inscribed 'Jones for Peals,' as a thank-offering for shepherding the attempts to a safe conclusion!

The 120 miles back to Dublin now lay ahead, and with long stretches of straight, good, level, empty road (one of the joys of motoring in Ireland), past pleasant countryside, mostly pasture but some bog, with occasional isolated mountains.

The next morning, Saturday, was the last of our tour; and for the peal an ambitious note was struck upon Mr. Dukes' fine old ring at St. Peter's, Drogheda, County Louth, with the first peal of Louth Surprise Major. Mr. Dukes gave us an enthusiastic welcome and heard the opening changes before leaving for his peal at Belfast. The non-pealers visited the Vale of Glendalough.

So back to Dublin and to farewells as the grand tour came to its regretted end. Fourteen towers had been visited and eight peals scored out of nine attempts, including three 'firsts' for Ireland and two 'first ever.' About 700 miles had been covered in 14 counties in Eire. Hopes for 1960 join happy memories of 1959.

D. P. J.

MATRIMONIAL DOUBLES AT ALDRINGTON

Wednesday, August 26th, saw a most happy occasion at St. Leonard's, Aldington, when Miss Gwynneth Brown was married to Mr. Derek Paine at the Sussex church where they both learned to ring.

The happy couple are the secretary and vice-captain of the band respectively. Two of the five bridesmaids, Diana and Pamela Gough, cousins of the bride, are members of the band. The ushers, too, Roy Brown, brother of the bride, and Harry Brown, are captain and honorary captain of the band respectively.

The ring of six was rung to welcome Derek and Gwynneth to the church, and after the wedding to send them happily on their new life together.

It was a lovely wedding and a great joy to all Aldington ringers, especially as the newlyweds, after their honeymoon, are to live in the parish of St. Leonard's to continue their happy associations and service in the belfry.

During the previous practice meeting, the captain, in expressing the good wishes of the band, presented the future Mr. and Mrs. Paine with a kettle.

CHESHIRE RINGERS' PEAL TOUR IN SOUTH WALES

THE long journey to Newport was started early on a Saturday morning and proved to be less eventful than the one at the beginning of last year's tour. We met Fred Wilshaw in Newcastle, and later encountered Fred Dunkerley, purely by chance, enabling us to lighten the burden laid on the other two vehicles. Pat Chapman was waiting for us by the time we arrived at St. Woolos. Here a peal of Cambridge Maximus was achieved on this fine light 12, and our peal tour had begun. We bade farewell to Pat Chapman and made for our headquarters, Llansantffraed Court Hotel, near Abergavenny.

Sunday morning found us on our way to Hereford, where we rang for morning service at the Cathedral. Lunch was taken near Worcester, and we spent a leisurely afternoon letting our meal digest. Unfortunately, we couldn't ring on the 12 at Worcester Cathedral as the clapper was missing from the tenor, but we rang the 'Minor ten' to Cambridge Royal. Stedman Triples and Spliced Surprise were enjoyed with the local ringers before Evensong.

TWO PEALS IN THE HEAT

Leslie obliged us on Monday morning by calling one of his own compositions to a peal of Yorkshire Royal at Abergavenny. The bells were found to be a good mellow ring, which have to be rung slowly to get the best out of them. It was hardly the weather for peal ringing, and the heat in the cars was almost unbearable. By the time we had finished lunch at the Angel, everybody felt more like sunbathing than taking part in a peal attempt. Despite the heat, a peal of Bristol was brought round at Ebbw Vale in 3 hours and 35 minutes. The bells are an excellent heavy eight similar to those at Eccleston, Cheshire. Excellent refreshments were provided and served to the weary ringers by some most attractive young ladies. Pentre bells were going along very nicely to Cambridge until a rope slipped off one of the wheels, bringing the attempt to an abrupt end, after about 40 minutes' ringing. They weren't the 'handful' we had been led to believe, and they certainly sounded very mellow. And so over the hills to Bridgend, where a peal of Lincolnshire was to be attempted. We dined first, and as Billy had rejoined the party, three of us were able to relax while Brian brought round the peal on this easy-going eight. Back at the hotel in the evening a course of Bob Royal was rung on handbells at the request of several guests who knew that we were ringers.

A 'QUICKIE' IN CAMBRIDGE

On Wednesday morning we had only a short journey to Usk. John conducted a peal of London on these very pleasant bells. Messrs. Jones and Harris had been swimming in the nearby river while we had been ringing the peal. Apparently they only needed a violin each, and we could have had to Noel Coward plays. After lunch we said goodbye to Fred Dunkerley, so only two were out of the attempt at Llangibby in the afternoon. We had a 'quickie' in the strains of Cambridge. Individually the bells here sound rather a poor lot, but they sound quite pleasant when they are being rung in changes.

At Caerphilly we rang a peal of Yorkshire, which was probably the best peal of the week.

Bernard officiated this time, despite frequent interruptions from the clock mechanism which would have drowned anybody else's voice. Llandaff Cathedral proved to be a most interesting place. Epstein's work here arousing both favourable and adverse comments. A peal of Cambridge Royal was rung here in 3 hours and 8 minutes.

It looked as though the fine weather had come to an end when we found it raining on Friday morning, but later on in the day the sun was shining once more. When we arrived at Blaenavon to attempt a peal of 6-Spliced 'all the work,' we were welcomed by the Vicar. It was soon apparent that 'Spliced wouldn't go,' so we rang a peal of Superlative instead. Ted called us a 3-part peal by F. Dench, which we found to be John Worth's 900th peal. Blaenavon bells are such a superb light eight that one would find it difficult to strike them badly. Difficulty was experienced in finding a parking place in Brecon before a peal of Bristol was rung at St. Mary's Church.

TWO ATTEMPTS 'FIRED OUT'

We started the long drive northwards early on Saturday morning, as we had a peal attempt at Eardisland, Herefordshire, which was due to start at 10 a.m. After arriving at this picturesque little village in good time, we had two attempts to ring a peal of London, both of which 'fired out.' John said he still couldn't trust us with a peal of London, a statement we couldn't dispute. After a short stop for sandwiches and ale at a small inn we made for Alton, Staffs, where an open meeting was being held. Here we rang a course of Bristol before we went further north into Cheshire. After 'handshakes all round,' everybody retreated to their respective abode, to store up energy for next year's heatwave.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Basil Jones for his excellent arrangements, and to Messrs. Dunkerley, Worth and Jones for the use of their cars. We would also extend thanks to all incumbents, tower captains and ringers who have helped to make this tour such a happy one, and 'kept a welcome in the hillside.' R. B. S.

OBITUARY

MR. T. ARROWSMITH

We regret to announce the death of Mr. 'Tom' Arrowsmith, aged 53, in the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary on August 10th. Until his health began to fail two years ago, Mr. Arrowsmith was a very keen ringer and a most loyal churchman at All Saints' Church Lawton, Cheshire. He set a fine example as a regular and punctual service ringer, and it was a great disappointment to him to be unable to assist in the training of the youthful band of ringers which Church Lawton now possesses.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung on August 22nd as a tribute to his memory.

New Bells At Winchester

At St. Paul's, Bournemouth, on Sunday, August 9th, the Rt. Rev. J. R. S. Taylor, formerly Bishop of Sodor and Man, dedicated a new ring of ten bells as a memorial to the late Mrs. Louisa Norris, who was particularly well known for her work in the St. John Ambulance Nursing Division.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Review Of 1958-59 Session

The year started off promisingly for the Guild with the influx of quite a number of ringers of all standards, and since few members went down last year, we have enjoyed a larger active membership. We were glad to have our numbers increased by past members of the University on many occasions.

The Guild was fortunate enough to gain the use of the ten at St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, for a weekly practice, for which we should like to thank the Rector and captain, and also for their hospitality on many other occasions. Two handbell practices a week have been held at the University and, in addition, a joint practice with Taunton's School. Considerable improvement has been apparent at all standards in both tower and handbell ringing. The standard methods on eight bells have been rung regularly, and ringing up to Cinques has been indulged in on handbells, whilst in the tower Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Bristol Major have been rung, in addition to the standard methods on eight and ten. Members also enjoy much ringing with the local bands in the Southampton district, for which we are grateful.

The Guild has also organised several outings. In the first term there was a coach trip to London, with ringing at five towers, a demonstration of Carter's Ringing Machine and a tour of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. We were glad to be joined on this occasion by members of the London University Association. There was also a cycling tour of six churches in the south of Hampshire.

The main feature of the Guild activities during the Lent Term was the week-end spent in the Bedford area, and in the final term there was a day trip to Gloucestershire, where six towers were visited. At the beginning of the summer vacation the Reading University Guild joined us in East Anglia on a week's cycling tour.

At the annual general meeting officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. D. J. Forder; Deputy Master, Miss Helen Nevin; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. K. G. Jones; committee member, Mr. D. D'A. R. Blackwall.

The Guild extends a cordial welcome to all Freshers next session to contact the secretary, c/o the University, for information.

A. K. G. J.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DODGING THE PEAL TAX

Dear Sir,—The peals tax (or fee) of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (about which Mr. Davis writes) and the suggestion that other affiliated Guilds support the enforcing of the rules of member Associations, need considerable thought and discussion before being generally accepted. The points arising, as I see them, are:—

(1) How many affiliated Associations have a similar tax (or fee)?

(2) Did the Winchester Guild anticipate difficulty in collecting the tax when making the rule and, because of the tax, the probability of peals rung in their territory being credited to other Associations?

(3) Will the amount collected from peals add very much to the funds, and are the funds so low as to need this amount?

(4) As an average of 5 per cent. of an Association's total membership ring peals, is it fair that this percentage be taxed to help finance the other 95 per cent.?

(5) Peal ringing generally is (or should be) for the honour of the Association for which it is rung, and is to be encouraged. Does it not have the reverse effect to make a charge for peal ringing?

(6) Members pay a subscription to belong to an Association and to enjoy the privileges of that Association, one of which is to ring peals for that body. Should they be forced to pay an additional amount, however small, after having paid the subscription?

(7) If non-resident members, who only pay one life subscription, are the persons who should be 'made to pay,' would it not be a better policy to increase that life subscription?

It will have been noticed that a peal in the Winchester Guild's territory, recorded this week, was rung for the Guildford Guild. This immediately brings forward the point in Mr. Davis's letter: should the Guildford Guild refuse to accept the peal so that the ringers taking part obey the rules of the Winchester Guild? It is courtesy to ring a peal for the Association to which the tower is affiliated, but if the ringers, for any reason, record the peal for another Association, I cannot see how or why that other Association, whose rules have not been broken, can refuse to accept it.

The Guildford Guild members will have an opportunity to discuss the idea of a peal tax (or fee) during the next few months, but until it adopts the idea it cannot enforce its members to obey other Associations' rules. That is for that Association concerned to do.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES DENYER.

Farnham, Surrey.

MEETING AT BROADWELL

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased to see that a meeting is to be held at Broadwell, this being the tower where I was taught by my brother 'Bill' to ring a bell.

I have no knowledge of a meeting ever being held here before. The notice on page 505 in 'The Ringing World' is rather misleading. There are only five bells in this tower hung for ringing: the sixth is a small bell known locally as the 'ting-tang,' and is rung for five minutes before each service.—Yours sincerely,

Ross-on-Wye.

J. J. WEBB.

CLOSED SHOP RINGING RIDICULOUS

Dear Sir,—I have of late been wondering whether it will soon be possible to read a 'Ringing World' without mention of Robin Leale and his missing peal fees for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The matter was raised at the last Guild executive meeting: a proposal that the hon. peal recorder should delete the offending peals from the records was passed. This has been carried out and legislation stops there.

Surely it is obvious to all concerned that Robin Leale is not going to pay; surely it is obvious that if he comes into the diocese again he will do one of three things: pay the fee, ring a non-Association peal or ring it for another Society.

Talk of 'ungentlemanly conduct,' 'universal suspension' and calling for member Guilds of the Central Council to form a closed shop against one man is ridiculous! Inter-Guild and individual bickering is deplorable; it makes one wonder whether the time has come to adopt the proposal of Mr. Chas. H. Kippin, which he has been advocating for years past, that is to form a National Guild.—Yours faithfully,

TOM CHAPMAN.

Bishopstoke, Southampton.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—The composition of Cambridge Maximus by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, on page 508 of your issue of September 4th, is a slight variation of one by John Carter published in 'The Bell News' of December 3rd, 1910. Eight of the courses are called alike, the difference being that Mr. Morris has two courses H, W. H. against Carter's 2 W. In the latter peal, incidentally, the 4th is at home at all ten course-ends.

I hope Mr. Morris will not mind my saying that Cambridge Maximus is another method in which true originality (as I understand the word) is, in my opinion, not possible if the normal calling only is used.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

ASTBURY'S MAY QUEEN FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—In the issue of August 14th, in the notes about the week's peals, the comment on a peal at Astbury, Cheshire is a little misleading. It was the May Queen festival which was late and not the peal. Being aware of the incongruity of the dates, I worded the peal footnote 'Rung on the day of the crowning...' in the hope that this would make the situation clear. However, I was mistaken! — Yours faithfully,

B. CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

ADVERTISEMENT IDEA

Dear Sir,—We hear a good deal about the need of funds for 'The Ringing World.' What about extending the advertising to include, for instance, the motor trade. One can envisage something like this: 'The Morris Mini-Minor will make your tower-grabbing cheaper,' or, as tape-recorders seem to be popular in towers these days: 'Record your Grandsire on Grundig.' Might one even suggest 'Whitbread's for long draughts'?—Yours sincerely,

Leatherhead, Surrey.

ERIC WOOD.

A BACHELOR PEAL OF LAST CENTURY

Dear Sir,—Looking through 'The Ringing World' recently I saw that it was on February 5th, 1898, that eight bachelors rang Holt's Original at St. Margaret's, Barking, and it was Mr. George E. Symonds' first peal as conductor and I recollect it quite well; and no one was more pleased to read than I was of George calling the same peal just before his 84th birthday, calling it 32 times in all—a grand performance. Of the remainder there is only one of the Barking band with us, as the other three—Messrs. Mason, Fenn and Faulkner—have passed on, also Messrs. Weller and Passmore, as far as I know. There were three brothers Fenn in the Barking company: the youngest, Ernest, was Master of the College Youths during the war, and is still with us. Also with us is G. W. Faulkner, a brother of Thomas. At that time the Barking company had a good handbell band and could ring any method on handbells that they could ring on tower bells.—Yours sincerely,

CALEB FENN.

Barking, Essex.

BELL FRAMES

Dear Sir,—Apropos the letter in the 'R.W.' of September 4th, page 502, concerning rusty bell frames and their cure, might I point out to Miss Overend that there are two firms who regularly advertise in this paper each week whose business it is to advise on and attend to bell frames. This would seem the logical solution; after all, you do not go to an undertaker for a haircut.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham.

LONG LENGTH OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—Notice is given that an attempt will be made to ring 16,200 Plain Bob Royal at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, on Sunday, September 27th, 1959, commencing at 9.30 a.m. The composition is appended.—Yours sincerely,

Surbiton, Surrey. ROBIN G. LEALE.

16,200 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by D. KNOX

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

4 2 6 3 5	—	—
5 2 6 3 4	S	3
6 2 4 3 5	—	—
3 6 4 2 5	—	—
5 3 4 6 2	S	3
4 2 3 6 5	S	—

Eight times repeated: calling bob for first single M in all other parts except the seventh, calling single for bob at every third part-end, and omitting both blocks of three in any one part, produces:—

3 2 4 5 6 M H

6 2 4 5 3	S
4 3 2 5 6	S —
2 4 3 5 6	—
2 3 4 5 6	S

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WESTWARD WITH WRATTEN

A VERY enjoyable tour of the West Country, arranged by Cyril A. Wratten, commenced on Saturday, May 30th, when Messrs. Egglestone, Roast, Saltmarsh and Symonds, from the Chelmsford area, joined forces with Frank Oakshott, of Epsom, and Shirley Parsons and Cyril from Cheltenham, to ring a peal of New Cambridge at Quedgley, Glos. Although this was the first official tower of the week, the Chelmsford contingent had already 'snatched' Northchurch, Herts, in the morning.

After the peal we were met by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Roast and Tom, who were on their way to Monmouth, but who first joined us in ringing on the fine 12 at Painswick after tea. The night was spent at the Old Bell in Dursley, where midnight was heralded by three courses of St. Oswald's on the Parish Church chimes. The next morning we joined the local band in ringing for Matins. Further ringing followed at Wotton-under-Edge, and we lunched in fine style at the White Hart in Wells. With the help of the local ringers we were able to ring the ten at the Cathedral to Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

Later the fine (though rather noisy) six at Ruishton were tapping out Cambridge and 6 spliced, while Stedman and Superlative went very well at Wellington before Evensong. Heavytree, with its fine ring of eight, was the last tower of the day, before we made our way to the Queen's Hotel in Exeter.

Unfortunately, the peal attempt at Bovey Tracey would not settle and was set up after half-an-hour because of indifferent striking. After lunching well at the Rising Sun, Sticklepath, we continued westward, ringing at Okehampton, Bridestowe and Lifton, before crossing the border into Cornwall for tea in Launceston. A ring at St. Mary's, then we were up on Bodmin Moor, stopping briefly at the Jamaica Inn, on our way to Bodmin. Here we rang a touch of Grandsire Triples at the special request of the local band, who are learning 'scientific.'

CORNISH EXPERIENCES

Our abode for the next four nights was the Brookdale Hotel, Truro, where we were met by our old friends Bob and Jill Southwood. Tuesday we started at Perran-ar-worhal—a nice little six. Helston bells went very well to a bobbed course of Stedman, and at St. Mawgan-in-Meneage we rang Double Court and 5-spliced T.B. After a sandwich lunch, a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored on the grand eight at St. Keverne, Howard adding his name to those who have rung a bell without a stay to a peal. After a cream tea at Coverack we were rather late arriving at Landewednack. A couple of quick touches on the new six at Constantine, and then we were on our way back to Truro to join the Cathedral ringers in their practice.

We had some difficulty in ringing at Penzance on Wednesday morning due to the stays of the third and fifth sticking, and a splice had to be made in the rope of the seventh before we left. At Sennen, the most westerly tower, we rang Oxford T.B. The afternoon peal attempt at Gulval, a well-kept eight, was unsuccessful: after 45 minutes of Oxford Bob Triples, a shift course necessitated the call 'Stand.' The Rev. Arthur Roberts, who had been listening outside the church, invited us to go on to Carbis Bay. A touch of Cambridge here, and then we were away to tea, followed by ringing at Towednack and Tuckingmill.

Thursday's programme started with some good Yorkshire at Probus before going on to Fowey. After ringing here, the 15th century Toll Bar Restaurant was found to provide a good lunch. A 6-bell peal attempt in the afternoon at St. Winnow enabled two lucky tourists to have an afternoon off, while the rest rang 40 Minor methods. The bells are not easy to handle and have rather a long draught of rope, but with Joe 'in the chair' and Quasimodo performing on the tenor there was little fear of losing it. Lostwithiel and St. Stephen-in-Brannel completed the day's official programme.

We were joined by Bob Southwood on Friday morning before heading for St. Columb Major, where we were hoping to ring a peal of Yorkshire. However, the Vicar asked us not to attempt a full peal in view of a recent tragic death in the town, and a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was accordingly rung before we dashed away to 'snatch' St. Mawgan-in-Pydar. After lunch in Camelford, Tintagel was visited, with its nice six in a church right on the edge of Glebe Cliff. Our last Cornish tower, Stratton, is reputed to contain the finest eight in the county, and none of us would quarrel with that description. We rang a quarter peal of Stedman here.

On into Devon, and to Clovelly, where we were welcomed with an outstretched hand—that of the attendant at the car park on the cliff top! We walked down the quaint street to the harbour before climbing back to ring on the handy little six.

Bideford was the first tower on Saturday morning, followed by Tawstock and Bideford. After lunch, Frank rejoined us at Combe Martin, where we found the local ringers preparing the ropes for our peal attempt. There was some talk of losing the peal so that we could go to listen to some competition ringing at South Molton, but Kent and Oxford in the Ilkeston variation presented no difficulties, and the peal was completed at a fast pace. A run through some magnificent scenery at Martinhoe, Lee Bay, Lynmouth and Countisbury brought us to Porlock for a late tea, and later ringing at Dunster. Our hotel in Bridgwater was calling, but Pat decided that a run over the Quantocks could not be missed, and at the top of Lydeard Hill we agreed with him—the view extending across right into Wales is 'wholly wunnerful.'

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, and we left the Royal Clarence to join the band at St. Mary's in ringing for the morning service. Rather poor ringing followed at Long Ashton before lunch in Bristol. The Cathedral belfry was well filled when we arrived, and we are grateful to John Hunt for allowing us to have a last touch as a band. Then came the parting of the ways, and goodbyes were said to the music of Stedman Triples rolling across Bristol. Many thanks, Cyril, for your splendid organisation, to our drivers, Pat and Frank, and to the many incumbents and ringers who met us on our journey and made us so welcome. P. J. E.

'TINTINNABULA'

(Continued from front page)

Another interesting chapter relates to clock jacks. There are still a number of these jacks in existence in this country and these are quoted. The old clock of St. Paul's Cathedral which was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666 had jacks, and those of St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, date from 1671. Matthew the Miller's clock at Exeter is well known. Here there are three figures, the centre one of which bends forward at every stroke of the hour, hence the local saying:—

'Every hour on Westgate Tower, Matthew the Miller nods his head.'

The javelin men on either side strike the quarters on hemispherical bells beneath them.

We cannot refrain from quoting the author's tailpiece: 'The most unusual bell ever manufactured by the Gong Bell Company of East Hampton, U.S.A., was called "the chestnut bell." The tiny bell was worn on the lapel of a man's coat, and whenever the wearer heard a tall story or obvious old joke he would tinkle his bell, indicating that he knew the tale to be an old chestnut.'

A secondary purpose of the book is to give the collector of small bells an idea of kinds worth seeking in contrast to the modern 'fakes.' As a help the 51 illustrations in the book are well chosen. The jacket of the book is a very good drawing of the Bells of Bethlehem by W. Cecil Dunford. Copies can be obtained from the author, 38, Strenshall Road, Eyres Monsell, Leicester.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The first meeting in the reconstructed Church of St. Mary, Swansea, was a red letter day for the Swansea and Brecon Guild. General opinion of the new ring by Taylor's was that the tone and 'go' could not be better.

The service, conducted by Canon Harry Williams, followed an hour's ringing. In his address and welcome the Canon mentioned that a church had been on that site for over 1,000 years. Tea followed in the vestry, the Vicar thanking the ladies who waited at table.

The Rev. D. M. White, from Sketty, presided at the business meeting and expressed the pleasure of the company at having Mr. and Mrs. Pitman with them. Ringing until 8 p.m. brought a good day to an end.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Weddings at all the local churches during the afternoon made it impossible for the Association to arrange afternoon ringing at its meeting on September 5th. The service was held at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, Ewell, being taken by a ringing lay reader, Mr. J. H. Pycraft, of Ewell. This was followed by an excellent tea arranged by the local ringers in the Schoolroom, under the supervision of Mrs. C. W. Munday.

The routine business meeting included the election of three new members. The members and friends present concluded the meeting by instructing the secretary to convey to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' their sincere appreciation and unanimous approval of his efforts during the recent strike.

Ringling in a variety of methods to suit all tastes and standards continued until 8.30, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Peters.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Pimlott 1, R. Barratt 2, H. Lonyon 3, R. Worrall 4, B. Schofield (first as cond.) 5, L. Copnall 6.

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STEDMAN TRIPLES

The Birmingham men were always famous for their manipulation of Stedman, and among them very few were more full of tricks and quaint devices in calling than Tom Miller. Tom had a magical touch in his handling of Stedman Triples, and when he called, one could never be sure in what manner he would bring the bells round. One little touch which may well have descended from this fine old ringer is the 180 shown here. It is handy for filling up a few odd minutes, and is easy to remember. All that one has to do is to prevent 1 and 2 from going behind, calling bobs necessary to ensure this, but calling no more than are needed. It will thus be found that 1 and 2 are ringing Stedman Doubles, while the 3rd and 4th always go in slow.

180
2314567
3461275 2
4132675 1
1752463 3
2371645 3
PS 2314756 1

Twice repeated.

The best music of Stedman Triples (as in Grandsire Triples) is made by the manipulation of 67, 74 and 46, and most ringers can scarce fail to notice when one of these pairs is behind. Many touches, indeed, can be called entirely, or almost entirely, by bobbing 67, 74 and 46 behind. The well-known 72 given here (a course that appears in most of the text books) can best be called by the following lesson: 'One on 67, One on 74, Two on 46.' The procedure is simplified by the fact that the bells to be bobbed behind actually come into position for a six before the bob is called, and so give warning, as it were, by proclaiming the excellence of their music.

72
2314567
3425167 1
1532674 7
5273146 2
2351746 1
P 2314567 1

There is a well-known, and justly famed, 408 Stedman Triples which is in the repertoire of most conductors. It will be found in Davies' 'Stedman' and in Powell, but Trollope rather unaccountably omits it from his work of 1938. I remember, many years ago, the late George Swann introducing me to this touch and its 'lesson,' which he described as: 'Two on 67, Two on 74, Two on 46: Call the 4th to make the Bob: Two on 74, Two on 46: Repeated.' The first part of this touch: Two on 67, Two on 74, Two on 46, if repeated, will provide a very musical 216. The latter part of the touch: Call 4th to make the bob: Two on 74, Two on 46, repeated, will give a musical 192.

Both these touches are, of course, well known, but they are inserted with a view to emphasising the practice of calling by the bells behind as distinct from learning the work of a fixed bell.

It is a well-known fact that two bobs called in two consecutive sixes will produce a course end that will repeat once and so give a touch of two courses, 168 changes. Thus, one course becomes two. What applies to the plain course applies equally to any other course. By the use of this knowledge some interesting and unusual touches can be obtained.

216	192
2314567	2314567
3425167 1	1674235 7
3451267 1	3261574 4
2365174 11	3215674 1
2351674 1	2571346 2
3175246 2	5123746 1
1532746 1	P 5134267 1
P 1524367 1	Repeated.
Repeated	
A	B
2314567	2314567
4732651 3	3425176 1S
6257314 6S	5643127 9
P 2143657 3	P 2143657 9
Round next change.	Round next change.
75 changes.	117 changes.

The two short touches, A and B, appear in one or two books. The first one, A, is called simply by the lesson: 'Call Treble 67 up with a bob, 67 up with a single.' The second one, B, is easily called: Single at 1, call 7th 67 up with a bob.' Both are worth memorising, not only because they will fill up two or three minutes in a very intriguing manner, but also because they are capable of easy extension on the principle alluded to above. Two examples will, perhaps, serve to demonstrate.

159	201
2314567	2314567
3425167 1	3425176 1S
3451267 1	1532764 7
3426751 13	5217364 1
3467251 1	1536427 13
4732651 1	5614327 1
6257314 6S	5643127 1
P 2143657 3	P 2143657 9
Round next change.	Round next change.

The first one, 159 changes, is merely the course A with a course inserted by calling the 4th into the Slow with two bobs. When the 4th is called into the Slow the second time the touch returns to the Plain Course, and the next six one must call according to touch A. If the student will take the trouble to prick out all the sixes of the touch the plan, or dodge, or trick (whichever you like to call it) will be revealed quite clearly. The second touch is on the same plan, and consists of Course B with a course inserted by calling the 3rd. In and Out Quick twice. Once again, a full pricking of the sixes will make the whole thing clear, and will probably lead to the realisation that there are several other ways in which Course A and Course B can be extended in simple fashion. Here we must leave Stedman Triples, not, I fear, having introduced anything very new, but possibly having indicated one or two fresh lines of approach.

(To be continued)

The ringers of the quarter peal of Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Bristol, for the Feast of St. Bartholomew, desire to thank the Rector (Rev. S. Calverwell) and Mr. and Mrs. Hannay for their warm hospitality.

Among the many motoring designs of today the Bellringer's Car Badge will attract attention and enable the many touring parties to be identified. We would like to think that the many ringers' cars on the road today were as smart as the new badge that the versatile Mr. William H. Viggers, of 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, has now put on the road.

OUTINGS

TEWKESBURY, GLOS

The Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association had a most successful and happy outing on August 29th, in visiting five towers in Somerset.

We set off by coach at 6.45 a.m., and our first tower was All Saints', Long Ashton (8. tenor 30 cwt.). Here we were very pleased to meet Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wrington, who had been kind enough to obtain the towers and to arrange meals. Ringing on this excellent eight was followed by a visit to Holy Trinity, Nailsea (6. 11 cwt.), and here we were welcomed by Mr. Len Derek. After enjoying our stay here, we went to Burrington for lunch. We were very interested to see the 'Rock of Ages,' which inspired the Rev. A. M. Toplady to write the famous hymn in 1762. Our next tower was St. Andrew's, Banwell (8. 23 cwt.). Here again we had a most enjoyable ring. Weston-super-Mare was our next call, and here we rang on the light eight (tenor 12 cwt.) at St. John-the-Baptist's, and were welcomed by another old friend, Mr. George Prescott. After tea, and after sampling the sea breezes, we went to St. Andrew's, Backwell (8. 18 cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. John Brown.

Our thanks are due to the Ringing Master (Mr. Trevor Newbury) for the general organisation, to Mr. H. Knight and to all others who assisted us and made us so welcome.

E. W. P.

WORCESTER RINGERS HIT TRAIL

Saturday, July 19th, saw members of the Wychbold, Hanbury and St. Peter-de-Witton companies hitting the trail in search of new towers in Southern Worcestershire.

In spite of the efforts of the map reader and navigator, Bushley was reached safely, and the pretty little six (tenor 7 cwt.) was soon ringing out well-struck rounds and Queen's.

At Longdon, the belfry stairs were eventually found in the gloomy recesses of a broom cupboard. The ponderous-sounding six here were much enjoyed, some good rounds, call-changes and Grandsire being rung. Castle Morton bells proved to be rather a handful, but the common was an excellent place for a picnic lunch.

As we were by now somewhat tired we did not do justice to the well-kept six at Welland. At Hanley-Swan the six bells are of doubtful quality and were almost inaudible above the organist's practice. The last tower was Madresfield, where the heavy-going six caused the large 'Bath' chair to be much appreciated. The Vicar's dog shook hands with some of the party in a friendly manner.

Our thanks are accorded to the incumbents and the local ringers who met us, and to the inhabitants of the various villages for not shooting us. We are also grateful to our tower captain for tolerating us, and eating all the left-over sandwiches!

PAUL.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Motcombe on September 5th: 20 ringers were present from 12 towers, including visitors from Wareham and Charminster. Ringing started at 3 p.m., followed by the Guild service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the hon. secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, and at which the Vicar, the Rev. H. Ll. Davies, gave the address.

After tea in the Memorial Hall, the business meeting included details of the Dorset Ringing Festival, to be held at Blandford on October 31st.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER, Lincs.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Frith (cond.) 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, T. Charity 3, G. Vickers 4, J. Holmes 5.

BARMING, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 1, C. E. J. Norris (first of Doubles) 2, H. Springate 3, C. J. Gould (first of Doubles) 4, C. H. G. Ruffle 5, V. C. Ruffle (first quarter) 6. Specially arranged by W. R. Manster, captain of the Barming band, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Hadaway, a resident of Barming.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Lowe 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, C. B. Lowe 3, K. Graham 4, R. A. Brewin 5, J. R. Perkins 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. Eames (14) 1, Joan Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, P. Grice 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the conductor. First in two methods on the bells.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent, 360 Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. Lester 1, Alice Lester 2, P. Lester 3, C. Catchpole 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, R. Lester 6. First in three methods on the new bells. For Evensong, and on the 18th birthday of conductor.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Smith 1, D. Fox 2, D. Drury 3, W. S. Smith 4, B. W. Smith 5, J. Blaikie (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor by all except conductor. Rung as a farewell compliment to David Fox, who is joining H.M. Forces.

EWELME, OXON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. Fulker 1, F. Smith 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, H. J. Winfield, sen. 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. G. Winfield, a former ringer at this tower.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. L. Coward 1, Christine Harbott 2, J. F. M. Maybrey 3, Catherine Powell 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, D. Ashridge 6, A. Bagworth 7, F. Oakshott 8. First of Treble Bob by 2, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to Miss Monica Collins, of Cuildford.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Powell 1, G. Walker 2, R. Keeves 3, W. Mawby 4, D. Taylor 5, A. Osborne 6, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 7, A. Keeves 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. McNaughton Ruddock (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Corner 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, J. P. McDermott (cond.) 5, J. E. Clark 6. For evening service.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Higgins (first of Minor) 1, H. Grocock 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, D. Frith 4, L. Squires 5, H. Squires (cond.) 6.

STAINES, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Williams (first of Triples) 1, D. Hawkins 2, B. Cox (first touch in method) 3, C. Fynes 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, M. Lane 6, E. Skypsey (first of Triples) 7, M. Bartlett (first quarter) 8.

Corrections

Mr. Brian G. Warwick desires to make the following corrections to peals.

Billesdon, Leics, page 512.—The method rung in this peal was Yorkshire Surprise Major and not Cambridge Surprise Major.

Syston, Leics, page 513.—The asterisks were omitted against ringers of 4 and 5, and also against the method, Cambridge Surprise Major.

Netherseale, Derbyshire, page 513.—This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Anne N. Woodward, younger daughter of W. F. Woodward, and Colin C. Daniels, who were married on August 15th, and to Mary C. Payne and Harry Poyner (both non-resident members of the Guild), who were married at Syston on August 15th.

Lubenham, Leics, page 516.—The (9) and (10) extents were April Day.

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BIRTH

WHITE.—On September 7th, 1959, at 39, Tudor Drive, Watford, to Audrey and T. Mark White, a son (Nicholas Mark), a brother for Amanda. 4889

MARRIAGE

ROBINSON—BROWN.—On Saturday, September 5th, 1959, at Bowdon Parish Church, Cheshire, Wilfred Ludlum, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Robinson, of Chesterfield, to Anne Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, of Bowdon. 4910

DEATH

FORDHAM.—On Sept. 12th, 1959, Percy William, of 8, Kings-way, Mildenhall, passed peacefully away after a short illness. 4914

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The address of S. H. Hoare is now Newport, New Road, Shenley, near St. Albans, Herts. Tel. Radlett 5937. 4875

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Sept. 19th, 6 p.m. Ringing, 4 p.m., at St. Olave's, Hart Street.—John Chilcott. 4844

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting at Winforth (6), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4883

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea will be provided.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4857

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Holland, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 4861

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, Sept. 19th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4860

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th, Newton-Nottage, Porthcawl. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 4837

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own tea. All members welcome: non-members cordially invited.—Pamela J. Osborne, Sec., 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 4878

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Arrangements: Shepperton (5), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Sunbury (8), 4 to 5 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Names to D. Brock, 7, Loudwater Road, Sunbury. Business and further ringing until 8.30 p.m.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 4865

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—W. L. Exton. 4768

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 4823

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, Sept. 21st, 7.30 p.m., and third Monday in each month thereafter. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.45 p.m., All Hallows', Twickenham.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. ISL 3921. 4852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Service of rededication of the restored ring of bells at Great Chart by the Bishop of Dover on Thursday, Sept. 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Bells available 6.45 p.m. and after the service, when there will also be light refreshments. All welcome.—C. T. H. 4892

KIDDERMINSTER. Worcs.—St. Mary and All Saints' (12). Special practice, Friday, Sept. 25th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Enquiries to Martin Fellows, 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4893

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 4871

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Combined meeting with Bath Branch will be held at Radstock on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Midsomer Norton, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Carter, 31, New Bath Road, Radstock. 4879

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Waverton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by first post Thursday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. T. L. Jones, Aston House, Waverton, near Chester.—Edna Price, Asst. Sec. 4866

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Burbage (Buxton), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please inform Mr. J. Bagshaw, 17, Macclesfield Old Road, Burbage, Buxton, Derbyshire.—C. K. Lewis. 4901

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Church Broughton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. 4863

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. Howard Scott, 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands, near Doncaster. Yorkshire Traction Skellow Service runs through Adwick-le-Street from off the North Bridge Bus Station.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 4909

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Darlington, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity (6), 11.30 to 12.30 and 2 to 4; St. John's (8), 2 to 4 and 7 to 9; St. Cuthbert's (8), 4 to 4.30 and 7 to 9; Hurworth (6), 2.30 to 3.30. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's and tea at 5.15 at St. Cuthbert's Hall, with business meeting after. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 4870

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Crich, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Own tea. Business meeting in belfry, 6 p.m. Bells 3 p.m.—B. A. Sollis. 4904

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4904

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thornbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Report of management committee meeting.—F. R. Hussey. 4887

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winchcombe (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th. 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4887

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Horsell, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell. 4896

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 4880

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Sept. 26th, Corn Exchange, Rochester, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from District Secretaries or direct from Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. Chatham bells from 4 to 6 p.m. 4754

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 26th, St. Bartholomew's, Penn. Wolverhampton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m., approx. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 4839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Newchurch, near Warrington, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m., only for those whose names are sent to the Rev. E. A. Lee, Newchurch Rectory, Risley, near Warrington.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4902

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, to Mr. Thomas Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, Yorkshire. 4915

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Broughton, Saturday, Sept. 26th (note change of date). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4840

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Overdale, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 4872

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Roade, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 4870

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Evening meeting, Watford (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th, commencing at 6 p.m. 4905

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Sept. 26th, Newport, Mon. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (8), 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; St. Woolos' Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea (4s. 6d.) at the Tudor Restaurant, Stow Hill, Newport. Names for tea to Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea, Glam. 4832

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Minster, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 23rd to I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. Lytchett Matravers after tea 4890

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puddletown (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Knight, High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester. 4913

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Downham, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions, please. 5907

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Eastwood (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., 23rd, without fail, to Rev. Mr. Caporn, The Rectory, Eastwood, Notts.—D. H. Rooke. 4881

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—ADVANCED PRACTICE at Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wed., 23rd, to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield. Special method. Yorkshire. 4873

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Waldron, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4898

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Llangatlock, Breconshire, Saturday, Sept. 26th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 21st.—G. P. Davies, Hon. Sec., 4, Free Street, Brecon. 4868

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Froyle (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by 23rd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4897

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Cottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in King Street Rooms. Names by Thursday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. K. G. Ormbo, 36, High Street, Hull.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4836

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting at Ashford (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Oct. 1st Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ash-

ford, Specially arranged to mark Mr. C. W. Everett's 60 years as tower captain.—C. T. H. 4891

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, Tunbridge Wells (please note change of tower). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 1st to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. 4869

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, St. Mary's, Swansea. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Ty-coch, Swansea.—J. S. King. 4886

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be at Banbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House, 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, to Mr. H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. Ringing arrangements as follows: Souldern, Somerton, Sandford St. Martin, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Rousham, Lower Heyford, Great Tew, 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Bodicote, Banbury, 1 to 2 p.m.; Banbury, Tadmarton, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Adderbury, Swalcliffe, Bloxham, 7 to 8 p.m.; Deddington, Steeple Aston, Hook Norton, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 4850

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. St. Mary's (10) 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4.15. St. Peter's (10) 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 4906

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Stoke-by-Nayland (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 4877

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **SUSSEX ASSOCIATION** (Northern Division).—Joint meeting, Blechingley (8), on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, to Mr. F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 4864

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 22nd annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 5.45 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.15 to 4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 7th, from Branch secretaries, dinner committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgheerow, Evesham. 4876

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10th, Shirehall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 4912

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, 6 for 6.15 p.m. Tickets (14s. 6d.) from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 4903

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diamond jubilee dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Lincoln, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 7 p.m. Will visitors wishing to ring peals during week-end please notify as soon as possible Mr. J. L. Millhouse, 3, Honington Crescent, Burton Road, Lincoln. Dinner tickets (18s. 6d. each) from the undersigned.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec., Glebeland, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 4867

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 6th, 1.260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Bird (first on eight) 1. Daphne Brown 2. R. Trevitt 3. R. Asher 4. J. Ward 5. R. Brown (first on eight) 6. R. Pocklington (cond.) 7. C. Asher 8. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. H. A. Skelton, Bishop of Lincoln, 1942-6.

QUARTER PEALS

BOURNE, LINC.—On May 31st, 1,446 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 726 Cambridge): W. R. Marsh (cond.) 1, Eileen Walpole 2, F. French 3, C. Wade 4, L. Blanchard 5, A. Scott 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Case 1, Mrs. J. Moreton 2, J. Linnell 3, T. E. Roberts 4, C. C. Clarke 5, G. W. Holland 6, G. E. Green 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. First in the method 'inside' for 2, 3 and 5.

RUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On July 31st, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Plain Bob): T. N. J. Bailey 1, R. K. Hart 2, J. B. Morley 3, L. N. Melton 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, B. W. Fairhead 6. Conducted by the ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Solomon 1, J. B. Gorrod 2, R. T. Tovell 3, P. G. Tovell 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. O. Outlaw, headmaster of Carlton School.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): G. W. Barnes 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, R. Preston 3, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 4, P. G. Barnes 5, H. J. Millatt 6. For Evensong, also as a farewell to Mr. H. W. Hall, hon. organist, choirmaster and churchwarden of this church, who is leaving the district. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Fairhead 1, A. Semkin (first quarter) 2, U. W. Wildney 3, R. Preston 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, J. Avis (first quarter) 6.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Smith 1, J. Webb 2, G. A. Bowcutt 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Son'a Spencer, ringer and chorister at this church, and Mr. Bernard Maurice Little, of Melton Mowbray. It was the bride's 21st birthday.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): Sheila Avey (first quarter) 1, Pamela Clarke 2, T. Goodwin 3, J. D. Clarke 4, B. Buswell (cond.) 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

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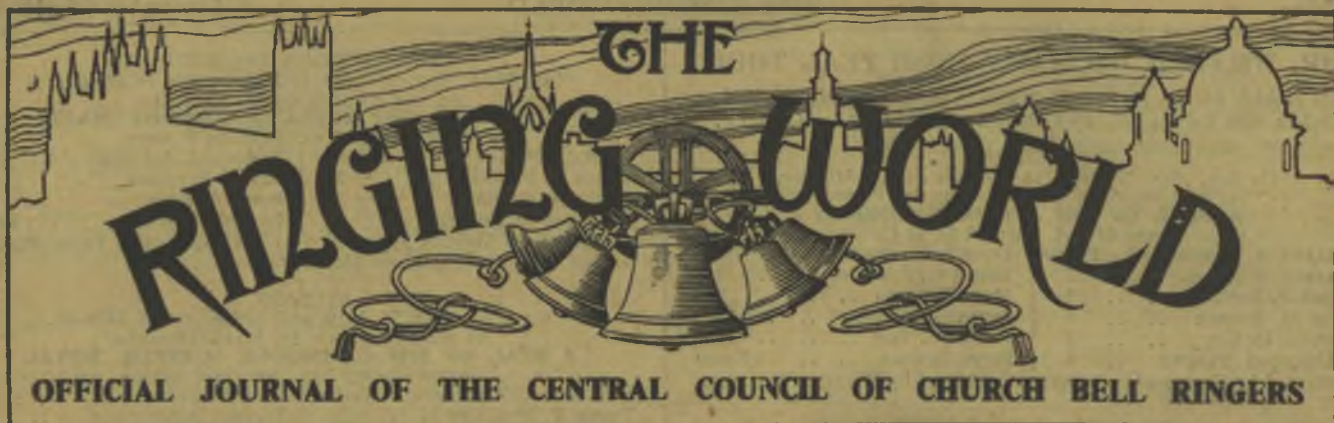
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THE STEWARDSHIP OF RINGING

IN A SENSE, life itself and all that it implies is a stewardship—a stewardship granted by Providence; and the closer we approach to acceptance of this idea, the more religious in character should our lives become it seems. So the more dedicated should be our ringing as part of our service and worship.

But do we think this is really so? And, if so, do we try to help others with whom we ring to view ringing in this light?

Because here, surely, is one of the secrets of the maintenance of reliable, regular attendances in the belfry—even in the face of reduced numbers.

In towers without it the **only** 'adhesive' holding a band together seems to be the fortuitous ability to ring such methods, or such immaculately-struck call-changes, as give communal pleasure to all the band.

But, in such towers, let illness, or departure from the district or any other cause remove one or more from among the band, rendering it less than the complement and so wiping out the ability to derive such self-sought pleasure, and what inevitably happens? Some at least of the others begin to stay away, complaining unashamedly that 'it hardly seems worth it' for rounds, call-changes, Grandsire Doubles—or whatever elementary ringing it is that they are reduced to.

Can they be blamed?

From the viewpoint of stewardship there can be only one answer. And it isn't 'No'!

The act of taking a bell-rope in hand is itself a symbol of acknowledged stewardship; of the privilege and responsibility arising from acquired (or being-acquired) skill in operating an instrument of God's service. The responsibility extends beyond the immediate ringing—reaching ahead into the future, when the bells are to be rung again and again as part of each service. Even if the band be down to, say, only three, the obligation is still there.

Let us not forget that although many people do listen to the bells they do not hear them analytically. 'The Times' recently recalled that to a B.B.C. quiz question as to how many bells there are in the Bow Bells interval signal, most replies gave 'five.' Though this may be incredible to us, it nevertheless indicates that the general public hear only the **sound of bells**. So, again, even if only three ringers attend, let the bells be rung.

But this is not to say—'Rest content with three,' or even to ring the back three only. In a former article we indicated various combinations of selected bells as acceptable, and as providing varying music, when full-strength bands are not in attendance.

At the same time, in normal conditions a band should never be reduced to these meagre limits, save by illness or removal from the district. Maintenance of interest is a powerful antidote; but the realisation of responsibility as a **steward** of ringing in the Lord's service is a greater one.

Most of us will realise this when we recall towers where, though they know not of Spliced Surprise, yet their service ringing is regular and, of its kind, good indeed.

Can we put it as positively as this? 'Only those with a real sense of stewardship can be rated as the truly good ringers.'

A. Y.-B.

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MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' IRISH PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION; the peal at Dublin also for the ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

DUBLIN.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	DENNIS R. RANDALL .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 9
RUTH M. BORDER .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON .. 10
GRAHAM MCKAY .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE .. 11
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 6	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.

On Sun., Aug. 23, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	BRYAN PATTISON .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of London on the bells.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

DENNIS R. RANDALL .. Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 5
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. 7
DEREK P. JONES .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by STEVEN J. IVIN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

BANGOR, CO. DOWN.

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COMGALL.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

J. DESMOND PAINTER .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 7
PHILIP MEHEW .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.

On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW .. 5
DEREK P. JONES .. 2	DENNIS R. RANDALL .. 6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. 7
GRAHAM MCKAY .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

ROSTREVOR, CO. DOWN.

On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRONACH, KILBRONEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 5
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Surprise on the bells

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

GRAHAM MCKAY .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	BRYAN PATTISON .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 7
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

First peal of Rutland on the bells.

BELFAST.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDELA,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. 8
PETER BORDER .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. 9
PHILIP MEHEW .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

COLERAINE, CO. DERRY.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 changes of Bristol and 1,280 changes each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

LONDONDERRY.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. COLUMB.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 7
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 8
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. 9
BRYAN PATTISON .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

ENNISKILLEN, CO. FERMANAGH.

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MACARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	PETER BORDER .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. 9
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LURGAN, CO. ARMAGH.

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SHANKILL.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

DENNIS R. RANDALL .. Treble	J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 5
GRAHAM MCKAY .. 2	PETER BORDER .. 6
PHILIP MEHEW .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

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On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D.

GRAHAM MCKAY Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	*PHILIP MEHEW 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
J. DESMOND PAINTER 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 300th peal. First of Superlative on the bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35½ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK 6
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	PETER BORDER 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 9
J. DESMOND PAINTER 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. Treble	NORMAN ERRINGTON 5
*JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	DENIS A. BAYLES 6
CHARLES N. LEA 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
RICHARD-OLIVER 4	GEORGE S. DEAS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE S. DEAS.

* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	*BEVIN WILLGRESS 5
*MARY MADDISON 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 6
*EDWARD HOWES 3	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 7
DAVID HEIGHTON 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	ARTHUR FOXALL 5
JOHN D. KAPE 2	PERCY NEWTON 6
*SHEILA WALLACE 3	SIDNEY M. BAILEY 7
HAROLD J. HAZELL 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major 'inside.' The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower.'

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PURDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD 5
*GRAHAM T. BALL 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

BARBARA MANSHIP Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON 5
PETER J. STANFORTH 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
JOHN J. MORRIS 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

A wedding compliment to Andrew W. Haines and Glenys R. Bodycote, who were married on July 25th, 1959.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*MARIA E. KIRBY Treble	†DEREK A. N. HOLLAND .. 5
IAN H. ORAM 2	‡MALCOLM K. J. POWELL .. 6
DAVID J. KIRBY 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal. † First of Bob Major. ‡ First 'inside.' First of Plain Bob on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON 5
*CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Valentine.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 5
MARTIN C. FAULKES 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BARBARA MANSHIP 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
PETER J. HAWCOCK 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the variation by all the band, and for the Guild.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE BAILEY Treble	DONALD WHITE 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
JOHN 'A' UNDERWOOD .. 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN A. ACRES 7
†MARTIN FAULKES 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 27).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (sixth observation). Tenor 26 cwt.	
NORMAN MALLETT Treble	GEORGE SKINNER 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 6
*BENJAMIN H. THOMPSON .. 3	CHARLES H. YATES 7
FRANK WILLS 4	GEORGE LUXTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Derek Fosse and Margaret Wreford; also a birthday compliment to Norman Mallett.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. COLES Treble	*MICHAEL J. PALMER 5
ALBERT R. G. TWINN 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 3	JOHN HILL 7
*E. RUSSELL GOTHAM 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN HILL.

* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5024 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
GEORGE A. SPENCER 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*BARRY CORBISHLEY Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	NEIL BENNETT 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
*J. DEREK SMITH 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Anne P. Brown and Wilfred L. Robinson, who were married earlier in the day at Bowdon, Cheshire.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	ALAN CAPSTICK 5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON 2	*LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 6
JAMES E. BURLS 3	ROLAND F. ECCLES 7
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* 25th peal for the Association.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
DENIS MADDOCK 2	*FREDDIE SCOTT 6
JOHN D. ROCK 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
*WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

* 50th peal together.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

WALTER HUNT Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
WILLIAM BUTLER 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 6
MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
*HOWARD OGLESBY 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by A. F. LEWRY.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

*HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. Treble	REGINALD TUCKWELL .. 5
FREDERICK S. SMITH .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND 6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. 3	JAMES P. BLOND 7
FRANK E. GOODEN 4	CLAUDE CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES P. BLOND.

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

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

KEITH W. WHITTELL .. Treble	ROY DUESBURY 5
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN 6
HARRY D. LISTER 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS 7
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIERITHA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*REV. A. J. VINCENT .. Treble	*REV. E. B. WOOD 5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 2	*REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL .. 6
REV. J. B. T. HOMFRAY .. 3	*REV. J. G. M. SCOTT .. 7
REV. I. J. RICHARDS .. 4	REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal for the Guild.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble

*JOHN FROOME 2	*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS 3	*JAMES CUNLIFFE 6
M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. 4	PETER CROOK 7
	FREDK. W. BROWNLOW .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Rung to celebrate the bicentenary of William Wilberforce.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANK D. MACK Treble	JOHN H. GILBERT 5
*DAVID J. PURNELL 2	*D. JOHN HUNT 6
*JOHN BRAIN 3	GWILYM G. SALMON .. 7
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal. * First of Surprise. * First of Cambridge.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving Bristol to take up a teaching appointment near Exeter, Devon.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. Carter's Odd Bob and Single Five-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	*ERIC N. HARRISON 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 3	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
CHARLES N. LEA 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 100th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents Reverse Canterbury, eight Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Treble	PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHTS .. 4
EDWIN WALKLATE 2	EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. 5
*ROSAMUND M. BULL .. 3	*GARTH MUNTON Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of April Day, Old, Plain Bob, Grandsire, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*CAROLINE TIBBLES .. Treble	PATRICIA F. CURTIS 3
MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 2	ALAN C. COZENS 4
KENNETH D. PERKINS	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of St. Cecilia on the seventh anniversary of the installation of the treble.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

S. LESLIE BARLOW .. Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4
*ROY BRADBURY 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 3	LEONARD GOODALL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

* First peal.

BRADBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of London and York, and three extents of Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	MICHAEL BLORE 5
PATRICIA A. M. HALLS .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, Kent T.B., Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

JOHN PEARSON .. Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
RICHARD HOBBS 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six different callings with 5-6 right way throughout). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ANTHONY D. SANSOM .. Treble	*MURRAY A. COLMAN .. 4
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	ARTHUR GIBBS 5
*DENNIS C. BOWEN 3	†BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † 50th peal.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

MARJORIE LEGG .. Treble	HAROLD HOOPER 4
SAM WHITE 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
*RONALD J. BALLAM .. 3	SYDNEY G. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung with the best wishes of the band on the occasion of the wedding this day of Derek Millier (ringer at the above tower) and Suzette Parkman.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*FRANK H. BEENEY .. Treble	†HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 4
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	GEORGE BEENEY 5
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 3	*†ANTONY JACKSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor. ‡ First 'inside' and first on six bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Frank H. Beeneey.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. CHARLES BROWNE .. Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 4
RONALD E. BURT 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
FRANK PEARSON 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Browne, daughter of the treble ringer.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford Bob and three extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ANTHONY D. SANSOM .. Treble	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 4
*MURRAY A. COLMAN .. 2	*ARTHUR GIBBS 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	*BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

SADDINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM C. CROPLEY .. Treble	JILL M. PUTNAM 3
CHARLES W. BROWN 2	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN	Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

Rung as a farewell to Jill Putnam, and to wish her success at Edinburgh University.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 of Plain Bob and 3,600 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

*WALTER T. LOAKE .. Treble	*DAVID WILLIAMS 3
*RAYMOND G. LOAKE .. 2	DEREK E. GRIFFIN 4
ARTHUR J. MILLWARD	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. MILLWARD.

* First peal. First on the bells.

HALF PEALS

ALMONDBURY, GLOS.—On July 22nd, 3,465 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, H. T. Ferris 3, H. Taysom 4, V. Wills 5, J. F. Pedler 6, D. J. Hunt 7, J. H. Gilbert 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's Church, on May 23rd, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: Mary Powell 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, Molly P. Smith 3, F. C. Mogford 4, J. F. Pedler 5, D. J. Hunt 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, E. J. Hitchens 8.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 3,608 Plain Bob Minor (five different extents with 5-6 right way throughout): Miss A. M. Hales 1, Miss D. M. Lawless 2, M. A. Colman 3, A. J. Frost 4, A. Gibbs 5, B. Hendry (cond.) 6. First half peal by all. An 18th birthday compliment to Miss A. M. Hales.

BERRYNARBOR, DEVON.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Kew 1, Mrs. N. S. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, D. Jewell 4, W. Turk 5, F. R. Diserens (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Hood 1, Joyce Walsh 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, J. Norris 6, A. Walsh 7, D. Robinson 8. Rung by the local band to welcome Valerie Margaret (born August 31st), daughter of Stanley and Rosemary Brown, both ringers at this church.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, W. Jarvis 2, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 3, W. Faiers 4, F. Boreham 5, F. Mortlock 6, L. Pryke 7, R. Chambers 8. A birthday compliment to W. Faiers.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SY.—On July 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. A. Tidy 1, Jean Lavender (first touch of Surprise) 2, F. E. Darby 3, S. F. Kimber 4, J. Weller 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. M. Horseman 1, Mary Powell 2, T. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. First quarter of Stedman as conductor. First quarter of Stedman 'inside' for 2 and 3.

QUARTER PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Tallis (16), 1, R. D. Henebury (15, first 'inside') 2, Judith M. Gwilt (17) 3, Pamela M. Turner (17) 4, M. C. Hughes (16) 5, P. S. Bennett (18, first in method as cond.) 6. Average age 164. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Pamela M. Turner 1, M. S. Hart 2, R. E. Tallis 3, P. S. Bennett 4, M. C. Hughes 5, J. K. Foot (cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for all the band. 25th quarter for ringer of 5. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,344 Spliced Triples (Grandsire, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob): Miss E. Hatch 1, R. Tomlin 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, Miss E. Hatch (first of Major) 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, W. Ellis 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Padbury (first on eight) 1, L. W. Penfold 2, A. J. Bull (cond.) 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Charlton 5, F. Jeal 6, D. Wilson 7, W. Taylor 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. David Slaughter, a Burstow ringer, to Miss Daphne King, of Redhill.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Valerie Hoby 1, D. Ward (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Pamela Jervis 3, Janet Adamson 4, A. D. Rivers 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. P. and Mrs. Swindells, both ringers at Slough Parish Church.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, B. M. Boyle 2, R. Gubb 3, L. G. Walters 4, A. Richardson 5, D. Jewell 6, W. Turk 7, A. Smallridge 8. First on the bells.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.—On July 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Doreen Fairhead 1, A. E. Leggett 2, R. Preston 3, D. Whent 4, W. J. Brunt 5, F. G. Oliver 6, G. W. Barnes 7, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 8.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Hills 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Caporn 3, D. Lambert 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong, also for the 21st birthday of Miss M. Hogg.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Spreadbury (first of Triples) 1, B. C. Sadler 2, W. A. Smith 3, Miss J. Rowe (first 'inside') 4, C. J. Belcham 5, C. J. Aldridge 6, D. E. Belcham (first as cond.) 7, P. Slowman 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Phillips 1, P. Phillips 2, V. J. Mitchell 3, M. Swift 4, G. Swift 5, E. R. Gotham 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, F. Bedford 8. Rung to welcome the arrival on May 27th of Justina Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gotham, both members of the St. Margaret's band.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Pain 1, L. S. Wood (cond.) 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. C. Austin 4, P. Laws 5, K. Scrimshaw (first 'inside') 6, R. D. Pearson 7, T. Pearson 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Secker and R. D. Pearson.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. R. Downes 1, P. D. Chapman (first Stedman Caters) 2, F. C. Maynard 3, H. Rumens 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, A. J. N. Boyack (cond.) 7, F. W. Sykes 8, T. Hawkings 9, M. Hayes 10. For Evensong.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Cook 1, Miss C. Cutts 2, C. Aston 3, W. Green 4, B. Heppenstall (cond.) 5, T. Cutts 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to T. Cutts. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the Barnsley and District Society of Change Ringers.

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Former tower captains of Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, in the past year (Mr. F. A. Munday and Mr. T. M. White) will have noted with satisfaction the progress of two of their pupils. June E. Cleeve scored her first peal and David J. Tubbs his first on eight bells. The Master of the Guild, who participated, expressed his pleasure at their performance.

Aldershot bells are to be rehung.

The ringers at Farnham Church, Surrey, hope to have their bells back from Loughborough by St. Andrew's Day.

The peal at Great Addington, Northants, on July 4th, was rung in honour of the birth of a son, Jonathan Robert ('Little Bob') to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Austin, of Kettering.

Mr. Donald G. Clift informs us that seven peals have been rung at Llangatock-juxta-Crickhowell, Brecon, and not two as was erroneously stated on page 518. The first was in 1901.

From Holme Pierrepont, Notts, our correspondent there writes that the last quarter peal rung on these bells was submitted as July 31st but should read July 24th. It was rung for the treble ringer's 14th birthday.

The excellent ringing of the tenor ringer (Mr. Antony Jackson) in the peal at Warbleton on August 29th is favourably commented upon by the conductor. His previous effort in the peal line was covering in a peal of Triples.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. J. Bennett's operation was successful. Mr. Charles J. Sedgley, who visited him, found that he was making a good recovery, sitting up and cheerful. He expects to be in the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, about three weeks.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Drighlington was intended to be rung by old age pensioners, but Mr. G. Steel could not take part owing to Mrs. Steel's illness. Thanks are due to Mr. J. Pearson for taking part at the last moment. The average age of the seven O.A.P.s was 70 years 2 months. Is this a record?

A raincoat with a black beret in the pocket was left in the belfry at Abergavenny by an outing party, and so far has not been claimed. The owner can have the same by contacting Mr. G. Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny, Mon, and defraying the postage.

Sunday morning ringing at All Saints', Leamington, is now at 10 a.m.

We are asked to state that the Rev. C. I. Pettit was, until recently, Vicar of St. John-the-Baptist's, Newcastle upon Tyne. (See peal, page 516.)

If 'I know' would forward his name and address the Editor might consider his contribution. We must impress upon all correspondents to send their name and address with contributions for publication. This also applies to peals and quarter peals.

Mr. Frederick Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, whose 80th birthday fell on September 3rd, is the longest serving member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, having joined in 1892. He is still hale and hearty, turning up with unfailing regularity for practice and Sunday ringing. He was present in the belfry before the peal in celebration started at Chester-le-Street, and he stayed to listen to it all. He gave up peal ringing a few years ago. Chester-le-Street bells have celebrated his 70th, 75th and 80th birthdays with peals, and his fellow ringers hope that they will be able to do the same for the 85th!

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STORIES OF OLD LONDON RINGERS

BY MR. E. BARNETT

MR. SYMONDS' reminiscences have revived for me happy memories of my ringing life, which, like Mr. Symonds', also began in 1895. Most, if not all, of those he mentioned I knew and have rung with them at various times. Some of these old ringers were aptly described by Mr. A. A. Hughes as 'odd, colourful characters' to a special correspondent of 'The Times' in an article on 'Bellingring as a Popular Art,' published on August 22nd.

Harold N. Davis and his cousin, Jim, came from Camberwell. Harold was in business as a pewterer and beer-engine maker and has been dead many years. Jim (James E.) was a man with a sense of humour and a first-class ringer and conductor. For many years he was steeplekeeper at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. John's, Waterloo Road. Later he was in charge of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Everybody loved him and he died suddenly about 10 years ago. Jim rang over 1,000 peals.

William Barron was a Cumberland Youth and, as Mr. Symonds said, a prolific conductor of Holt's Original. It was he who called what might have been the first peal on the bells of the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, in the early 1890's.

NEVER RANG ON SUNDAYS

William Weatherstone was a staunch Non-conformist, who never rang on Sundays or worked on Mondays. He always wore a frock coat, no collar or tie, but a small black and white check scarf instead. He was a furniture maker by trade and a safe ringer in plain methods on eight and ten bells. I first met him at Woolwich in 1897 when he took me to see the ornate tombstone in the churchyard to a noted prizelighter.

Harry Barton was one of the band who rang Holt's Original, non-conducted, with Mr. Symonds at Waterloo at the turn of the century. He left London about this time for East Kent and did good work in raising the standard in the Canterbury District. Afterwards Barton lived at Southwold, Suffolk, and at the time of his death, some 15 years ago, was town clerk of Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

LIT CANDLES AND CONTINUED THE PEAL

About 1907 Barton was calling a short-course peal of Henry Johnson's at Quex Park and omitted to light the candles before starting. Darkness came quicker than expected, so the tenor man set his bell, lit the candles, returned to his bell and finished the peal. To avoid criticism in 'The Bell News' Harry, when sending the peal, enclosed half-a-crown and asked Harry Reeves, the editor, to do his best for him. In his leading article, Reeves stated: 'We ourselves have been placed in a similar position,' and referred to the printers' peal he called at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, some years before, when the tenor man left off to light the gas.

It would be impertinent of me to add to any of the many tributes paid to Mr. Cockerill at the College Youths' tercentenary. He was a schoolmaster. Mr. Pettitt, the conductor at St. Paul's I knew only by sight. A gentlemanly man, he was a silk hat maker.

Frederick G. Newman came from Mere-worth, Kent, and at one time was very well off. He had inherited a fruit farm, a traction engine and a threshing machine from his father. A first-class ringer and conductor of Stedman on all numbers, he called Tebbs' peal of Triples several times (600 calls) and Thurstans' and Lates' one-parts were common to him. He was most uncouth and a heavy drinker. A few years before I began ringing he 'bottled' up what would then have been

the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in the homing course. He applied on one occasion for the vacant post of public executioner.

'A MAN OF MANY PARTS'

Francis E. Dawe was a man of many parts. Besides being a rent collector for some luxury flats in Victoria, he held a high position in the London Fire Brigade and also owned a wine and spirit business at Woking. He was also a photographer of no mean ability. Frank Dawe was a very generous man although much of his generosity was to further his own ambition. He was the first man to call a peal of Stedman Cinques from the tenor (St. Bride's, Fleet Street, about 1890) and he almost succeeded in ringing a peal at every cathedral in England and Wales. He also conducted the first peal in Scotland. When John S. Goldsmith was founding this journal in 1911, Dawe suggested to him the title of 'The Ringing World.'

Fred Perrin was a good ringer in plain methods on eight and ten bells and I rang a number of peals with him. He was a carpenter and at the time I rang my first peal with him at Eynsford, Kent, in 1905, he was unemployed and walked all the way there from Walworth—about 15 miles.

A PRAYER AFTER A PEAL

The last ringer Mr. Symonds describes briefly is Challis Winney. It can truthfully be said of him that no single person in the history of ringing ever commanded more respect. As a conductor of Stedman on all numbers, whether on tower bells or 'in hand,' he had no peers. He was a good-living man and it is said of him that after the 21,000 of Stedman Caters at Appleton, when one of the band was hurrying out of the tower at the end of the peal, Mr. Winney called him back and said, 'Just a minute, young man, before we go let us have a prayer and thank God for giving us strength to ring this peal.' What a pattern for imitation!

Of those not mentioned by Mr. Symonds whom he must have known were J. W. Rowbottham, William E. Garrard, Isaac Shade, Ben Foskett, Harry Flanders, Harry Springhall and Walter Prime.

J. W. Rowbottham originated from Sheffield and was connected with an old family of cutlers, whose name is often seen on table cutlery to this day. Mr. Garrard came from Suffolk. He was another excellent ringer and conductor and was in charge of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington.

OVER 1,400 PEALS

Isaac Shade was a Greenwich man to whom ringing was his life. He rang over 1,400 peals, many of which he conducted. He once rang four Surprise peals in a day—Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative—in four different counties, with the late W. Pye. He also took part in the 15,072 of Double Norwich at Erith in 1899 and the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909. A gas fitter with the South Metropolitan Gas Company, he met a tragic end, being knocked down by a car almost on his doorstep after returning from a practice at Bishopsgate.

A highly-respected member of the Cumberlands was Mr. Foskett and, like Mr. Winney, was another good-living man. He was a fruiterer at Cricklewood and I rang several peals with him at Shoreditch. I don't think I have ever heard anyone strike a little bell in 12 with such accuracy as he did. In 1894, at Romford, he rang the treble to 13,440 of Double Norwich, the first time in the method that the extent with the tenors together had been rung.

(To be continued.)

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY ON TOUR

After Cornwall last year, members of the U.B.S.C.R. decided they would like somewhere flat. After all, a cycling tour is cycling and not half walking. Accordingly the suggestion of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight met with approval, and the party met at Winchester on August 2nd. This year the six had been augmented to ten, with one exception all members of the U.B.S.C.R. The party included Pauline, Michael and Noel Sprackling, Brenda Riches, Alan Smith, Mike Rothwell, Pat Bird, Jane Cook, Roy Blackler and Bob Sillin.

Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral and Crawley (5) visited for evening service. The tour really started on Monday. Before lunch, Tichborne and Old and New Alresford were visited. The tower that had the party worried was Bishop's Sutton, where the frame is held aloft on mediæval beams at the west end of the church. The bells were found fit to be rung after a highly dangerous inspection by means of a ladder propped between the organ and the wall. Here was rung the shortest complete touch so far—six changes of Original Doubles!

Towers in the Southampton area were visited on Tuesday. Memories of the day included a welcome cup of tea made by the Rector of Shedfield after his delightful eight had been sampled, and the eight at Curdridge (26 cwt.) proving a little too much because of the state of fatigue.

Wednesday was 'embarkation' day, and the ringing programme included Carisbrooke and Newport, where the party was in a better state to enjoy heavier bells. Thursday was a day of sixes and a five at Niton, with the six at Godshill being the best encountered. The long ride to Freshwater was worth while on Friday. There was time, however, for a last swim and lunch on the beach before embarking on the ferry. Milford-on-Sea and Lymington were both fine eight, and in the evening at Hordle (6) the tour's 50th new method was scored with a course of Tewkesbury.

Lyndhurst (8) on Saturday was the last tower of the tour. Thanks are due to Michael for his wonderful organisation, and to incumbents and local ringers. Next year we hope to do it all again elsewhere, writes P. J. B., who thoroughly recommends the tour to any other U.B.S. member or friend who wants a holiday in the style of the old days at Bristol.

NEWS FROM DURBAN

Mr. Cyril Chambers, of Durban, S.A., writes: Mr. R. H. Stickley and Mr. J. Riley, two ringers from Woodstock, were in Durban from August 25th to 27th. Special practices were arranged at St. Mary's and St. Paul's while they were there, and the first touches of Grandsire Triples for 20 years were rung in Durban.

An attempt for a quarter peal came to grief after about 500 changes, but as three of the band had never before been out of the plain course it was satisfying that the ringing went on so long before the breakdown came.

Mr. Stickley sailed on the 'Pretoria Castle,' which arrived at Southampton on September 17th.

SOUTH WALES NOMADS

The first practice meeting of the South Wales Nomads was held on August 29th, the ringing being at Marshfield in the afternoon and Caerleon in the evening. Sixteen ringers were present and several succeeded in reaching a new objective.

At the business meeting it was stressed that the object of future meetings would be to help beginners and to ring in churches where normally bells are seldom heard. A report on the Somerset tour was read. The date of the next meeting was suggested as October 24th.

BLACK COUNTRY RINGING FESTIVAL

Bicentenary Celebrations At Stourbridge

ST. THOMAS' Church was built between the years 1728-1736 by the townspeople of Stourbridge, a small industrial town, noted for its glass and woollen trades. At that time there was no church in the town, and worshippers had to walk the mile or so to the Parish Church of St. Mary at Oldswinford, which was not large enough, in any case, to hold all the inhabitants of the parish.

In 1759 the tower was completed and the ring of bells, cast by Lester and Pack, was installed. The weight of the tenor was 19 cwt. in the key of E flat, and the bells bore the following inscriptions:—

All.—LESTER AND PACK OF LONDON FECIT. 1759.

6th.—TO HONOUR BOTH OF GOD AND KING OUR VOICES SHALL IN CONSORT RING.

7th.—'YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

BE SOBER, MERRY, WISE AND YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS.'

Tenor.—'IN WEDLOCK BANDS, ALL YE WHO JOIN WITH HANDS, YOUR HEARTS UNITE SO SHALL OUR TUNEFULL TONGUES COMBINE TO LAUD THE NUPTIAL RITE.'

THE REVD. CHAS HARRIS RECTOR
IOS^a. HEMUS CH. WARDEN. 1759.

The first peal on the bells was rung in October, 1771. 'Berrow's Worcester Journal' reports: 'On Thursday last were rung at the New Chapel, Stourbridge, a true and compleat Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 26 minutes, being the only true peal ever rung in that Steeple.'

'A COMPLEATE QUARTER PEAL'

An old peal board in the belfry records: 'On Monday, November the 8th, 1773, was rung in this Tower a Compleate Quarter Peal of Bob Majors, containing 10,080 changes in 6 houres and 20 minuets'!—spelling which conjures up some rather fanciful ideas as to what went on during the ringing of that peal. Again, 'Berrow's Worcester Journal,' of November 25th, 1773: 'On Monday the 8th inst. was rung at Stourbridge in this County in 6 hours and 20 minutes a compleat quarter peal of Bob Majors being 10,080 changes, by eight young men of that Town, upon eight of the most musical and best hung bells within a hundred mile of the place; and being by some thousands, more than ever were rung within the same distance. So great was the Pleasure and Astonishment, that many were induced to express their approbation, who before had a Dislike to Musick of that Kind.'

The church was finally consecrated in 1866, after over a century of bickering. Four of the bells were recast and the whole ring retuned and rehung in 1935 by John Taylor, of Loughborough.

At the annual meeting of St. Thomas' band in September, 1958, it was decided to celebrate the bicentenary of the bells by holding a ringing festival. Supported and encouraged by the Vicar (Rev. R. Guy Pusey), the band was divided into sub-committees to make the necessary arrangements—ringing, publicity and printing, catering, festival service. Local incumbents and

tower secretaries were contacted and offers of support were received from all sides. The plan was to have the bells of eight local towers available for ringing during the day and to follow with a tea and festival service. The festival was first announced at the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association on Easter Monday. An article in the parish magazine was copied in the local weekly 'County Express' and in a Birmingham newspaper, and an advance notice was published in 'The Ringing World.' An attractive programme was printed and its distribution begun. The belfry ringing chamber was redecorated and cleaned by members of the band, the order of service was decided and catering arrangements set in motion.

At last the festival week arrived, on Saturday, July 4th, the hottest day of the year; and to the accompaniment of loudspeaker noises from a Scouts' garden party, a peal of Bob Major was rung by members of the local band.

It had been decided to open the belfry to members of the public on the following practice night, but publicity for this and articles for the local press were silenced by the printing strike, and only a small number of people visited the tower.

CROWDED RINGING CHAMBER

After a week of fine, hot weather, the festival day started rainy and dull. However, a goodly company met at Stourbridge, and with the tower leader (Mr. F. V. Nicholls) in charge, St. Thomas' bells were ringing merrily before 11 a.m. The Press having been dealt with, a party was despatched to Cradley and Halesowen, and these towers were soon crowded with visitors. After a hasty lunch, a phone call to Dudley elicited the information that the ten bells there had been going well since 1 p.m. In the afternoon it was the turn of Lye, Brierley Hill and Wollaston. Oldswinford tower was unfortunately not available, but visitors certainly made the most of the other towers, and crowded ringing chambers were the order of the day. At 4 p.m., with Stourbridge bells ringing again—half-an-hour before schedule—there must have been well over a hundred visitors in these four towers.

At 4.30 p.m. all ringing ceased, except at St. Thomas', and visitors adjourned to the Church Hall for tea. Here the catering committee worked like slaves, and in an hour-and-a-half provided a buffet tea for over a hundred visitors and guests.

Then at 6 p.m. the festival service. Conducted by the Vicar and led by a most enthusiastic choir and organist, the theme of the service was praise and thanksgiving; the psalm, No. 19. 'The heavens declare the glory of God': the hymns—'All people that on Earth do dwell,' 'Angel voices ever singing,' 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,' and 'Now thank we all our God.'

The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Keith Murray, Vicar of Dudley. He contrasted the call of the Muezzin to the worship of a cynical Allah and the beating of gongs to the worship of a smiling Buddha with the loving work of the ringers calling the people to the worship of an all-loving God.

The service closed with the stirring notes of Purcell's 'Trumpet Tune and Air,' and there was a general drift back to the belfry for more ringing until 9 p.m.

D. H. W.

TWO DAYS OUT IN CHESHIRE

A day out ringing in Cheshire was arranged for August 1st. Our very appropriate meeting point was Belle Vue Zoo, Manchester, and our transport was bicycles. The first tower was the 22½ cwt. six at Rostherne, where Alan Ward was elected as Ringing Master for the day. On then down the Cheshire country lanes to Knutsford, where we rang on the anti-clockwise six. The next tower was Mobberley, and as we had received no reply from the Vicar, and on arriving at the Vicarage could not find him, we decided to have dinner and then make a detour to Nether Alderley, which was not on the programme. The Vicar was soon found and he had no objection to us ringing. After our slight detour we rang on the little six at Chelford, and then past Jodrell Bank to Goostrey. After Goostrey we went via Holmes Chapel to Brereton, where we rang on the anti-clockwise five. These bells were cast at the one-time local foundry in Congleton by Paul Hutton.

After tea we made our way to ring at the last two towers of the day, which were both eights. The first was Gawsworth in very picturesque surroundings, and then the old church of Prestbury. Our last call was for a course of fish and chip supper outside Norbury Church, Hazel Grove, where we exchanged views on the striking. The day had been a great success, but it was decided that 75 miles by push-bike and eight towers with only eight ringers was a bit too much for one day; but on the strength of it all it was decided to hold another day out with less mileage and more ringers on August 29th.

On this occasion, 11 cycles were placed in the guard's van on the 7.17 a.m. train from Manchester to Northwich. The first tower was Witton, followed by the sixes at Weaverham, Hartford and Davenham. At Hartford, the Ringing Master was about to say 'Go' when the tenor rope broke. Davenham bells produced some of the best ringing of the day. The next tower was Church Minshall, our only five. First we had dinner, and rang afterwards. The Vicar invited us to have a glass of squash on the Vicarage lawn before we left. Before we parted company, the Vicar and his aunt played for us Handel's overture, the Entrance of the Queen of Sheebah, on two grand pianos. After this delightful entertainment, we went to sample what must be, for its weight, the finest eight in Cheshire—St. Chad's, Over. On then to ring on the eight at Middlewich and the six at Holmes Chapel. The last tower on the programme was Lower Peover, opposite the famous pub, The Bells of Peover. As we had made an early finish to our programme, and we could not ring at Mobberley on the last outing, it was decided to have another try, which was successful, in obtaining permission.

Methods rung.—Doubles: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman; Minor: Plain and Little Bob, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise; Triples: Grandsire and Stedman; Major: Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Double Norwich Court Bob.

Thanks are accorded to the vicars and Ringing Masters for the use of the bells, and to John Remington and Derek Yates for arranging these outings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL BOOKING FEES

Dear Sir.—The arguments presented by Mr. A. V. Davis in favour of the peal booking fee charged by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild are, to say the least, not impressive; but then we must sympathise with him in his unenviable task of trying to justify the imposition of this dishonest levy.

There is only one justifiable excuse for the imposition of a peal booking fee by any Association, and that is to pay for, or to assist in paying for, the recording of the Association's peals in some permanent form. Ideally, the peals should be properly written up in a volume reserved for that purpose, and I understand that the Winchester Guild peal recorder favours this idea in that, each Friday, he extracts from his extra copy of 'The Ringing World' the reports of any peals which have been rung for the Guild and pastes them into a book. This practice is to be commended for its favourable effect on the sales of 'The Ringing World,' but I doubt if, even in these hard times, the cost of the paste necessitates the imposition of extra taxes.

The accepted fact is, of course, that the purpose of the fee in question is to assist in financing the publication of the Guild's triennial report, which will appear for the first time in 1960, and in which all peals rung for the Guild in the past three years will be reported in full. This report will contain many other items of interest to all resident members of the Guild, the vast majority of whom are not regular peal ringers.

To all resident members of the Guild the cost of this report will be precisely nothing; non-resident members must, however, pay for their copy if they want one. The annual subscription payable by each resident member is 3s. and has stood at this figure for many years, despite the efforts of some members to have it increased to a more realistic amount.

So there is the crux of the matter: the resident members of the Guild are not prepared to meet the cost of producing their own report by voting for an increase in their extremely low annual subscription; what they are prepared to do, however, is to try to force non-resident members to subsidise the free presentation of the report to resident members only.

This state of affairs strikes me as being nothing less than shocking. I may not exactly qualify as a philanthropist, but I don't think anyone can accuse me of being miserly; I would, for example, enthusiastically support the payment of peal publication fees to 'The Ringing World,' and am always keen to contribute towards the rope fund after a peal; my readiness to purchase flagons of ale for people who arrange peals of Spliced Surprise is almost a byword, but I most emphatically decline to finance the charitable distribution of ringing literature to the penurious residents of Hampshire.

I would suggest, as a solution, that the Winchester Guild rules be amended to as to make the peal booking fee payable by resident members only.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

RINGERS AND CHURCHGOING

Dear Sir.—Mr. M. Hatchett's thoughts in print (August 28th, 1959) about the recent Central Council Survey of Sunday Ringing do indeed go to the roots of the matter.

Unfortunately it looks as if in my summary of the enormous number of returns we had I have not expressed it clearly enough that overwhelmingly the point made most often by tower captains was just the point made by Mr. Hatchett. No other point, suggestion, complaint, carp or grumble was mentioned anywhere near as often as 'Unless a band of ringers is part of the family and communion of its church, the chance of success is very slender indeed.' Naturally this was expressed in a very great variety of ways, but I think I am being fair in saying that this is what it always amounted to. A cynic might say 'They only said what they were expected to say.' I do not think this was so, nor I think would anyone else who read through well over a thousand returns with me. Reading these forms made me realise that there is a very great deal of fine material in our Exercise.

We did not ask any specific questions about the churchgoing habits of ringers but we did receive quite a deal of free and gratis information on this subject. My own impression from these returns is that Mr. Hatchett is taking a very pessimistic view indeed in his intimations about service attendance. The old fable that ringers always leave the church after ringing is just not true today. That many ringers ring for two services on Sunday and attend one probably is true, but this is a very different thing.

There are certainly nowhere nearly enough ringers in the country, and we have nothing whatever to be complacent about. But please to let us thank God for what we have got and work to find the way to build on it.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Bristol.

PEAL AT MARDEN, KENT

Dear Sir.—With reference to the method rung at Marden on August 22nd, assuming that the figures given in 'The Ringing World' are correct, it will be observed that the path of the treble is dodging in 1-2 and 3-4, and plain hunting in 5-6. This combination of dodging and hunting means that the method is an Alliance type and should be classified as 'Little Alliance,' not 'Little Surprise.'

However, I should like to point out that a peal of 5,060 changes in this method was rung at Marsham on March 11th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Association, under the title 'Northrepps Major.' I have included it in the list of First Peal Performances as Northrepps Little Alliance Major (page 67).

A formal statement from the Methods Committee as to the correct classification of this method would be appreciated.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH GRIFFIN

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that the Biography Committee has no knowledge of J. Griffin, who was a member of the 1891 Council, beyond the fact that he is no longer alive.

Far from being an obscure ringer, Joseph Griffin was a prominent member of what was acknowledged to be the foremost band in the country in the 'eighties—St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent—a band whose many noteworthy performances included the first peal of London to be rung in London.

J. G. was the last of the original Burton band still ringing when I learned to ring at St. Paul's in 1925—the only other survivor, E. I. Stone, had retired about two years earlier as he could not manage the 90-odd steps to the ringing room, and I believe Mr. Griffin followed his former captain into retirement about 1927.

Cast while the bad influence of Lord Grimthorpe still prevailed, the old eight bells at Burton (tenor 26 cwt. in F) must have sounded rather horrible—indeed, when recasting was proposed in 1912, the local paper gave the reason as their 'harsh and unwelcome sound.' Ringing conditions were even worse: Sir Arthur Heywood considered them to be the worst he had encountered.

Despite the conditions, the Burton men rang a prolific number of peals on the old bells, as the boards in the belfry testify. In their early days they made 13 attempts on consecutive Saturdays before securing their first of Stedman, and their first peal of London in their own tower was the first in the method by the entire band and, incidentally, only the fourth ever rung. St. Paul's was not then, as now, in a built-up area, and when built in 1874 was surrounded by green fields.

A founder member of the Midland Counties Association in 1882, Joe Griffin had rung 276 peals for this Association, no small achievement in those days. His name appears on most of the numerous peal boards in St. Paul's belfry.

More details of the exploits of this famous band are described in Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' which also contains a photograph of the 1925 Central Council at Chester. In this group, J. Griffin is prominently seated next to Mr. Alex Young and immediately behind the Rev. A. T. Beeston. Possibly this may have been his last attendance.

By trade I understood him to have been a railway signalman, somewhat of a misplaced occupation, for even in his declining years he possessed—and sometimes used—a bark which would do credit to a regimental sergeant major. What he was like in his prime I could only imagine from reports of older ringers and feel thankful I never encountered him in his heyday.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Green (first on eight) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, R. K. Stretton 3, E. J. Jelley 4, R. Jelley 5, J. M. Jelley 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, P. Norman 8. For Evensong. Also on Ad. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Green 1, G. Dinsdale (first 'inside') 2, R. K. Stretton 3, E. Morris 4, A. J. Poyner 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8. Rung half-muffled prior to funeral service of Mrs. Kibble, a devoted church worker.

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SOUTHERN IRELAND PEAL TOUR

A Grand Week Amongst Splendid Bells

FOLLOWING the very successful tour of Northern Ireland at Whitson, 1958, the writer immediately asked Mr. Fred Dukes if he would arrange a tour in Southern Ireland for August, 1959. Fred gladly agreed; so accordingly a good band of ten was got together, and left Euston at 11.25 p.m. on Friday, August 14th, picking up Ralph Edwards and Bill Deason at Crewe. After a fairly mild crossing we reached Dublin at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday. Hector Bennett met us at Westland Row Station, and we booked in at the Grosvenor Hotel just outside. We all had a splendid lunch at the Gresham, O'Connell Street—Dublin's leading hotel—and arrived at St. Patrick's, Dublin (12, 45 cwt.), for the big job of the week—Cambridge Royal. Mr. R. Tait was waiting to welcome us, and with Ralph on the tenor we started at 2.45 p.m. Unfortunately the treble rope broke after seven courses had been rung in 1 hour and 50 minutes, and we were all very disappointed at this unlucky beginning. Mr. R. Tait and Mr. T. McMorran commiserated with us, and we returned for dinner at the Grosvenor.

Here we were joined by Fred Dukes, who lent us two ropes in case of need, and gave us the good news that he had heard that a peal might be possible at Wexford.

SUNDAY IN DUBLIN AND BRAY

After a night's refreshing sleep, we reported at Christ Church, Dublin (10, 39 cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. W. E. Lynch. This is one of the oldest cathedrals in Ireland. The bells are not the easiest to strike; we rang Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Major. Afterwards Mr. Lynch conducted us to the Augustinian R.C. Church of St. John (10, 25 cwt.). The ringing room is rectangular in shape, and the access is by a narrow iron staircase fully exposed to the church! We were welcomed by the local company, and rang Stedman Triples and rounds on the ten.

We travelled out to Bray (8, 28 cwt.) in two Hillman Minxes, and after a good lunch at the Royal went up to the church to be welcomed by Mr. T. Mason. There was no difficulty in deciding which two would stand out here, as both Ralph and the writer had rung the tenor to peals here before. A very good peal of New Cambridge was scored in 3 hours 31 minutes; the bells are amongst the finest in the British Isles. The night was spent at Arklow.

ARKLOW AND WEXFORD

Arklow bells (8, 22½ cwt.) were cast by Taylor's in 1899, and the first peal on them, Double Norwich, was scored in August, 1899, by a band from Loughborough and Leicester. Soon after this, the famous James W. Washbrook came to live here, and became the first person to ring two bells to a peal. This he did to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. The bells are a fine ring, better outside than inside, and are hung on plain bearings. Unfortunately a peal rung by a rival touring party a fortnight before had used up all the grease, with the result that the seventh ran dry and became impossible to manage. This was our last disappointment of the week, but the Vicar (Rev. J. Poyntz) kindly gave permission for us to make another attempt on Saturday, if time allowed.

After lunch we drove to Wexford and booked in at the County Hotel. First call was on Mr. Leo Willis, captain of the tower of the Immaculate Conception (10, 31 cwt.). However, he had gone to Cork on business, so the writer and Ralph Edwards went to see the Administrator (Rev. M. O'Neill), who kindly gave permission for an attempt to be made on Thursday. The bells, a fine job by Gillett and Johnston (1930), are very noisy outside the tower.

On entering the ringing room it was found that much work on the ropes would be neces-

sary before a peal could be attempted, and the sixth stay was broken. It was here that Fred Dukes' ropes were used, but they were found to be very springy! However, they were tied tightly to the chiming apparatus in the hope that they would be ready by Thursday. A note was left with Mr. Willis, asking him to mend the stay if possible, and we retired to bed with high hopes of a peal on Thursday.

KILKENNY AND WATERFORD

Tuesday, August 17th, saw us travelling through New Ross and Thomastown to Kilkenny (8, 22 cwt.). The Cathedral of St. Canice is a very fine 13th century building with a low central tower. Originally there were six bells here by Perdue and Covey. Two others were added by Murphy, of Dublin, and they were rehung in ball-bearings by Mears in 1925. Two young ringers, Messrs. J. Heaslip and S. Strong, were in the ringing room to welcome us, and we were impressed by the very large and well-lighted room. The bells are housed on top of the tower, enclosed by a wooden cage.

As we had only scored one out of three attempts, the writer decided it was time for a Cannon 'cert,' so a well-struck peal of Double Norwich was duly scored in 3 hours 8 minutes.

Following lunch, a run of 30 miles brought us to Waterford (8, 20 cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. R. J. Baldwin. The tower of the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity, built in the English Classic style of the 18th century, contains a ring of eight, cast by Mears in 1872 and rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1939. The ringing room has a balcony fairly high above, and it was during the ringing of our peal of Yorkshire that an amusing (though dangerous) incident occurred! Access to this balcony can be gained from the street without entering the ringing room. After about two hours the writer suddenly felt what he thought was a slip-wheel. The same thing happened again twice within 20 minutes! A face could be seen peering over the balcony, and immediately the writer suspected someone was holding on to his rope! After the peal had finished, Mr. Baldwin hurried up to apologise for the intruder, as it turned out to be someone the worse for drink! He had told Mr. Baldwin that he would love to help the slim man on the tenor, but he had pulled the wrong rope!

After a nice dinner, and a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baldwin at the Adelphi Hotel, we retired to bed.

ST. FINBARRE'S, CORK

We left Waterford at 10 a.m. to cover the 79 miles to Cork. At Dungarven it was market day, and we ran into a real bit of Old Ireland. The cattle are not penned in, as is usual here, but just stand in bunches on the road or footpath in front of the shops. It is amazing how they eventually get sorted out! We arrived in Cork at 12 noon, and after lunch at our hotel. Corrigan, we made our way to the very fine triple-spined Cathedral of St. Finbarre (8, 27 cwt.). Mr. Fred Bogan gave us a very friendly welcome. The original bells, cast by Abraham Rudhall, hung in the earlier church, built in 1735. The treble, second and third were recast in 1903 by Taylors, and the bells were rehung by the same firm in 1957. The whole ring is magnificent, and the tenor is an unrecast masterpiece by Rudhall. If these bells were in England they would be the venue of every touring party! On such a fine ring of bells it was decided to make the method worthy of the bells, so a really superlative peal of Superlative was majestically performed.

The seventh had a habit of slipping-wheel, so Ralph took extra care to control it by sliding the rope through his hand! Regrettably we had to say goodbye to Fred Bogan, as we had a date at Bandon (6, 14 cwt.) for which we were already late. A local ringer met us (we had,

our only rain here), and we enjoyed touches on a pleasant though noisy ring. The entrance to the ringing chamber is probably unique, as after ascending a spiral staircase one climbs up two nearly vertical ladders, still within the spiral staircase! We arrived back in Cork at 10 p.m., and after another meal went to bed, feeling thoroughly pleased with ourselves!

WEXFORD—235 MILES FOR A PEAL

On Thursday we had to do some long journeys. Cork to Wexford is 120 miles, and retracing our steps to Waterford and New Ross we did the journey in exactly three hours, without seeming to be hurrying.

After a good lunch at the Talbot Hotel, we met Mr. Willis, who had very kindly mended the broken stay. We were also pleased to find that the stretch had been taken out of Fred Dukes' rope, so everything was set for a good peal. At 3.50 p.m. we went into changes, and with Ralph setting a good beat on the tenor a very good peal was completed in 3 hours 24 minutes. Plenty of perspiration was evident because there are no windows which will open, and the sun was streaming right into the ringing room.

We left Wexford at 7.50 p.m., stopping for a drink at New Ross, and duly arrived at the National Hotel, Limerick (115 miles), at 11.10 p.m., having completed 235 miles that day, nearly a record for one peal but well worth every mile.

Mr. George Bingham, secretary of the Western Branch, was waiting to greet us in the hotel lounge, and we enjoyed a drink and a chat until 12.30 a.m.

THE TWO TOWERS OF LIMERICK

Limerick is Ireland's oldest city, and the two fine rings of bells are the most westerly peals in the British Isles. Unfortunately, Barrie Hendry had a touch of gastric trouble and had to spend the day and night in St. John's, Hospital, so we were only able to ring the back eight at the Redemptorist Church of Mount St. Alphonsus (10, 21 cwt.). Mr. Dave Benson (president of the Mount St. Alphonsus ringers) was waiting to greet us in the ringing chamber, which is reached after a steep climb up two staircases, rather similar to the approach at Andover, Hants. Originally there was a ring of eight here, with the ropes hanging four on each side. They were all recast, and two trebles added in 1947 by Taylor's, and are now a magnificent ring. The peal of Lincolnshire that we rang, the first in Ireland, was nearly perfect, and Ralph found the tenor as easy to ring as at Solihull, Birmingham!

After lunch Ralph said farewell, and the remaining eight of us went over to St. Mary's Cathedral (8, 24 cwt.) to score a good peal of Cambridge. The original six bells were cast in 1670 by William and Roger Perdue, of Salisbury, and one of the brothers is buried in the Cathedral. Two trebles were added in 1703, the tenor was recast by Taylor's in 1930, and three more bells were recast by the same firm in 1938, when a new frame and ball-bearings were added. They are hung anti-clockwise, the ringing room is well cared for, and the bells go like tops.

The Dean of Limerick (Very Rev. M. J. Talbot) was waiting in the Cathedral to welcome and congratulate us, and Mr. George Bingham conducted us to the sports club room, where we were entertained to a wonderful tea, presided over by the Dean and supported by Messrs. G. Bingham, C. W. Galbraith, G. H. Ellis, T. Marsden and Dave Benson, of Mount St. Alphonsus, and other Limerick ringers. A most enjoyable time was spent and was followed by a social evening with the above-mentioned ringers until 12.30 a.m., a fitting finish to a grand week. Incidentally, this is the first time that peals have been rung in both the Limerick towers on the same day.

Thank you, Fred Dukes and Southern Ireland, for another wonderful week and a fine welcome.

P. A. C.

CLERICAL PEAL

There have now been nine clerical peals since the formation of the Guild of Clerical Ringers in 1938 (and 11 by clergy before that date). This does not sound an impressive total, but obviously there is considerable difficulty in bringing peal-ringing clergy together, and there are but few who have the opportunity of becoming experienced conductors. The Guild's annual 'week' after Easter includes a peal attempt, but peal ringing is not the 'week's' primary purpose.

Last year, by the enterprise of the Rev. A. Webb, a peal was rung for the first time outside the 'week', and it occurred to the secretary that there might be enough members on holiday in Devonshire this year to make up a peal band in his own tower. Unhappily, Mr. Webb could not rearrange his holiday to include September 7th, the only day which seemed possible for all the rest, and in the event Mr. Homfray was the only one on holiday at the time.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Marshall took a long day off from Leatherhead, Mr. Richards started at 7.30 a.m. from his parish in Monmouthshire. Mr. Roberts drove 120 miles from the far west of Cornwall, bringing Mr. Vincent with him, and Mr. Scott's shorter journey of 25 miles included the most bone-shaking road in Devon.

The peal, timed for 3 o'clock, started at 3.10. Having come so far, the band needed to feel as certain as could be that the attempt would succeed, and there was never any doubt of the Grandsire Triples under Mr. Roberts' guidance. It was the first of Triples for the Guild.

In the evening the local call-change ringers met in honour of the visitors, ringing an excellently-struck peal of call-changes, and after supper the peal band joined them. It was a happy ending to a long day, and much enjoyed by both parties. It says much for the early-rising habits of the clergy that the following morning all the five who stayed the night were in church at 7.30.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Andover and Basingstoke Districts

A most enjoyable meeting for members of the Andover and Basingstoke Districts, as well as many visitors, was held on September 12th. Proceedings started on the heavy six at Kingsclere at 2 p.m., when plenty of muscle work was needed to ring the bells, the tenor here being a speciality. Sydmonton bells were to have been next on the programme, but owing to a children's gymkhana, ringing here had to be postponed until 8 p.m., and a move was made to Burghclere, where ringing continued from 3.30 until service time. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. P. Ince), during which an anthem was sung by four Andover ringers, led by Mr. B. Granger. Tea in the Parish Room was served by ringers' wives and their helpers, and over 50 sat down.

Mr. G. Dodd (secretary of the Andover District) welcomed the Basingstoke District, and hoped that this combined meeting would be the start of many more of its kind. Mr. J. Chesterman suitably replied, endorsing this hope.

An invitation had been extended from the Woolton Hill ringers to join them in ringing after a choral service, and many members took advantage of this invitation. Favourable reports were received of help given to the local band by the less keen tower-grabbers. Some, after a hurried ring at Woolton Hill, were also able to grab East Woodhay, whilst the majority of the ringers enjoyed an hour's ringing on the eight at Highclere.

All joined once again for the highlight of the day, the previous unringable six at Sydmonton; and it was a continuous flow of ringers in and out of the church that kept the bells going until 9 o'clock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A new feature in the West Dorset Branch quarterly meeting, held at Powerstock on September 12th, was that of having a special method, and although the attendance wasn't so good as at some meetings, a band was available for Carter's Doubles.

A touch of Stedman Doubles preceded the Guild Office, which was conducted by the Rev. G. Hooper (Vicar), the lesson being read by Canon Cox. An interesting address was given by the Vicar based upon a rhyme which was written on the wall of the belfry of the place where he lived as a boy. The collection amounted to 21s.

Tea was served at the Village Hall, 23 members partaking of a meal generously given by the Powerstock ringers and their wives and helpers. A collection was made to defray the hall hire expenses.

The annual meeting was fixed for Beaminster on November 28th. The Vicar of Powerstock (Rev. G. Hooper) was made an honorary member.

In concluding the meeting, Canon Cox thanked the Vicar for his service and for the use of the church and bells, his ringers and their wives for the ample tea, and Mr. Elsworth for playing the organ.

Members then returned to the tower to send the music of these fine five bells out over the dells and knolls of the beautiful Dorset countryside. E. G. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE BILLENNESS

Another old ringer has been 'called home' in the person of Mr. George Billenness, of Hawkhurst, Kent, at the age of 75. He migrated to Hawkhurst from Rye, Sussex, about 1913, and found a band that had just taken up change-ringing. Under his care this band made good progress, and in February, 1914, the first peal by a local band was rung under his conductorship. The writer believes he also conducted the first local peal at Rye. He was for several years secretary of the Hawkhurst and District Guild.

Owing to failing health he had to give up active ringing about four years ago, but he stood in for a short touch at the rededication of the parish church two years ago. He lays at rest within sight of the belfry window. May he rest in peace. A. H. K.

MR. HARRY BALDWIN

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Baldwin, who passed away at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, on September 6th, in his 85th year. For the past 40 years he had been a regular Sunday service ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

He was born at Bray where, as a boy, he sang in St. Michael's choir. At the age of 14 he learned to ring at Bray, where he rang for 30 years. On moving to Maidenhead he joined the Boyne Hill band, and there rang up to within four months of his death.

Known to one and all as Archie, he was a lovable old character and was greatly respected by all. He had a wonderful memory for dates and details of his early ringing experiences, and there was nothing he enjoyed more than to relate his stories to the younger members of the band. He was an excellent tenor man and rang the tenor behind to several peals.

Mr. Baldwin was one of the old school, and always attended Sunday service ringing and practices, punctually and regularly—a shining example to us all. He had been a loyal member of the Oxford Guild for almost 60 years.

The funeral took place at Maidenhead cemetery on September 9th. Ringers from his own tower were among the many mourners. In the evening the bells he rang for so many years were rung half-muffled to his memory. This lovable old gentleman will be greatly missed by his younger friends at All Saints', Boyne Hill. May he rest in peace. E. E. G.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABERGAVERN, MON.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: R. Horsington 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, G. Lewis 4, N. G. Ward 5, M. Roberts 6. A compliment to the Rev. C. Saralis, curate of St. Mary's, on the occasion of his wedding at Malvern on August 11th.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. E. Turner (first in method) 1, E. H. Langley 2, W. H. Poole 3, A. H. Reed (cond.) 4, R. Selway 5, W. G. Gigg 6, W. E. Turner 7, P. Tubbs 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. E. Wright (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester 2, L. Wright 3, P. R. J. Lester 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. For Evensong.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, C. J. Shepherd 2, Miss E. L. Badcock 3, J. Camp 4, P. W. Atkins (first quarter) 5, E. G. Swift (cond.) 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Wright (cond.) 1, R. H. Mills 2, D. P. Treble 3, P. J. Joyce (first of Bob Minor) 4, G. S. Joyce 5, J. C. Basher 6. First quarter of Minor called from the treble for the tower.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Meredith 1, B. Mills 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, Doreen Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and Doreen Armstrong. For evening service and in appreciation of Mr. Arthur Wakefield, organist at this church for 25 years. Also on Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Meredith 1, Doreen Armstrong (cond.) 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. Harrison 4, F. Bradley 5, J. Meredith 6. A compliment to Miss Isobel Anne Tinsley and the Rev. Sydney Thomas Lambert, married at this church this day.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. G. Smart 1, Angela Martin 2, Jill M. Lane (cond.) 3, Pamela A. Warren 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, D. A. R. May 6.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer M. Davies 1, Betty Marsh 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, B. Harris 4, K. Wakefield 5, J. B. Long 6. A farewell to the Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Turney, who are leaving the parish.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, on Aug. 16th, 1,272 Siedman Caters: J. E. Anderson 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, Mrs. M. Ainsworth 3, W. Robson 4, G. S. Deas (cond.) 5, D. Papworth 6, C. N. Lea 7, E. P. Crowdy 8, J. A. Ainsworth 9, R. W. Leighton 10. A farewell to David Papworth. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Robson 1, Mrs. M. Ainsworth 2, J. E. Anderson 3, D. Papworth 4, R. W. Leighton 5, G. S. Deas 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, E. P. Crowdy (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Colin and Valerie Hammond.

OCKLEY, SURREY.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: C. Lloyd 1, F. Oakshott 2, Mrs. Christine Harbott 3, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 4, H. V. Young 5, I. Lloyd 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss E. Fincham (first quarter) 1, M. Parker (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, R. Daw (first inside) 4, G. Cowlin 5, G. Davis 6. For morning service.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: P. E. Pratt 1, S. H. Hoare 2, R. G. Smith 3, R. D. Bell 4, F. Southwood 5, D. Laud 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, S. F. Dolle 8. For Evensong, and a welcome to the newly-appointed lecturer (the Rev. Alan Rowe).

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: J. H. Glanvill 1, F. Wills 2, F. Wreford 3, G. Skinner 4, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 5, L. K. Dawe 6, J. Briges 7, H. Miller (first quarter) 8. A wedding compliment to Brian Glanvill and Myrtle Lambert, who were married this day at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth.

LATE NOTICE

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street for Saturday, Sept. 26th is cancelled. 4960

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MISCELLANEOUS

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Gateshead, Wednesday, Oct. 21st, at 3 p.m. All members and freshmen welcome.—T. Piercy, Hon. Sec., The Students' Union, King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne. Durham Colleges' Society: M. Waters, Hon. Sec., Hatfield College, Durham City. 4923

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, in the Old Bursary, New College. 4929

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcomes all ringers coming to Reading this October. First practice, Thursday, Oct. 1st, St. Giles', 7.30 p.m. Handbell practice, Friday, Oct. 2nd, 6 p.m., Wessex Games Room. 4920

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.—Will freshers coming up to this University in October please look out for notices in the Union for details of meetings. Further information from J. Rank, 24, Fairfield Avenue, Kirk Ella, Hull. 4916

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Combined meeting with Bath Branch will be held at Radstock on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Midsomer Norton 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 4879

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Burbage (Buxton), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 4901

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea provided.—C. Raddon. 4921

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Darlington, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity (6), 11.30 to 12.30 and 2 to 4; St. John's (8), 2 to 4 and 7 to 9; St. Cuthbert's (8), 4 to 4.30 and 7 to 9; Hurworth (6), 2.30 to 3.30. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's and tea at 5.15 at St. Cuthbert's Hall, with business meeting after.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4904

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Horsell, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 4896

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Overseale, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 4872

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Farnham Royal, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who have notified me.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 4934

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puddletown (6), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. 4913

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Downham, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions, please. 5907

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced practice at Cuckfield, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Please come. Special method, Yorkshire. 4874

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Huntspill, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Please notify for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4940

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winsford, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Sept. 29th.—A. R. Tudball, Branch Sec. 4941

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Odell, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec. 4959

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Andrew's, Bebington, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4952

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bidford-on-Avon, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Handbell ringing by Bidford-on-Avon Church Bell Ringers. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa, Warks. 4944

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. Please come early.—B. P. Morris. 4931

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cox, Whitley House, Stourbridge Road, Halesowen. 4943

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wed., Sept. 30th, to A. Harris, 90, Waterdell Lane, St. Ippolyts. Special method, Netherseale.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4917

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4938

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting at Ashford (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Oct. 1st Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford. Specially arranged to mark Mr. C. W. Everett's 60 years as tower captain.—C. T. H. 4891

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tunbridge Wells (please note change of tower). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 1st to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. 4869

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, St. Mary's, Swansea. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Ty-coch, Swansea.—J. S. King. 4886

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Colne, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4937

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Lancaster St. Peter's, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Ringing at Lancaster Priory after meeting until 8 p.m. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4924

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Hindley, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free to those notifying by Oct. 1st Mr. H. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 4936

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be at Banbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House, 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, to Mr. H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. Ringing arrangements as follows: Souldern, Somerton, Sandford St. Martin, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Rousham, Lower Heyford, Great Tew, 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Bodicote, Banbury, 1 to 2 p.m.; Banbury, Tadmerton, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Adderbury, Swalcliffe, Bloxham, 7 to 8 p.m.; Deddington, Steeple Aston, Hook Norton, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 4850

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lowick, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Usual arrangements.—L. Witten, 4, St. John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 4932

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Sibbertoft, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4939

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Cannings (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 4919

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Penistone, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 1st, please, to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 4957

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. St. Mary's (10) 2.30 p.m. Evening 4.15. St. Peter's (10) 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 4906

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Stoke-by-Nayland (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 4877

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Mildenhall and Bury St. Edmunds Districts will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, Oct. 3rd.

Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to be followed by a very special meeting, when a chairman, Ringing Master and secretary are to be elected for the newly-amalgamated District. Names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Dis. Sec., 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds (1297). 4927

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **SUSSEX ASSOCIATION** (Northern Division).—Joint meeting, Blechingley (8), on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, to Mr. F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 4864

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. in Parish Room. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. G. Brown, Lower Farm, Longparish. Hurstbourne Priors after tea. 4908

THE WEEK TO ACT

This is the week to become a 'Ringing World' postal subscriber, and for quarterly subscribers to renew their subscriptions. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d., 6 months 14s. 6d., 12 months 28s. Remittances to J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea essential by previous Tuesday to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 4950

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10th, Shirehall, Chelmsford. 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 4912

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, 6 for 6.15 p.m. Tickets (14s. 6d.) from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 4903

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting for Aston Clinton on Saturday, Oct. 10th, is unavoidably cancelled.—Mrs. J. Good. 4951

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please) not later than Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to me. Nominations for District officers by same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4935

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 4958

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 4954

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Newbury, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 6th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. 4954

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 4955

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beddington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon, Surrey. Ringing after tea.—W. Parrott and A. Hill, Hon. Secs. 4922

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 22nd annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 5.45 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.15 to 4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 7th, from Branch secretaries, dinner committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrrow, Evesham. 4876

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting, Norton (Malton (8) bells may also be available), Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by Oct. 8th to Mr. Bert Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton, Malton.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 4947

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Bampton, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea for those who notify by Oct. 10th.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor, Tiverton. 4953

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diamond jubilee dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Lincoln, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 7 p.m. Will visitors wishing to ring peals during week-end please notify as soon as possible Mr. J. L. Millhouse, 3, Honington Crescent, Burton Road, Lincoln. Dinner tickets (18s. 6d. each) from the undersigned.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec., Glebeland, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 4867

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Coltishall, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to Mr. W. Stibbons, The Limes, Coltishall, please. Special method, Killamarsch.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4945

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, St. Olave's Hall, Mark Lane. E.C.3, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3.30. Weekly practices recommence at St. Olave's, Monday, Oct. 12th, 6.30 p.m. Freshers welcome. Station: Tower Hill. 4926

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Golden jubilee dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6 p.m. Price 10s. Names not later than Saturday, Oct. 10th, to Mr. Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—J. W. Buxton. 4925

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Town Hall, St. Albans, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets (15s.) from B. C. Johnson, 26, College Road, St. Albans. Stamped addressed envelope, please. Ringing and service details later.—H. V. F. 4946

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 4948

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary notice of annual dinner to be held at Swan Hotel, Stafford, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Price 13s. Further details to follow.—D. J. Tranter, Sec. 4930

QUARTER PEALS

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: May Lidbetter 1, Mary Maddison 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, Doris Lidbetter 4, G. R. Drew 5, B. W. Willgress (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Harwood (cond.) 1, June Dear (first in method) 2, L. Scoot 3, L. Hughes 4, A. Leggett 5, W. Collins 6, J. Dear 7, R. Castle-dine 8.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Tomsett 1, H. J. Eldred 2, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 3, G. M. Harvey 4, A. Fulwell 5, D. Theodm 6, F. Ranson (covering) 7. For Evensong.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Hill (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, R. V. Wallis 3, K. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6, G. Hazlewood 7 (covering). For Evensong.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): Brenda Carter 1, Hazel Young 2, D. Hoare 3, D. Eades 4, F. Carter (cond.) 5, C. Brown 6. For Evensong.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,264 Grandsire Doubles: Rita A. Gower 1, Rosemary E. Gower 2, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 3, D. Staples 4, C. T. Hillis 5, D. H. Gower (first quarter) 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Shaw (first quarter) 1, M. R. Meadows 2, T. W. Senior 3, P. C. Thompson 4, D. G. French 5, 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, G. F. Roome 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, E. Billings 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For the wedding of James Douglas to Jillian Bason.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Everett 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Heard 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Margaret, daughter of the conductor.

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A CONVERT IN PRAISE OF RINGERS

MOST ringers are more of a menace than an asset.' That is what he used to think. It was the opinion of a few jaundiced parsons, and he did not bother to question it. They (and he) seemed to think that for the most part ringers rang for their own pleasure, or satisfaction, or when there was a fee to be picked up. He was quite unconcerned with the thousands of hours put in each week for practice and Sunday service ringing. Then he took the trouble to get to know ringers and what they do, and very rapidly he was converted.

His conversion began seven years ago when, as the new Vicar, he asked if he could learn bellringing, having seen it at close quarters for the first time. The local band were mercifully tolerant, and endured rather more from him than they might have done from others, no doubt because of 'the cloth.' At the cost of two stays, a sheered clapper pin and a parted bell rope, he learned to manage Grand-side Doubles, and eventually a peal in the method. Emboldened, and encouraged by others, chiefly the Ringing Master of Evesham's famous bell tower, he 'sallied' forth into new and fearfully complicated methods on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells (the higher the fewer). His experience grew, and he began to visit new towers and new bands, and discovered that if ringers are welcome on every 'foreign' territory, there seemed to be an especially warm welcome for clerical ringers. With this growth in experience his appreciation of those delightfully odd characters called 'ringers' increased, likewise his amazement at their forbearance with his errors, stupidity and not infrequent confusion. By now he had realised that he would never be an advanced ringer, nor a good one, only an enthusiastic one, ever dependent upon the superior competence of others. That was good for his soul's health.

Came the day when he moved to another parish at the far end of the diocese at the Bishop's request. There he lacked a ring of bells, and there was a total absence of ringing in that sizable town. Opportunities for ringing were rare, and contacts with old ringing friends few, but not altogether impossible. For some years he had both heard and shared in Sunday service ringing, and the mornings and evenings of the Lord's Day seemed strangely quiet. What he had come to regard as an essential pre-

paration for worship was absent, and nothing could replace that particular expression of it. The shrill voice of the solitary bell only emphasised the missing 5, 7, 9 or 11, and with no sound of a weekday practice for miles around, ringers and ringing were far removed. But 'sorrow may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning,' and when the post brought an invitation to officiate at a wedding and stand in the peal afterwards, his campanalogical joy returned.

The wedding day of the only daughter of Evesham's Ringing Master fulfilled all anticipated expectations and was a memorable sequence of reverence, joy, feasting and the ringing of a peal of Yorkshire Surprise 'on the back eight.' What could be better than to celebrate the wedding in church first, at the festive board next, and in the tower afterwards? If he had been able to conduct the peal as well as the wedding . . . ! But that ability is so remote from him as to be a virtual impossibility. Into that peal and that day went much of his appreciation of ringers and the debt he owes to them, and his appreciation of the work they do for the Church. Not least it was a nostalgic thanksgiving for the friends and teachers, and the opportunities they have given him in the Exercise. If he returned home tired, blistered and late, there was none of it that he would have changed.

A GRATEFUL CONVERT.

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A PEAL TOUR OF SUSSEX

ALL PEALS FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.*On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

FRANK H. HICKS Treble	FREDDIE SCOTT 6
LEONARD STILWELL 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 7
ERNEST J. LADD 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 8
*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	ROBIN G. LEALE 9
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5	†A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † 725th peal.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.*On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	RONALD C. NOON 6
HENRY C. WEAVER 3	ERIC J. HITCHINS 7
ALBERT W. BOND 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.*On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	†ERIC J. HITCHINS Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX (No. 26). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major. † First of Surprise.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.*On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN Treble	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 5
GEORGE THODAY 2	*FREDDIE SCOTT 6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3	*ROBIN G. LEALE 7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 50th peal together.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.*On Tues., Aug. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Treble	ERIC J. HITCHINS 5
GEORGE THODAY 2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 6
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	FREDDIE SCOTT Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 150th peal.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.*On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	FREDDIE SCOTT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.*On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Treble	FREDDIE SCOTT 5
*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 2	RONALD C. NOON 6
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	FRANK H. HICKS 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.*On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 3	*ERIC J. HITCHINS 7
*GEORGE E. THODAY 4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. First in method as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.*On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
†DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD 8
ERIC J. HITCHINS 4	†ROBIN G. LEALE 9
‡COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5	FREDDIE SCOTT Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Bob Royal. ‡ First of Royal.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.*On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	FREDDIE SCOTT 6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal on these bells for 26 years.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.*On Thurs., Aug. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation of Washbrook's	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
REGINALD C. NOON .. Treble	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 2	†ERIC J. HITCHINS 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
*GEORGE E. THODAY 4	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.*On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 7
GEORGE E. THODAY 4	ERIC J. HITCHINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.*On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 6
GEORGE E. THODAY 3	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	FREDDIE SCOTT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.*On Sat., Aug. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble	RAYMOND P. WOOD 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
FREDDIE SCOTT 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 8
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	ERIC J. HITCHINS 9
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5	ROBIN G. LEALE Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY (No. 7, C.C.C.).

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

A WEST COUNTRY TOUR

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*JOHN ROBINSON Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 5		
STELLA HUGHES 2	BARRIE HENDRY 6		
JOHN R. KENNETT 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7		
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor		

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise. First of Cambridge S. Major on the bells.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., July 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Yorkshire as conductor. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,920 Rutland, 1,600 Yorkshire and 1,600 Cambridge, with 64 changes of method and all the work of every method for every bell.

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN R. KENNETT .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. First of Spiced as conductor. First of Spiced on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Philip G. K. Davies, the composer, on attaining his B.A. degree at London University.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

JOHN R. KENNETT .. Treble	MICHAEL ELSON 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 5, 1959, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

MICHAEL ELSON .. Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 5
JOHN R. KENNETT 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Average age 17½ years.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,344 New Cambridge, 1,248 Yorkshire, 1,152 Rutland and 1,344 Lincolnshire, with 86 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*EILEEN M. FEARN .. Treble	†MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 5
*CAROL FERNLEY 2	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
MICHAEL ELSON 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Spiced. † First of 4-Spiced. First of 4-Spiced as conductor. First of Spiced on the bells.

The youngest band to ring a peal of Spiced Surprise Major: average age 17½ years.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Treble	G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 5
M. S. JACKSON (Newnham) 2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) 6
F. A. SECKER (Girton) .. 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 4	F. B. COOKSON (John's) .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Treble	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 5
F. A. SECKER (Girton) .. 2	E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s) 6
*A. J. GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 3	G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 7
J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus) 4	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

* First peal of Major.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Treble	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 7
M. S. JACKSON (Newnham) 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) 8
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 9
W. T. COOK (Jesus) 5	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Treble	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 5
F. A. SECKER (Girton) .. 2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 6
M. M. PETERSON (Trinity) 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s) 4	*P. B. HODSON (Emmanuel) Tenor

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* First peal on tower bells.

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AN EVENING PEAL WEEK IN NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD, EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston T.B.; (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (3) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (4) College and Wavertree; (5) Double Court and Single Court; (6) Plain Bob and Single Oxford; (7) Cambridge Surprise.

JOHN H. BLUFF Treble	† RICHARD HOBBS 4
* HAROLD DENMAN 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
PETER SHARP 3	LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 250th peal. † First in 15 methods.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Court, and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

* PAT GRADY Treble	MARGARET ROSS 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD 2	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in five methods. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

RICHARD HOBBS Treble	† GEORGE CHALLANS 4
* MARGARET ROSS 2	† HAROLD DENMAN 5
VALERIE WATERFIELD 3	† DENNIS SMEDLEY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' twice.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Fri., Sept. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

MARGARET ROSS Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
* JOHN COATES 2	RICHARD HOBBS 5
VALERIE WATERFIELD 3	† HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.' † 200th peal of Minor.

TEN BELL PEAL

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

* BRENDA HUMPHREYS .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. HARVEY .. 6
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	VERNON GREEN 7
WILFRID G. WILSON 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS 8
* CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. 4	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES 5	REGINALD T. GOODMAN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. Hubbard's Ten-peat.	
* SHEILA HODSON Treble	HAROLD ROBERTS 5
ALBERT LAWTON 2	ERIC YOUNG 6
* HARRY HODSON 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE 7
* WILLIS BUCKLEY 4	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Herbert on retiring as Rector.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

P. M. BOURN (Bristol) .. Treble	* J. S. RANK (Sheffield) .. 5
* J. R. PERREIT (Sheffield) .. 2	J. R. TAYLOR (Cambridge) .. 6
J. SEAGER (London) 3	P. J. H. HUDSON (London) .. 7
J. M. DAVIES (Reading) .. 4	J. H. GILBERT (Shampton) Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. GILBERT.

* First peal.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 15 methods, comprising 1,824 Plain Bob, 1,248 Double Bob, 576 Reverse Bob, 336 Little Bob, 288 Gainsborough Little Bob, 192 Crayford College Bob, 144 Wellington Little Court, 96 each of St. Clement's, Fulbeck, Cleatham, Hackington and Canterbury Pleasure, 48 Crayford Little Court, and 24 each of Bastow and Kent Little Court, with 264 changes of method.

JOHN H. FIELDEN Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD 5
J. BARRY PICKUP 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
DEREK TAYLOR 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal in 15 Major methods for all the band, and the greatest number of Major methods rung to a peal for the Association.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative and 320 Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method.

BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. 5
* NEIL BENNETT 2	* VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
DEREK TAYLOR 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
* NORMAN SMITH 4	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek and Trevor Taylor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEOFFREY CHEETHAM .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN 5
F. JOHN NELSON 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 6
PETER SCHOLFIELD 3	ROGER LEIGH 7
J. BARRY PICKUP 4	NORMAN SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower' with peals.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 9, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	BASIL JONES 5
* ERNEST PIMLOTT 2	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 6
† BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
HAROLD LONYON 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Major 'inside,' and in the method. † First on eight bells, and in the method.

A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Brogden and John Greenwood, of Christ Church, Macclesfield, who were married at Bollington on Saturday, September 5th. Also a first birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the second.

Tenor 11 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

RICHARD J. CLIFTON Treble	ROLAND BENISTON 5
DORLEN D. DUTTON 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

A wedding compliment to Mr. S. Anthony Jesson and Miss Peta Cole, the ceremony having taken place earlier this day at Leicester Cathedral.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

BENJAMIN BARKER Treble	†MICHAEL R. BLORE .. . 5
*MRS. PAT. A. M. HALLS .. 2	†CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 6
JACK BAILEY 3	SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	GORDON A. HALLS .. Tenor

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* 125th peal. † First of Yorkshire.

Rung to mark the wedding this day of Mr. Alan Taylor (son of Derby Cathedral Ringing Master) to Miss Brenda Newbold.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

BASIL JONES Treble	†BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*EILEEN M. FEARN 2	†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 6
STELLA HUGHES 3	*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 7
†CAROL FERNLEY 4	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal for the Guild.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	†PETER A. SHARPE .. 6
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	†RAYMOND F. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 200th peal. † First in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 KINNERTON IMPERIAL MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
GEOFFREY PARTING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 229).

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sperring.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	FREDDIE SCOTT 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 24).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

Robert Collins has now 'circled the tower.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and ten extents Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

MARK W. LEWIS Treble	*WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 2	HAROLD STEVENSON .. 5
DENNIS SIMPSON 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* 100th peal. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

E. JOHN WELLS Treble	†R. IAN VAUGHAN .. 4
*JOHN L. QUEEN 2	*ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 5
JILL M. LANE 3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Tenor

Conducted by JILL M. LANE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise on the bells. First as conductor. First lady to conduct a peal of Surprise for the Guild. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the fifth and tenor on their examination success.

LOWDHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

IVY ROE Treble	†WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 3
*†MARK W. LEWIS .. 2	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
SIDNEY ADAMS Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. 50th as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	JAMES E. DICKINSON .. 4
*DONALD LAWSON 2	W. THOMAS TURNER .. 5
KEITH NEWBY 3	RAYMOND SUART .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. M. Overfield and family, who will shortly be leaving the district for Banbury.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DEDWORTH BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*DAVID E. HOUSE .. Treble	*JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. 4
†HILARY N. KIPPIN .. 2	*TOM CHAPMAN .. 5
*JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 3	MICHAEL THOMAS .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal of Dedworth ever rung.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY .. Treble	THOMAS R. ROAST .. 4
MRS. MARY ROAST 2	*JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 100th peal of Minor. An engagement compliment to Richard J. Harrison and Miss Judy Scales.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. W. Wood 1, H. J. Ford (cond.) 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, M. W. Ford 5, D. J. Wood 6. For harvest festival.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Dunn 1, S. A. Wooding 2, C. J. Mackie 3, P. Lock 4, D. J. Roberts 5, W. Simmonds 6, R. Blackley (cond.) 7, B. Castle 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. A farewell compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. H. Bate) after 10 years' ministry at this church.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Denne (first quarter) 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, P. Jarvis 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6. For morning service on Battle of Britain Sunday.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Olliver 1, D. Mundav 2, Mrs. B. A. Cracknell 3, F. E. Roberts 4, F. W. Bird 5, A. T. Shelton 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, E. G. L. Coward 8. For harvest festival, and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Cracknell, who are leaving the district.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, P. J. Lewis 2, R. Throsby (R.A.F.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. (cond.) 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, P. Wakefield 7, P. Morgans 8. Rung to mark the 54th anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Calcott (first quarter) 1, A. Grant 2, P. Woodgyer 3, June Richardson 4, T. Baker (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. Hawker.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, T. Bevan 2, F. Barker 3, A. Warren 4, L. Tubb 5, C. Ward 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, F. Tubb 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. Dorothy Matthews (wife of the Rector), who was laid to rest this day.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marian Johnson 1, P. Richardson 2, A. Buswell 3, H. Allberry 4, R. Walker 5, J. Hasted 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, D. Body 8. For morning service and a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Ford. Also on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Richardson 1, Christine Ford 2, Shirley Parsons 3, S. T. Ford 4, H. Allberry 5, J. Hasted 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For morning service and a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Wells. Also on Aug. 23rd: Margaret Marshall 1, Shirley Parsons 2, Margaret Wilson 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Allberry 5, J. Hasted 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For morning service and a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Marshall.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. N. S. Bagworth 3, R. H. Davies 4, G. T. Peters 5, I. H. Oram 6, A. E. M. Bagworth 7, N. S. Bagworth 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, E. J. Rowe 10. For Battle of Britain commemoration service.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss M. Mackay 1, A. Osbaldiston 2, W. H. Douse (cond.) 3, B. F. L. Groves 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, R. B. S. Smith 6.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Erica Kisch (first quarter) 1, M. Brown 2, A. Moss 3, D. Pittsow 4, A. Gaunt 5, B. Ryles 6, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 7, G. Lucas (first quarter) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band at the conclusion of the parish mission, rung which the bells were rung each evening.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Henebury 1, A. A. Upton 2, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5, H. Windsor (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wixey 1, Miss A. Cox (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Burford (first quarter) 3, S. Pugh 4, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, F. Tranter 6. Rung to mark the end of a Church Army Mission in the village.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey E. Peters (first of Triples) 1, Jean H. Fayer 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, R. J. Klima (first of Triples 'inside') 4, Mrs. Margaret Goodyer 5, Wm. D. Watson 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. Hammond (first of Triples) 8. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean H. Fayer 1, W. D. Watson 2, R. J. Klima 3, J. J. Cummins 4, Barbara J. Beeson 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6, J. J. F. Roper (Melbourne) 7, P. G. Richards (Melbourne) 8. Rung to welcome Princess Alexandra of Kent by ringers of Sydney and Melbourne. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: D. C. Hughes 1, W. D. Watson 2, Jean H. Fayer 3, R. J. Klima 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6, P. Carwadine 8. First of St. Clement's Minor 2, 3 and 4.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): Pamela Cox 1, M. Keyworth (first 'inside') 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, J. B. Nicholson 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6.

STAINES, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 20th, 1,274 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Williams 1, J. Tomkinson 2, R. Shepherd 3, D. Hawkins 4, M. Lane 5, E. Skipsey 6, C. Fynes (cond.) 7, M. Bartlett 8. For morning civic service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Sprackling 1, F. B. Cookson (cond.) 2, Barbara Stephens (first in method) 3, M. D. Fellows 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, J. G. Pusey 6, R. Smith 7, P. W. Webb 8. For harvest festival Evensong, also as a compliment to Michael T. Sprackling and Brenda Riches on their engagement, and a hearty welcome to Miss Barbara Stephens, of Ebbw Vale, Mon. All are members of the Sunday service band.

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The quarter peal at Saxilby on September 17th was a farewell tribute to Miss Joan Nicholson, who has now returned to Damascus to continue her work with the Syrian Missions. Miss Nicholson's father, by virtue of his regular attendances for service ringing, is one of the most valuable members of the Saxilby band.

Mr. A. J. Lock's tourists in Yorkshire had a very successful week with 13 peals from 15 attempts.

Mr. A. P. Cannon had one of his busy Saturdays on September 19th with three peals in a day in Kent.

Congratulations to Miss Jill M. Lane, of Merrow, who is the first lady to conduct a Surprise peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Dr. Donald Niblett has left for a year's scientific work at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and is taking with him Mrs. Niblett (Ruth Hodgson) and their baby.

Mr. W. L. Exton rang his 100th peal on the same bell that he rang his first peal at North Muskham, Notts, on August 21st, 1959. His first peal was on January 2nd, 1954.

St. Mary's, Gateshead, has become the Triples peal ringing tower of Tyneside, with four peals of Stedman, two of Erin and one of Oxford Bob successfully rung in the last 12 months. There have been at least another eight attempts.

On February 7th, 1920, Sgt. W. Hibbert, of the Devon Regiment, rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at Whitley Bay, with young Richard A. Gofton ringing the second. They met again at Gateshead on September 10th for the first time in nearly 40 years, and rang another peal in the same method and in the same positions.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Organised by Tony Bennett, six members of Bristol University and two from Oxford University had a successful tour in Wiltshire and Dorchester from September 9th to 12th. For travelling, the party hired a 12-seater van, which proved an excellent form of transport.

Weston Favell ringers have so far this year rung for 18 weddings. Can any church in the Peterborough Diocese beat this?

Mr. John W. Griffiths informs us that the number of changes in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Shrewsbury on August 1st (page 490) was 5,059 and not 5,039.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, is on the sick list, having fractured his left wrist; hence no gardening, no organ playing and no ringing for the time being.

In the peal at Lowdham, Notts, on August 29th, Mr. F. W. Midwinter rang his 100th peal in the county of Nottinghamshire; and Mr. Sid Adams, the Nottingham District secretary, nearly lost his trousers turning this tenor in to what is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

'The key of the door' has been very prominent at St. Faith's Church, Havant, this year. Quarter peals have been rung in honour of the 21st birthdays of three lady members—the Misses Christine Ford, Rosemary Wells and Margaret Marshall.

Recently six members of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild invaded Buckland, Surrey, and rang a peal of two Doubles methods. Catherine Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon, is to be congratulated on conducting her first peal at the age of 15. The ladies did full justice to a lovely tea provided by Mrs. Saunders and her husband, who is tower captain at Buckland.

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Sixth Annual Festival

THE festival this year was again held at Castle Hill, Ipswich, Mass, from Friday, August 28th, to Sunday, 30th, and the attendance was a record one, well over 200 members from all parts being present.

Castle Hill Estate, Ipswich, is on the Atlantic shore about 20 miles north of Boston. The house was built in the Georgian style about 1918, and is a reproduction of Ham House, near London, England. The view from the terrace down the 100-foot-wide tree-lined Mall to the cliff edge is magnificent. There is excellent sea bathing and there is also a large swimming pool and an outdoor theatre in the grounds.

The festival started with introductions in the Great Hall, and after dinner in the evening the first of the concerts was held, including solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of London, England. Later, Mr. A. A. Hughes gave a talk on the history of handbells (their earliest use by the first Christian missionaries to England, later development for tune playing and change-ringing, and to the early exportation to America as well as the growth to the present standard).

On Saturday morning, 30th, talks were given on the arrangement of music and the organisation of handbell groups. Various bands demonstrated their technique and discussed methods of playing. Rehearsals were also held for the evening concert.

The annual business meeting was held immediately after lunch, with the president (Mrs. Norman Erb) in the chair. Mrs. Erb announced her retirement, and Dr. Robert Hieber was elected to succeed her.

An enjoyable tour to Gloucester, Mass, followed, to hear Mr. James Lawson play the carillon, and for swimming. The festival concert took place in the evening, and some remarkably fine playing was heard, as well as some by massed bands. Mrs. Hughes also contributed solos.

The progress made during the last two to three years is remarkable, especially in the musical arrangements for bells. During morning service on Sunday, handbell ringing by seven choirs, under the direction of Dr. Doris Watson, was rendered with wonderful effect.

REDEDICATION EDMONTON

On Sunday, September 20th, the eight bells of All Saints', Edmonton, were rededicated by the Bishop of Willesden. Two of the bells had been recast and the rest had been tuned and rehung in a new timber frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The result is very satisfactory: the bells are much easier to handle and very pleasing to hear.

After a very simple service, the bells were rung for an hour. The methods included Stedman, Cambridge and Bristol, not forgetting rounds for the people who are just as keen if not yet so competent.

Many ringers attended the service, including officers of the Middlesex Association. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, Mr. A. Cutler and Mr. D. Smith and Miss R. Foreman. Mr. and Mrs. P. Corby and Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson were welcomed as members of previous Edmonton hands.

The local ringers would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped financially and practically to get the bells returned so quickly.

Practice night is Thursday—7.30 to 9.

Later the Margaret Shurcliff memorial plaque was displayed, and afterwards fixed on a wall of her house at Ipswich. The wording is:—

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The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers

This plaque was cast from bell metal from the Whitechapel Foundry in London in 1959.

After lunch came the big 'packing up,' and by 4 o'clock all had dispersed—some within a few miles, some further, and some to the Deep South, the middle and the far West, which means over 3,000 miles. This indicates the intense enthusiasm.

So ended another wonderfully enjoyable festival, and with thankful memories of the founder of the Guild.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The Society's quarterly meeting on September 12th was held at Chislehurst, and the fine bells of the Annunciation were enjoyed during the afternoon. A shortened Evensong followed, the lesson being read by the Master, Mr. P. N. Bond.

At the meeting after tea, the Master took the chair and welcomed those present. The following new members were elected: D. Leach (West Molesey), M. W. Fairey (Little Aston), E. Rochester (Sawbridgeworth), Maria Kirby (Bromley, Kent), Diana Prynn (Ashted, Surrey), R. J. Stretton (Alfreton), E. H. Willow (Allenton, Derby), Rosamund Bull and Noreen Wickham (Etwell, Derby).

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne gave an excellent résumé of the Central Council's discussion at Southport with regard to the finances of 'The Ringing World.' After some discussion, a collection towards the cost of publishing 'The Ringing World' realised the sum of £1 1s., and the meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to the Editor congratulating him on his good work in producing 'The Ringing World' during the recent printing strike.

Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Alf Pulling, a valued member of the Society for nearly 50 years. Votes of thanks included one to Mr. Ian Oram for his help in organising the meeting.

The Master announced that the next meeting was to be held jointly with the Middlesex County Association on December 5th. The annual meeting would be held on Saturday, January 16th.

For harvest festival ringing on September 20th, two courses of very-well-struck Stedman Triples were rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Catherall, who for 40 years has been a regular Sunday service ringer.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Norman Chaddock writes that 'the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Eastwood, Rotherham, on July 13th, 1959, was not the first in the method, as I reported. One was rung on April 30th, 1932, conducted by A. Nash.'

The work of Mr. W. Mayle and Mr. Len Kitchen in teaching eight new ringers at All Saints', Sherbourne, Warwick, has been rewarded by regular Sunday service ringing. Practices are on Friday evenings.

By ringing a peal at Littlebourne, Kent, Mr. A. P. Cannon completes peals in 577 different towers. This is now the record, beating the late Frank Bennett's total of 576. Appropriately enough, it was rung on the 28th anniversary of his first peal 'inside' at Lamberhurst, Kent. He would like to thank everyone who has helped him to achieve this ambition.

The quarter peal of Norwich Surprise Minor at Marple, Cheshire, on September 13th, was rung as a farewell compliment to Robert B. Smith, Alec Osbaldiston and Valerie Pennington, all ringers at Marple, who are leaving to attend colleges at Loughborough, Chester and Leicester respectively. On the previous Friday night there was a record attendance of 25 ringers at the 6-bell practice, including one new recruit.

The Staines and District Arts and Civics Council are holding an exhibition of local arts and crafts at the Town Hall, Staines, on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The three towers in the Staines Urban District—St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, and St. Mary's, Stanwell, are providing a stall at the exhibition showing the various aspects of the ringer's art, and will demonstrate handbell ringing on the last evening of the exhibition.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Only four teams entered for the annual cup contest of the Barnsley and District Society, held at Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield, on September 12th, and only three rang. The test piece was 720 changes. Mr. Harold Chant was the judge and Master John M. Buxton the marker. The result was Shelley 53, Sandall 80 and Cawthorne 171 faults. Mrs. Stephenson made the presentation of the cup to Mr. Albert Goldthorpe.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the business meeting, when six new members were elected. The next meeting at Cawthorne on October 10th coincides with the centenary of the bells. It was decided to hold the golden jubilee dinner on October 24th at the King George Hotel, Barnsley (price 10s.). Applications for tickets are to be made to Mr. Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD North Notts District

The Crawford cup contest was held at Clayworth on September 12th. Mr. J. Thorley, of Thorne, was the judge, and four teams competed. Warsop were declared the winners with 53 faults and 10 penalties; Ordsall were second with 91 faults, West Retford third with 153 faults and 10 penalties, and Bawtry fourth with 260 faults.

At the business meeting following tea, the Vicar presented the cup to Mr. Rooke, of Warsop, and said how much he had enjoyed hearing his bells ring. The bells were not rung regularly, he said, but he expressed a hope that a band might be formed.

Laxton was selected as the place for the next meeting, to be held on October 10th. Mr. A. Wilson, of Bawtry, was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. R. Hobbs, who had resigned owing to his impending removal to Bridlington.

LONDON UNIVERSITY IN NORTH-EASTERN ENGLAND

The 14th annual ringing week of the University of London Society of Change Ringers began at Darlington on August 22nd. Our organiser was both a member of the U.L. and secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association—a most valuable liaison.

The Society has never before stayed in a mediæval castle (c. 1379-89). Besides being a fine building it is also *licensed*, and some of the turret rooms are approached by *spiral staircases*. Unfortunately, none of the four towers contains a ring of bells. In a place like this even a party of 46 adults and two children had plenty of room.

When we sat down to our first dinner in the great hall we were joined by about 20 members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, together with the rector of Chester-le-Street and his wife. This helped us to make friends in an area new to most of us. The president of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Kenneth Arthur) welcomed us most kindly. Both presidents then performed the difficult feat of recognising and naming their members, our own being helped by the fact that no fewer than eight of his flock were named Layton. A pleasant social evening was then spent.

The party found itself well provided with all the professional knowledge it might need during an arduous ringing tour. We had a doctor, though our confidence in her was somewhat weakened when she was overheard asking the barman in a Bamburg pub what to do for a wasp sting! We also had a midwife of considerable experience and a solicitor, albeit a Scots one, which might have led to complications. We had a parson to say grace; and, very luckily as it turned out, we had plenty of men who knew about car engines.

TWO IMPRESSIONS

My first impression was transport. Fully extended, we mustered 11 motor-cars, a 'bug' (Messerschmitt) and 3 motor-bikes. Perhaps the long journey north had tired them, but we had a lot of mechanical trouble, especially at the beginning of the week. Thanks to our engineers we got through the week without anyone having to walk, though some—but not all—complained of overcrowding. The full fleet moving off was a remarkable sight, and was televised by the B.B.C.!

My second impression was Press relations. A freelance journalist had been told of our trip, and he seemed to have notified every local and regional paper in the north-east, as well as the B.B.C. and I.T.V. Constant interviews and photographs even interfered with our ringing, especially at Hexham, where I.T.V. took over the tower. However, we hoped the Exercise would be getting good publicity—though we are not responsible for the sound of bells ringing down which I.T.V. alleged to be Grandsire Triples.

A lot of our members were very surprised to see so much beautiful country. The 'south-paws' could be heard revising their opinions of the North-East. They also learned some history ('compulsory culture'). We visited the Roman camp at Housesteads-on-the-Wall on a perfect afternoon with wonderful visibility. From Bamburg we saw the Farne Islands and thought of Lindisfarne to the north. Hexham reminded us of the great flowering of Celtic

Christianity in this area in the so-called Dark Ages. We visited charming villages like Blanchland and Brancepeth. Altogether it was a revelation to many.

THE RINGING

We enjoyed our ringing, which included the cathedrals of Durham and Newcastle, Hexham Abbey and the secular tower of Morpeth, where the bells seemed to know Bristol. One of the pleasantest rings was undoubtedly Staindrop, where the bells not only sounded well but went beautifully. One of our last towers was Houghton-le-Spring, where we had some good ringing, including a touch of 6-Spliced Surprise. Fenham, Newcastle, bells were open to us on practice night; we found them a very good eight. A heavy six at Wylam impressed those who went there; and we thought our 'home tower' at Chester was one of the best.

Methods rung during the week covered everything from rounds to Spliced Surprise. Not all of it was good, but we usually managed something good at each tower, and the beginners improved very much during the week. Our party was really, from the ringing point of view, too large.

Only two peals were rung, and four lost! Cambridge failed at Sunderland, Northumberland Surprise Minor 'just didn't go' at Cramlington, Rutland was lost at Allendale, apparently because 'they didn't know the method,' seven Surprise Minor methods came round at Darlington and Durham Surprise Minor at Blaydon (the Society's 50th peal), but Stedman Triples was lost at Consett.

We were met everywhere with true Northern friendliness, and often thanked for coming to ring. Some of the older members were delighted to meet Margaret Ranken (née Fidell), whom we had known years ago. During much of the week we were escorted by a bearded outrider, Tom Piercy, of King's College, Newcastle, and Kenneth Arthur looked in on us from time to time.

This tour will go down in the records as 'the one when we stayed in a castle.' One evening we had a conducted tour of the fortifications by the warden (Dr. Prowse) and his wife, which included an introduction to the ghost, Lily of Lumley. The castle was also an excellent setting for our last-night party, when we played such games as charades, a treasure hunt, sardines and murder. This last saw the demise of the longest of our vice-presidents—and a very striking corpse he made!

AT YORK

Regretfully, the party left on the Saturday morning. Most finished the tour with a night in York, but the president weakened and fled north. However, spies in York reported that Harold Walker and 'the locals' were most kind in their reception, and 'the same partnerships were observed as earlier at Lumley Castle.'

Thanks are always inadequate, but the Society wish to thank again all incumbents and local ringers in the 40 or so towers we visited, both for the use of their bells and for the warmth of their welcome. The president and other members of the Durham and Newcastle Association made us feel very at home. And we thank once

again our organiser who made everything run so smoothly and had taken so much trouble over the arrangements. Last, but not least, we thank the organiser's wife, who prepared for us packed lunches which left nothing to be desired.

For those people not acquainted with the U.L., I append a list of dramatis personæ. President, Philip Gray; vice-presidents, Denis Layton and David Martin; Master ('Sir'), Michael Lakin; secretary, Marcus Barton; treasurer, Michael Rose; organiser, Denis Bayles. J. G.

BURNHAM BELLS

The September issue of Burnham, Bucks, parish magazine has an editorial devoted to the bells. It states:—

'The Enabling Act laid it down that the incumbent was to *guide* and the laity to *assist* and, locally, we are fortunate that this division of responsibility has been, generally, accepted. At times there are, and must be, conflicts of opinion and one such is that of the activities in the belfry. That the bells of Burnham are among the finest, at their weight, in the country is not to be gainsaid but that they are a nuisance to the minority, and more especially to those not members of the congregation or living adjacent, can be both understood and appreciated. The average member of the public, probably through ignorance, is not particularly interested in change ringing and his ideas on permutations are more applicable to pools rather than to bells. On Sundays he would like to hear the bells rung as of old, derisively termed by some campanologists as the "Nellie Bly" method. We prefer the latter but neither can be achieved without practice and, as the public generously paid for the restoration and recasting of the bells, we only ask for more tolerance of their use and fewer complaints to the Vicar during the monthly peals and the weekly practice.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Minety on September 12th, where the bells have been rehung and augmented to six. A good job has been made of the restoration, but the bells are rather noisy in the tower and this problem is to be tackled by the local ringers. The visitors were welcomed by the Vicar (Rev. W. W. Grace) and one of the churchwardens.

The customary service was followed by tea on the lawn of Hovington House, at the invitation of Captain G. Raines and as guests of various local church organisations.

An apology was received from Dr. H. Craig (Branch chairman), who was convalescing following an operation, and Mr. W. H. Trueman acted as chairman for the business meeting. Six new members were elected, and towers suggested for the next three meetings were Blunsdon, Highworth and Christ Church, Swindon, providing repair work has been completed on the spire of Christ Church. Good use was made of the bells, and ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

W. B. K.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EARLY BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—With reference to recent correspondence re early broadcasting of bells, J. R. Nicholls, in his book 'Bells Through the Ages,' published 1928, gives a list of eight famous rings on which change-ringing had been broadcast, viz.: St. Mary-le-Bow, Crowland Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Clement Danes, St. Mary's Cathedral (?), Birmingham, Buckfast Abbey, York Minster and Truro Cathedral. He says the distinction of being first belongs to St. Clement Danes.

I well remember the occasion at Truro on Sunday, November 22nd, 1925. We rang 168 Grandsire Triples on the front seven, with 9, 8, 10 covering. As far as I can remember we were given plenty of time. A cutting from the 'Western Morning News' I have by me makes a full column of the occasion, and refers to the pealing of the Cathedral bells before the service, and says there was a congregation of 2,000. The sub-Dean (the late Canon J. Trevor Lewis, afterwards Vicar of Northampton) preached, and his sermon is given in full. The report ends by stating: 'The ringing of the Cathedral bells was also very fine.'

The service was relayed to Plymouth and broadcast from there, and is headed 'Broadcasting Experiment at Plymouth.' As we know, it was not easy to pick up these early broadcasts. This is confirmed by a letter I received from the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, and which I have also kept, saying he regretted he was unable to tune in.—Yours faithfully,
A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

PEAL BOOKING FEES

Dear Sir,—The Guild of Devonshire Ringers has had a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope since 1949, and at this year's annual meeting it was agreed that this should be increased to 1s. per rope, the extra 6d. to go to 'The Ringing World.' The Guild has a resident membership of about 550, out of which 50 took part in peals last year, and it has always been felt that those who ring peals should meet the expense of having the peals printed in the annual report, which costs about £1 per page to produce. As the peals are mostly 6-bell peals, and six are set out per page, it will be seen that the fee is about right. I have never heard any adverse criticism and the 'R.W.' subsidy has been generally accepted. In fact the general opinion appears to be that if only the layout of the paper could be altered to appeal more to non-peal ringers, the circulation could be increased, especially among the 1,500 call-change ringers here in Devon.—Yours, etc.,

E. M. ATKINS.

General Secretary,
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

MALE NAMES FOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip last week the question was asked why bells are given male names. This, I think, is because the 'she's' are fast and furious, the more they are painted the more they cost to keep up, and actually you never know what the darned things are going to do next.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

RUSTY BELL FRAMES

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter in the 'R.W.' of September 4th re 'Rusty Bell Frames.' I am afraid there are too many metal bell frames up and down the country which are sadly neglected through want of painting. After all, the installation of an iron or steel frame is a very costly matter, and one would think 'church authorities would realise the importance of regular painting. If this is done every seven or eight years, a frame—and fittings, for that matter—is kept in good order. Where it is left for longer periods it is a case of painting on top of rust. If done at regular intervals the job can be carried out at half the expense and also effect a big saving in time and paint.

I have had the experience of helping to paint a sadly-neglected iron frame in a tower near here twice in the last 30 years. The bells and frame were installed in about 1902 and had not been painted until 1930, when one of the local ringers and myself volunteered to do the job if the church authorities would find the paint, which they did. We applied two coats of red oxide paint after several days of arduous work with scraper and wire brush.

Some three years ago this same frame went through the same process, but this time with the newly-appointed Rector's help and mine (the Rector being a non-ringer). In conclusion I would suggest, regarding the Whitley bell frame problem, that all parts that are visible should be painted. I think Miss Overend will find that most frames have some parts that are impossible to get at to paint, but by painting wherever possible this will help to preserve the frame as a whole.—Yours, etc.,
Folkingham, Lincs. C. T. H. BRADLEY.

DON'T FORGET BRECONSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see the peal at Brecon on Friday, August 21st, by the Cheshire tourists, reported as Brecon, Wales. Most British schoolchildren these days would know that Brecon is the county town of Brecknockshire, or as is more commonly called, Breconshire. There is no excuse for this negligence, as the tourists were based within five or six miles from the Breconshire boundary for most of their week.—Yours faithfully,

London. WILFRED WILLIAMS.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The September meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Guild was held at Womersley on the 12th.

The eight bells were rung in a variety of methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major, under the direction of Mr. E. John Wells, District Ringing Master. The Guild Office was conducted by the Rev. E. O. Ware, Vicar of Blackheath and Chilworth.

Tea, prepared by the lady ringers of Womersley, preceded a short business meeting, at which the chair was taken by the Guild Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer. Mr. Geoffrey R. Crisp, of Billingshurst, was elected a compounding member.

Mr. Denyer paid tribute to the life and ringing of the late Alfred H. Pulling, and the assembled company stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute from his District.

DERWENT'S SUBMERGED CHURCH

Dear Sir,—There recently appeared in 'The Daily Telegraph' a photograph of the ruins of the village of Derwent, in Derbyshire, revealed when the Ladybower reservoir ran dry during the present rainless summer.

While on holiday in Derbyshire in August, I was told that when the valley was flooded to form the reservoir, the village church, complete with a ring of six, was left behind. It was also said that when the level of the reservoir fell the top of the steeple could be seen. Is this true, or is it a legend reminiscent of 'La Cathedrale Engloutie'?

If it is true, it seems odd that the cameraman should have ignored what must have been a more impressive sight than the one he actually photographed, for nothing resembling a church can be seen. I can find no mention of Derwent in 'Dove,' but perhaps the reservoir was formed a good many years ago.

Can any of your readers throw any light on the matter?—Yours faithfully,

Surbiton.

MARGARET LEWIS.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild's summer festival, held on September 5th, is over, but happy memories will linger in the minds of those who joined the merry throng. From the towers and steeples, 17 in all, ringing was to be heard from 11 a.m. onwards until after dark. One friend from afar described the day and district as a 'happy hunting ground,' and collected 13 new towers for his list. He also took the trouble to write and say 'Thank you' to all who deserved it.

The Church of The Holy Cross, at Daventry, mellow and golden in the glorious sunshine, was the scene of an inspiring service in which the Vicar (Rev. K. A. Ward) and the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner) took part. The Vicar of the parish of All Saints, Northampton (Canon Richards), preached a thought-provoking sermon based on the lesson 1 Samuel xvii., 45, read by Mr. P. I. Chapman. Also present and robed was the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, rector of Harlestone. Some of the local stalwarts proved that they can sing as well as ring by forming a choir.

The Abbey buildings close by provided accommodation for tea, two rooms being needed for 200 or so present. The committee of ladies had prepared an abundance for everyone, the teapots being in great demand on that very hot day. There was no business to distract from festivity except to thank everyone who had given so much thought and labour to make the day such a success. This matter was dealt with by Mr. B. Austin, who in a short speech proposed a vote of thanks. The seconder was Mr. B. P. Morris, who had come on a long journey from Ashbourne to meet old friends.

The arrangements had been made by the chairman, secretary and committee of the Daventry Branch, supported by many friends in the neighbourhood.

GREAT PONTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 14th, 1.260 Doubles (Siedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. P. A. Simpson 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, D. A. Frith 3, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 4, H. R. Woods 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Pearson, a ringer at this tower for the last 55 years.

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A TOUR OF NORTHERN IRELAND

THE morning at Saturday, August 22nd, at first cloudy, but brightening as the day progressed, saw the arrival in Dublin of Mr. J. 'Phoenix' Phillips and other 'associated eccentrics' joining Wilfred Williams' touring peal band. Although two members had not arrived by lunchtime a peal of Stedman Cinques was duly scored at St. Patrick's in the afternoon (after Jim Pipe had covered up his first clock of the week). A convivial evening with the St. Patrick's ringers in the Stag's Head brought a pleasant end to the first day.

On the following morning several members of the band mortified the flesh by ringing at Christ Church for morning service; here there were disappointed by the unusually mild reaction of one of the local representatives to the breakage of his rope.

A slow train took us to Drogheda, where a peal of London was rung, and where the Dukes family and other local ringers turned out in force to greet us and to provide an enormous tea, which turned out to be only one of many such we were to receive during the week to follow.

'Dangerous Phil' Mehew had joined the band the previous night and the party was now brought up to full strength by the addition of a well-known pedagogue from Derbyshire (it was not, however, until later in the week that a member of the Irish Association, in reply to the accusation that the I.A.C.R. seemed to contain nothing by civil servants, said that she thought all English ringers were school teachers).

Moving on northwards, some passengers evaded the Customs at Goragwood by the simple expedient of getting out on to the platform until the officers had gone past. It was not clear whether their sudden re-entry into the train was due to the appearance of two large members of the R.U.C. armed with pistols, or to the fact that it had begun to rain.

AT BELFAST

We established ourselves in Belfast, and the next day's festivities began with a ring at St. Thomas'; thence in cars, hired for the rest of the week, to Holywood, where a peal of Yorkshire was rung. Here we were met by John Dunwoody and by Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Irish Association, who joined us at an excellent lunch, again provided by the local ringers. Some members of the party prolonged their stay in order to admire the local scenery, but they were eventually persuaded to move on to Bangor. During the peal of Bristol here the non-ringers spent an idle day by the sea. Jim Pipe found a restaurant, had a large steak and liked it so much that when the peal was over he went back for more and took everyone else with him.

On Tuesday the party divided: eight members rang Cambridge at Hillsborough in the morning, and had thought of going for a peal on the light six at St. Donard's, Belfast, in the afternoon by way of substitution for an attempt at Ballymena, cancelled because of damage to the tower caused by a recent storm. Conditions there were so unbearable, however, with the humid atmosphere and tiny, ill-ventilated ringing chamber, that after a half-hearted attempt for what someone described as 'Turkish Delight,' the venture was abandoned and a trip to Drumbo for a ring on the six there was made instead. This latter tower had been visited earlier in the day by the remainder of the band, who in the afternoon rang a peal of Cambridge Minor at Rostrevor, enabling three members to complete the Cambridge 'family.' The tea laid on by the local ringers after the peal was so enormous that even the Coventry contingent was defeated. After a delightful drive back

by the Mountains of Mourne and a stop at Ballynahinch for Jack Phillips to refuel, the whole band was reunited at the Holywood practice, where Jean Stewart, who had joined the St. Donard's party earlier, found herself (deservedly) the centre of attention. We were pleased to be able to offer her our congratulations on her engagement.

This was the last of the three nights in Belfast and there was some hilarity in the bar. The rugged masculinity of the party was softened this year, for the first time, by feminine charm in the person of Mrs. Ruth Border. This had the effect of inhibiting (to some extent) the rich vocabulary of some members until after the lady had retired, when they would once more burst into full song; it was only later, disclosed that the ceiling and walls were not as soundproof as was at first thought. Nevertheless, lest the hasty should be led by these remarks to pass ill-considered judgments on the cultural level of the conversation during the week, let it be said at once that members of the party showed considerable interest in modern music (themes from Prokofiev were often heard), nor were they ignorant of the ballad-writer's ancient art (see, for example, 'Christmas Day in the Workhouse' from the collected poems of W. A. Theobald, Vol. II, p. 157).

BELL-HANGER'S OPINION!

On Wednesday morning, unfortunately minus Derek Jones, who had felt unwell and returned home early, we set off for Carrick, where a peal of Rutland produced some of the best ringing to date, in spite of interruptions by sightseers and newspaper reporters. Here our bell-hanger took one look at the tower and retreated rapidly to a safe distance, afterwards giving it as his considered opinion that if it was possible to ring the bells to a peal without the whole edifice collapsing in ruins there were very few unsafe towers anywhere. Cambridge Royal at Dundela occupied the afternoon, and the local ringers provided lunch and tea respectively after each of these peals, thus teaching us more and more to appreciate what an Irish welcome was.

The run to Coleraine was uneventful. Later that evening, at the Corporation Arms, one member of the band was observed putting in overtime at the reception desk. Rita, in Dublin, and Rose, in Belfast, both seemed forgotten; it was perhaps bad luck that Ann was kept on duty late at a party upstairs and went straight to bed. While Coleraine bells were rung next morning to what was probably the best peal of the week, the non-pealers ventured up to Portrush, then to Dunluce Castle, ancient seat of the Earls of Antrim, and on to the Giant's Causeway.

After lunch in Coleraine there was a regretably short time in which to take in some of the magnificent views of the week on the way to Derry, where Yorkshire Royal was soon going well at the Cathedral. The peal safely round, there was just time for a quick pint or three before heading on to Enniskillen.

It had been hoped to ring Spiced Surprise Royal at Enniskillen Cathedral, but the noise of the bells in the curiously-shaped and windowless ringing chamber ruled this out, and Cambridge was rung instead, while some of the non-pealers went to see the splendid Georgian mansion at Castlecoole. A quick run up the shore of Lough Erne included an involuntary incursion into the middle of a battle exercise being held at the old flying boat base, but we returned safely in time to hear the peal come round.

Two constables patrolling the bridge with sten guns reminded us that we were not far from the scene of the I.R.A. raid earlier in

the week, and the road to Lurgan, often passing near the border, took us past more than one R.U.C. station barricaded with barbed wire and sandbags.

TOWER MOVED WITH THE BELLS

At Lurgan, where the tower moves when the bells are rung, one member of the band, being forewarned, chose one of the better bells and was rewarded by seeing the third involuntarily making fourth's place as the bells went off into New Cambridge. A slow and well-earned peal was followed yet again by a vast tea provided by the local ringers, accompanied this time by a tape recording of part of the peal, and by the presentation to each visitor of a copy of the church's own diary. As at many of the towers visited, a wash basin and lavatory proved a welcome addition to the amenities which would improve many English towers.

Back in Belfast Mr. Pratt kindly came to wish us farewell.

That night some people had difficulty in getting into bed, but all were in circulation next morning, when one member of the party was heard to order all three different kinds of breakfast. We finally got under way, and in spite of Bank Holiday crowds reached the Dublin train in time. John Dunwoody and Jean Stewart travelled with us (some people thought in the wrong seats); they and Fred Dukes were to join us in an attempt for Stedman Triples at St. George's, Dublin, after lunch, and it was, therefore, doubly disappointing that this should prove the only failure of the week. The remainder of the party rang a good peal of Superlative on the magnificent eight at Bray, however, and after the final rounds of drinks the band dispersed at the end of a highly successful and enjoyable week, in which the weather was kind, the bells uniformly excellent and the hospitality everywhere we went truly generous. Our warm thanks are due to Mr. Pratt and to all the Irish ringers and incumbents, many of whom we met, and to all of whom we are grateful, to our three hard-worked drivers, to John Dunwoody and Fred Dukes for all their help, to Jean Stewart for her delightful company and, of course, to Wilfred Williams for the (as usual) impeccable arrangements.

J. D. P.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Once again the Society was fortunate with fine weather gracing the meeting at St. Peter's, Little Aston, on September 12th. During the afternoon the six bells were put to good use, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin. Ringing ranged from Grandfire Doubles to Surprise Minor methods. The belfry being very small, everyone not ringing remained outside the tower enjoying the warm sunshine and the delightful setting of this beautiful little church.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. H. H. Follis, who gave a most interesting address. Afterwards more than 90 members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Little Aston ringers. During a short business meeting the secretary said that he was sure that everyone in the Society was pleased to hear that the president (the Archdeacon of Stafford) was to be appointed to the Bishopric of Shrewsbury. A letter of congratulation had been sent to the Archdeacon on behalf of the Society. At this meeting it was decided to publish the annual report for the 1958-59 free to all fully-paid-up members.

Later in the evening the six bells at nearby Aldridge were made available and many visitors took the opportunity of ringing at this tower. So ended a most pleasant and successful meeting. Our thanks must go to the Little Aston ringers and all their many helpers for their splendid hospitality.

D. J. T.

OUTINGS

HENLOW, BEDS

On August 29th, the Henlow ringers, with several visitors, enjoyed a day's outing in the Fens, under the direction of Mr. L. H. Bywaters, the local captain.

Sutton, Cambs, the first tower, was reached in time to allow coffee before ascending the tower to do battle with the rather heavy-going six bells. At Ely, where non-ringers were able to linger over the delights of the ancient and lovely Cathedral, the more energetic ones spent a pleasant hour on the excellent eight bells of St. Mary's. Some good ringing was enjoyed here, concluding with a touching little ceremony when one of Bedfordshire's better-known ringers became a member of the R.S.S.B.S.B. (Remorseful Society of Slider Bashers and Stay Benders!). But it is doubtful if the new member of that distinguished body will be a great asset to them as he has started rather late in life!

After lunch we proceeded to Hilgay and had a rather hurried pull on the handy eight, and then on to King's Lynn, where Norman Harding had the bells up ready and where we almost did justice to a noble ten. After an excellent tea we journeyed on to the charming church at Walsoken. Here the bells have one great fault—they tend to make you wish to ring no others!

A short run brought us to Wisbech, where we all enjoyed the pleasant ten bells and where the local ringers were very reluctant to let us go; but all good things must come to an end, and we wended our way homewards, conscious of having spent a satisfying day in most congenial company. The thanks of all are tendered to the incumbents and to all who helped to make this trip a success. A. E. R.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS

On Sept. 19th, St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, ringers had their annual outing. Unfortunately, due to the unpunctuality of two newly-weds amongst the party of 31, it was necessary to delay the departure of the coach. The lost quarter-of-an-hour, however, was retrieved by the time the party reached the first tower, Woodstock, Oxon, thanks to the skilful work of the driver.

Here, while ringing a touch of Stedman Triples, the band was somewhat put off when, at the hour, a clock wire in the corner of the belfry began to dance and jump about although the chimes had been disengaged.

The other towers visited were Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos, where the party had lunch, Badsey, Worcs, Great Hampton and Hinton-on-the-Green. A very fine tea was had at Evesham under the shadow of the great detached 12-bell tower there.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Norris and Mr. F. T. Morris who organised the trip.

A. J. L.

BALDOCK AND NORTON

Elstow, John Bunyan's tower, Kempston, Turvey and Felmersham were visited by Baldock and Norton ringers during their half-day's outing on September 19th.

Inside the ringing chamber at Turvey were three distinctive memorials, stating: 'He was for . . . years a chimer and ringer at this church'—thus clearly differentiating between the ignorant who could be only one of the two classes and the ringers perpetuated on the boards! Wall paintings were unexpectedly found in the ringing chamber at Felmersham.

Thank you, Mr. Buck, for an interesting outing. J. S.

THE HALLOWING OF CARBIS BAY'S NEW TREBLES

The Church of St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, was filled for a special service to hallow the two new trebles to make a ring of ten in the completed tower on a recent Sunday evening at 9. The service was in place of the usual summer epilogue, and also enabled many ringers to attend. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. S. Roberts), who blessed the water at the altar. A procession then moved to the children's corner, where the bells had been set up on a special scaffold surrounded by the fittings. They were sprinkled and hallowed with water. After the hallowing of each, the bells were struck with their clappers respectively three times by Mr. T. R. Sullivan, a ringer, and Mr. T. C. F. Downman, churchwarden. They were then struck three times in rounds.

The service was both moving and unique, for it is seldom the assembled congregation sees bells being blessed or dedicated. It was also representative, the lessons being read by Mr. Alan Carveth (president of the Truro Guild) and Mr. W. D. Gill, C.C. The Mayor and Mayoress of St. Ives (Mr. and Mrs. J. Couch) and the Town Clerk (Mr. C. G. Sayer) were present, as were several ringers from neighbouring towers, including Mr. D. Burnett (diocesan Ringing Master), Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president) and visiting ringers from Bristol, Chipstow, Southampton and Nuneaton. All had taken part in ringing on the eight bells with the local ringers for an hour before the service. An interesting fact is that during the adding of the new top stage of the tower there has been no cessation of ringing. Ringing twice on Sundays and on practice nights has continued without a break, and visiting bands have been welcomed also.

The two new trebles are a generous gift by the Barron Bell Trust, and during the service the Vicar spoke in terms of appreciation for what the Trust had done, and that he felt certain it would be valued not only by the parish but by all Cornish ringers, because it would be the only ring of ten in a parish church in Cornwall.

NORWICH DIOCESAN Southern Branch

On September 5th the Southern Branch visited Dickleburgh, where over 30 members and friends received a warm welcome. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. M. R. Peacock), who also dedicated a peal board recording the first peal on the augmented six. Mr. Nolan Golden (president of the Association) read the lesson.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Dr. P. H. A. Jonason, three new members were elected. A collection for the belfry repair fund amounted to £1 6s. 3d.

It was decided to revive the former scheme of the practice of a chosen method at each meeting, and Highbury Court Bob has been selected for the next meeting at Quidenham on November 28th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, the ladies who served the tea, and all who had helped to make it such a success. C. F. W. P.

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

The second annual half-day outing of the St. John's, Hillingdon, ringers took place on September 12th. Winchester Cathedral, Binsted and Alton were visited. Methods rung included Grandsire Cinques, Kent T.B. Royal, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major and Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor. The good quality of the ringing and the fine weather made an enjoyable afternoon for all.

M. J. P.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY FORDHAM

For 51 years a ringer at Mildenhall and 30 years parish clerk, Mr. Percy Fordham died on September 12th, aged 78. He was a member of the Suffolk Guild, the Ely Diocesan Association, the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. In memory of his wife, who died in 1949, Mr. Fordham gave two stained-glass windows to Mildenhall Church. One depicted a lady handbell ringer and the other St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music. He loved bells and ringing, and frequently accompanied the organ on handbells.

On the day of his funeral, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by Mrs. E. M. Peachy (Lakenheath) 1, H. B. Fuller (Thetford) 2, Miss D. M. Reeve (Hockwold) 3, L. J. Nice (Rougham) 4, R. Rose 5, A. R. Mann (Newmarket) 6, J. W. Paul (conductor, Elvedon) 7, L. Wright (Bury St. Edmunds) 8. Mr. Paul conducted Mr. Fordham's last peal on April 28th, 1928.

FUNERAL OF MRS. D. MATTHEWS

At the funeral service of Mrs. Dorothy Matthews, wife of the Rector of Finchley, on September 21st, half-muffled rounds were rung as the cortege left the church. Those taking part and paying their respects were Messrs. A. Richardson, F. Barker, A. Warren and L. Tubbs (Finchley ringers), F. Tubbs and F. Cherrett (retired Finchley ringers), Alick Cutler (Master at Willesden, at which church the Rector was prior to coming to Finchley) and T. J. Lock (secretary, Middlesex Association). Details of the quarter peal rung later in the day appear on another page.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District

Over 80 members of the Rochester District attended a very pleasant by-meeting held at Northfleet on September 12th, where the old church, like many another, is undergoing repairs to the tower. Everyone was able to join in ringing for two weddings before enjoying the ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar.

An excellent tea was kindly given by ringing friends at Northfleet. At a short business meeting, the District secretary took the chair and several new members were elected to the Kent County Association. It was with regret that old members learnt of the death of Mr. R. Constant.

Mr. T. Barton, the District secretary, thanked the Vicar for conducting the service, and Mr. and Mrs. George Butcher and helpers for giving such an excellent tea. Ringing continued until 8 p.m. F. J. C.

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(St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): D. K. Walklate 1, Miss R. M. Bull (first quarter) 2,

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles E. Walklate 3, P. B. Knights 4, M. Blore 5. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Munton 1, Mrs. R. M. Bull 2, Miss N. Wickham 3, J. F. Murlin 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. D. Thomas (first quarter) 1, E. Walklate 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, E. H. Willows 4, G. Munton 5, Miss N. Wickham 6.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Boundy 1, K. Ellison 2, Mrs. M. E. White 3, S. Ellison 4, Mrs. G. Richardson 5, E. Ellison 6, A. Richardson 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band on the evening of the funeral of Mr. J. W. Cann, organist and choir-master at this church for 32 years.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, F. Whitby 2, J. Collins (first in method) 3, E. Larier 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Ale 6, E. Rochester 7, S. Clark 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Julia Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Corke 1, R. Corke 2, K. Sansum 3, Mrs. R. T. Jones 4, J. McDermott 5, C. Pound 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, D. Hughes (first quarter) 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Archibald Garrett, a past member of the Alton and Petersfield District.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Harvey 1, J. Tomsett 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, Miss H. Nevin (first on 10) 4, G. Cartwright 5, H. Falkner 6, C. Hughes 7, R. Davies 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, L. Bullock 10.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Kemp 1, C. J. Turner (cond.) 2, E. J. Manley 3, Miss J. Addenbrooke (first of Triples) 4, J. Ayres 5, E. H. Marks 6, C. C. Deem 7, R. T. Wood 8.

OUNDELE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Marks (first quarter) 1, W. L. Ferrar 2, R. Gardner 3, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, C. L. Page (first 'inside') 6, D. Vessey 7, A. W. Pywell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Pheasant, buried this day, who was for many years vergier at this church.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela M. Turner 1, Judith M. Gwilt 2, R. E. Tallis, jun., 3, M. C. Hughes 4, C. J. A. Goy 5, R. E. Tallis (cond.) 6. For Matins.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,299 Siedman Caters: W. Newman (first of Siedman 'inside') 1, I. Goulter 2, D. Morris 3, R. G. Morris 4, Miss S. Parsons 5, E. T. Newbury 6, C. A. Wratten (first of Siedman Caters as cond.) 7, D. Beacham 8, T. Boreham 9, J. Stanier 10. For Evensong.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. Please come early.—B. P. Morris. 4931

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 4943

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Special method, Netherseale.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4917

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4938

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting at Ashford (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford. Specially arranged to mark Mr. C. W. Everett's 60 years as tower captain.—C. T. H. 4891

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be at Banbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House, 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. Ringing arrangements as follows: Souldern. Somerton, Sandford St. Martin, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Rousham, Lower Heyford, Great Tew, 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Bodicote, Banbury, 1 to 2 p.m.; Banbury, Tadmarton, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Adderbury, Swallowcliffe, Bloxham, 7 to 8 p.m.; Deddington, Steeple Aston, Hook Norton, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 4850

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Penistone, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 4957

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Stoke-by-Nayland (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4877

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Mildenhall and Bury St. Edmunds Districts will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to be followed by a very special meeting, when a chairman, Ringing Master and secretary are to be elected for the newly-amalgamated District. 4927

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. in Parish Room, Hurstbourne Priors after tea. 4908

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. 4950

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, October 5th, 7 p.m. 4967

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The last of the present series of evening practice meetings will be held at Teversal (5) on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, commencing at 7 p.m. All welcome. 4992

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 4969

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Cawthorne, near Barnsley, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify not later than Oct. 7th Mr. Herman Rusby, Darton Lane, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 4990

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Douling (6), Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4972

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 4962

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Oct. 10th, ringing and tea at Biggin Hill (6). Westerham in evening. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4971

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Ely District, Cambridge University Guild, and Cambridge District, Longstanton, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4973

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10th, Shirehall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 4912

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 4966

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please) not later than Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to me. Nominations for District officers by same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4935

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 4958

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Kendal, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 4991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 4979

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Walton, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to Mr. A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool.—T. E. Radcliffe. 4981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Adlington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Names by 7th for tea, please, to Mr. E. Baldwin, The Bungalow, Ashfield Road, Anderton, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 4974

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.45 p.m. All Hallows', Twickenham (10). Tea and business, 4.30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Hall, Twickenham. Ringing. St. Mary's (8), 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Practice, Lambeth, Monday, Oct. 19th, 7.30. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 4985

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Clement Danes', Strand, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing: 2 to 2.30 p.m., 3 to 4.30 and 5 to 6 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 4964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Newbury, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 6th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. 4954

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 4988

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth, Beccles and Saxmundham Districts.—Meeting at Halesworth, Saturday, Oct. 10th, for election of officers for new district. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, by Friday, Oct. 9th. 4994

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Beddington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon, Surrey. Ringing after tea.—W. Parrott and A. Hill, Hon. Secs. 4922

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Steyning (8), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 7th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 4978

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Bitterne Park diamond jubilee celebrations, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Church House. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to Mrs. Hymas, 18, Newton Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton. 4984

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 22nd annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 5.45 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.15 to 4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 7th, from Branch secretaries, dinner committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4876

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DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Bampton, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea for those who notify by Oct. 10th.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4953

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Newton Ferrers, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4975

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Leigh. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Cotgrove, 94, Blenheim Chase, Leigh-on-Sea. 4980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at café 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential that names for tea be sent by Wednesday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. J. Jennings, 1, Pant Place, Bridge Street, Great Bardfield. 4928

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ranmore bells available from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when there will be a service in Ranmore Church. Tea 5 p.m., Dorking Church Hall, numbers for which should be sent by Oct. 15th to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking. Dorking bells available after tea until 9 p.m. 4970

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. Kenward, Cemetery Lodge, Bell Road, Sittingbourne. 4986

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Hamer (Rochdale), with celebrations for 90th anniversary of casting of bells. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea, by ticket *only*, to be obtained from G. Dyson, 6, Kentmere Avenue, Smallbridge, Rochdale; price 3s., or 5s. 6d. including dance. Numbers limited—please apply early.—Hudson, Sec. 4965

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Coltishall, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to Mr. W. Stibbons, The Limes, Coltishall, please. Special method, Killamarsh.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4945

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District.—Autumn meeting, Cropredy (6), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 4976

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest, Ripponden, Saturday, Oct. 24th. For teas please notify by Oct. 22nd Mr. F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4997

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24th, Town Hall, St. Albans, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets (15s.) from B. C. Johnson, 26, College Road, St. Albans. Stamped addressed envelope, please. Ringing and service details later.—H. V. F. 4946

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 24th. 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. each, from Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Ringing: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 6 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 4 to 6 p.m. 4982

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 4948

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BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, Molly P. Smith 2, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, R. J. Bowden 5, H. W. Woolven 6. First of Surprise 'inside' for 2, 4 and 5. For Matins.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Swindley 1, Miss D. Shallcross (first 'inside') 2, G. Parting 3, J. Parsonage (first) 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, G. F. Sperring 6, J. S. Dean (first as cond.) 7, R. King 8.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: M. R. Page 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. Mitson 3, G. R. Goodship 4, R. W. Steward 5, C. W. Beecroft 6, W. Raffles 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. In memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell, who was killed returning from ringing at this tower six years ago this day.

DORE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Knights 1, D. Holland (cond.) 2, B. Hill 3, F. Ward 4, W. Holland 5, D. Armstrong 6, B. Holland 7, R. Birch 8. For the wedding of Mr. G. R. Batho and Miss Hilary Crowson.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Lee 1, D. J. Barnett 2, B. Davis 3, J. J. Jeffries 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6. Birthday compliments to the conductor and to Mrs. L. Butt, wife of the local tower captain.

EPWORTH, Lincs.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Willders 1, Miss C. Dellamore 2, Miss D. Smith 3, G. L. Thompson 4, P. Sharpe 5, C. H. Baker 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, J. F. Pearson 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

MOLLINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Diana French (first quarter) 1, W. Ivings 2, E. E. Pearson 3, W. Minnear (first in three methods) 4, C. C. Clarke (first as cond.) 5.

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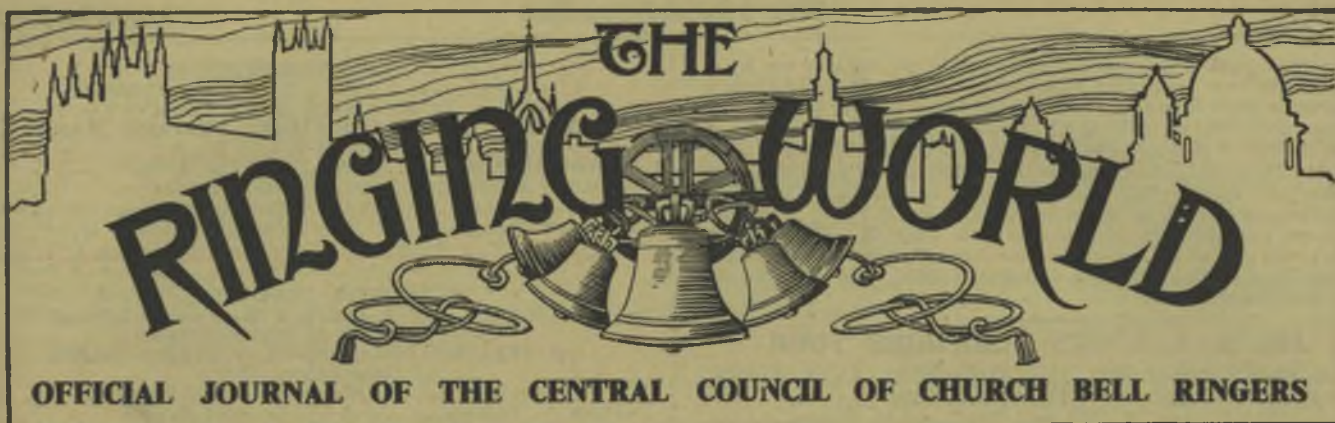
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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

By the REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

SINCE it is more than six months since my last article on the above subject appeared, I fear some of the peals mentioned this time will not be quite as recent as usual.

Firstly, referring to last time, I was grateful to Mr. Gilbert for comparing notes on Handsworth, Yorkshire, 150th peal. I had not noticed the withdrawal of the peal of Forward Major in 1951, so that put us right with each other.

Now for landmarks. The 750th peal at Loughborough Bell Foundry was noted last time. Now, the 800th has been rung in August. In the last 12 months 65 peals have been rung there—the most ever. The end of 1962 should see the 1,000th peal there at this rate. The only other tower which has passed a 'large' milestone recently is St. Stephen's, Bristol, which has had its 250th peal—May 30th I make the day.

Two towers have reached the century mark—Shirley, Warwicks, and St. John's, Croydon. In the latter case, my figures did not quite agree with the claim for the 100th peal in April—I made that the 99th. The one in July was the 100th by my reckoning. I wonder if, inadvertently, a false peal rung in 1927 was included? However, congratulations to both on reaching three figures.

Several towers have reached the 50 mark, some claimed and some not. They are Blewbury, Stanmore, Wombourne, Dore and Langleybury. The claim of the 50th peal at Whickham on July 3rd does not agree with my figures. I made it the 49th. I should be pleased to compare notes on this. The next peals at North Muskham and Willesborough are the 50th, I think. Among the 5-bell towers, I confirm the 30th peal at Marston. This tower will soon be leading in the 5-bell tower field. Alderton, Ockham and Black Notley all reached double figures with their last peals.

There are not many 8-bell towers in the country which have not had a peal rung at them, so it isn't often we have to mention a first peal on that number of bells. But we have to do so this time, for Witheridge, Devon, has at last been 'conquered.' Only about 20 of the 1,500-odd 8-bell towers remain virgin territory, and most of these are unringable either physically or for some other reason. On 6 and 5 bells I confirm the following 'first on the bells': Grittleton, Tytherington, Mildenhall, Alderney, Guernsey (St. Michael's), Wapley, North Wheatley (which makes Ossington the only unpealed 6-bell tower in Nottinghamshire now), Minety, St. Martin, St. Winnow, Winchester College and Barton. The peal at Clipston, although not claimed as the first peal on the bells, is the first to appear in the peal columns of the ringing press. So we have quite a list of firsts this time.

We have one or two very infrequent visitors to mention this time. One tower doesn't appear to have had a peal this century before its recent one! This is St. Werburgh's, Derby, where the last peal was rung in 1897. Up till then it had appeared quite often in the peal lists, for 20 peals were rung from 1882 to 1897—six of them in 1895. There was a claim that Huntley, Glos, had its last peal in 1888, but actually this was not so. There was one there in 1922, but it is a pretty good silence all the same. I have recorded peals there in 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1922. I confirm that the peal at High Ercall was the first for nearly 50 years (1910 the last one). Before that, the only two I have there were in 1812! The Belfry Gossip note to the peal at Llangattock-juxta-Crickhowell was only partly right. The last peal

there was certainly Mr. Wilfred Williams' first peal, and on December 10th, 1922, but it was not the only previous peal on the bells as suggested. Actually there were eight from 1901 to 1922—all of Grandsire (Doubles, Minor and Triples). Nowadays, the 1921 peal of Triples would not be counted, for the footnote says: 'Owing to the heavy going of the tenor, Mr. Allbutt kindly relieved the tenor man for the last 20 minutes of the peal.'

Holt's (Denbighs) last peal was in 1923. There have been six here in all now. It is 35 years (1924) since the only previous peal was rung at Petham (Kent). That was of Minor in four methods. The following year saw the only time that Tysoe has appeared in these columns, when a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on June 20th. Frinsted and Lubenham both had their previous peals in 1927. At the former, this was the only previous peal to the recent one. Lubenham had had three, in 1922, 1925 and 1927. It is 30 years since Denton's last peal—Doubles in two methods on August 31st, 1929. There had been a peal of Minor here before that in 1913. Bickleigh likewise has now had three peals in all—the last was in 1930 and the first peal on the bells was in 1927. The year 1933 heard the last peals at Kirby Wiske and Collingtree. It was the only peal previously rung at the former, but Collingtree had also had peals of Grandsire Doubles in 1919 and 1923.

I confirm that the peal rung at Newburn-on-Tyne in the spring was the first for 24 years. The first peal here was rung in 1889, and there have been 11 in all, five in 1928. The year 1935 also saw the last peal at Kingsbury. This was, up to now, the only peal rung on those bells since they were removed from St. Andrew's, Wells Street. Both Belton and Wainfleet had their last peals in 1936, but whereas the former had several peals commencing in 1911 (actually 12), the latter had its one and only in 1936. The last peal on the old bells at Bourton-on-the-Water was in 1937. There were six bells here at first, on which one peal was rung in 1908. They were augmented just before the first world war, and peals of Grandsire Triples were rung in 1914 and 1915. The next peal was also in this method in 1929, and finally came the 1937 peal—Cambridge Major. Finally, the last towers previously heard before the second world war are Nynhead and Sampford Arundel. Both had their only previous peals in 1939.

Then for a few corrections to footnote claims, etc. The last peal at Llanelly, Brecons, was not 25 years ago but on February 6th, 1946, conducted by A. P. C. Similarly, the peal at Broadway, Worcs, was not the first for over 25 years. The last was in 1953, and two before that were in 1933 and 1936. The peal at Eastwood, Yorkshire, of Yorkshire Major, was not the first peal in the method on the bells. In fact the first peal of Surprise Major there was in that method on April 30th, 1932. A first peal of Yorkshire Major was also claimed for Blackburn Cathedral on May 20th. But I fear one was rung there as recently as November 12th, 1955. Finally, the footnote to the peal of Cambridge Major at Putney on May 30th seemed to suggest that it was the only peal of Surprise rung there, even before the restoration of the bells. It is certainly a very long time since Surprise Major was rung at Putney, but I have recorded the following: Superlative in 1894, 1897, 1904 and 1906; Cambridge in 1897; London in 1898, 1900 (three peals), 1904 and 1905; Westminster (!) in 1897 and 1899.

One or two final points of interest noticed when recording the peals. Stokesay has had 33 peals, 30 of them have been Grandsire Doubles! The first on the bells, in 1908, was of Minor in three methods, then came 26 of Grandsire Doubles from 1920 to 1950, in which year there was the other peal of Minor, this time in seven methods. After four

more peals of Grandsire came the last peal of all, on May 9th last—Doubles in two methods! Mapledurham also had only Grandsire Doubles to show before the recent peal of Minor in eight methods—six of them from 1907 to 1951. Mr. T. Myers waited a long time to 'complete the circle' at Bridgerule! The first peal on the bells was in 1928, and Mr. Myers did not take part in that. He has been in all since then—nine—and actually only wanted one bell to 'complete the circle' after the peal in 1939, so he has been waiting for 20 years! There was only one peal until the previous one since 1939—in 1949, and Mr. Myers rang the 7th for the second time then. By the way, all but one of the ten peals here have been Grandsire Triples. The odd man out was Bob Major in 1937.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arthur on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, also to welcome their son and heir, Adrian Kenneth (born July 5th).

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*RUTH M. FOREMAN .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (21).

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* First peal.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS 7
RONALD J. SHARP 3	*DENNIS KNOX 8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

First peal of London on the bells. Rung on the middle eight.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	DENNIS KNOX 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7
GORDON A. HALLS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
RONALD J. SHARP 4	THOMAS J. LOCK 9
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
*RUTH M. FOREMAN 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

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

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 20 lb.

E. WINIFRED KEYS Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
RONALD J. SHARP 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	ERIC E. SPEAKE 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb.

E. WINIFRED KEYS Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
RICHARD E. PRICE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
*RUTH M. FOREMAN 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	ERIC E. SPEAKE 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal in the method.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

RONALD J. SHARP Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

On Fri., Sept. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	DENNIS KNOX 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
RICHARD E. PRICE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 8
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
KENNETH ARTHUR 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,536 Cambridge, 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London and 1,024 Superlative, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Morris, mother of the ringer of the third; also in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. Oliver Forshaw (Vicar of Heptonstall) and Mrs. Forshaw.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 5
*RUTH M. FOREMAN 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
KENNETH ARTHUR 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal in the method.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

ALL PEALS FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STURRY, KENT.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	IAN H. ORAM 4
*TREVOR A. CROSS 2	RALPH BIRD 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 175th peal. First in seven methods on the bells.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob and Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble	RALPH BIRD 4
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in eight methods on the bells.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Being a 5 course block rep.

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
BASIL JONES 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	ROBERT B. SMITH 11
JOHN WORTH 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Rung without previous practice.

TEN BELL PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 7
†IVAN COOPER 3	WALTER ARNOLD 8
*WILLIAM J. BRUNT 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE 9
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5	HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire.

The composition is in exactly four equal parts, starting changes at backstroke and finishing at handstroke.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

PAUL J. RIGBY Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
MURIEL REAY 2	MICHAEL ELSON 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 200th peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS Treble	*ERNEST J. LADD 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 8
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS 9
E. WINIFRID KEYS 5	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Composed by NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

In memoriam Herbert Markwell, of Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*JILL M. LANE Treble	FREDERICK OLOYED 6
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	E. JOHN WELLS 7
†MONICA E. COLLINS 3	*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 8
*ANN M. COX 4	HAROLD A. MAY 9
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 5	*DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.' First of Caters as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. William Goddard, and Mrs. Goddard.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

ALAN J. FROST Treble	*ERIC BILLINGS 5
BERNARD E. FROST 2	†DAVID LOAKE 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
*GEORGE WRIGHT 4	BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First on the bells since being rehung in November, 1958.

A compliment to Ivor J. Dickin and Jean M. Packwood, who were married this day at Earls Barton Parish Church, Northants.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
AVRIL THACKRAY 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of London. First of London on the bells.

An engagement compliment to Anne E. Amor and Derek Stainsby.

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On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*GEORGE E. CRISP .. Treble	R. FRANK BAKER .. 5
†DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON .. 2	DONALD F. MURET .. 6
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
†ALBERT J. DAVEY .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal together. † First of Major.

Rung to mark the engagement of Paul E. Wells and Jacqueline Underwood, both members of this tower.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK .. 5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 6
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	*MARK W. LEWIS .. 7
HAROLD STEVENSON .. 4	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memory of William Stevenson, father of the ringer of the fourth, who learnt to ring in this tower and was later a ringer at Newark Parish Church for 35 years, and who died July 28th, 1959, aged 74.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*JUNE M. KEY .. Treble	ROBERT G. W. BROUGHTON .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 7
DAVID W. FRIEND .. 4	ARTHUR J. ALLSOP .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.

* First peal on eight bells.

A compliment to the Rev. S. D. Austerberry, R.D., on being made Archdeacon of Salop. Rung on the eve of his departure from Brewod to his new living at Great Ness.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
†A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 38).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 150th peal on the bells. † First in the method 'inside.'

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

RALPH BIRD .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS .. 2	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 6
JOHN O. WELLER .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 7
*PAUL J. DYE .. 4	DORIS E. COLGATE .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First 8-bell peal.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*PATRICIA F. CURTIS .. Treble	DENNIS C. BOWEN .. 5
*MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. 7
ALAN J. FROST .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ERIC ROBERTS .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
HAROLD F. WHITE .. 2	THOMAS PRICE .. 6
RICHARD O. LANGFORD .. 3	WILLIAM H. TYLER .. 7
BERNARD MADELEY .. 4	FREDERICK PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. TYLER.

Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Kenneth Stalker to Pat Hickman, the daughter of a local ringer.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
*ALICK CUTLER .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* 200th peal together.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (second observation).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. HUNT .. Treble	ALAN H. STURGESS .. 5
RENEE STURGESS .. 2	†ROBERT C. BEAL .. 6
JOHN A. G. BALL .. 3	MORGAN MARSHALL .. 7
*MICHAEL H. JOHNSON .. 4	*MARTIN WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN ANDERSON .. 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	MICHAEL ELSON .. 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
JOHN G. PUSEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	PETER F. BORER .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. 6
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method, and 25th peal. 100th peal as conductor.

A 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Collison.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. Treble	MICHAEL BLORE .. 5
PATRICIA A. M. HALLS .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 6
VIVIEN CARLISLE .. 3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 7
CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. 4	JAMES PAILING .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE W. WALKLATE.

First peal as conductor.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

JOHN D. ROCK .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4	FREDDIE SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*MURIEL REAY Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	JOHN McDONALD .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	JOHN ANDERSON .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* 500th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's variation.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	JOHN O. WELLER 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	HUBERT H. FURMINGER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

The conductor's 100th peal of Stedman.

Rung as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

BRISTOL

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON Treble	†PATRICK J. BIRD 5
DAVID HEIGHTON 2	†ALBERT M. TYLER 6
†DAVID J. PURNELL .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 7
†D. JOHN HUNT 4	P. BORDER Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by P. BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

LOUIS WILLDERS Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORA M. BIBBY 2	PETER A. SHARP 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
JOHN F. PEARSON 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithin.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. 7
*LOUIS WILLDERS 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE..

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

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
PAUL J. RIGBY 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
MICHAEL ELSON 4	JOHN ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
B. CLARE WEBSTER 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ELSIE K. HART 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

250th peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

A compliment to Mr. Alick Cutler on the birth of a grand-daughter.

LITTLEHAM, S. DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation of Washbrook's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*CYRIL SAVAGE Treble	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 5
†LESLEY HAWES 2	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First odd-bell peal.

Rung by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise to mark the births of Albert Charles Savage (September 4th) and Peter John Mack (July 5th).

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE WILKINSON .. Treble	J. GEOFFREY BURTON .. 5
*PHILIP S. WHALLEY .. 2	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
*K. PETER JONES 3	*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 7
OWEN WILLIAMS 4	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. Treble	CYRIL RUSBY 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
CYRIL WRIGHT 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

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KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 5
P. RUTH HOSKEN .. 2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 6
*ALISON H. INCE .. 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
*MARY CARVETH .. 4	ALAN CARVETH .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung to mark the 700th anniversary of the dedication of Kenwyn Church.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD HAMER .. Treble	HAROLD PARKINSON .. 5
IVAN KAY .. 2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 6
GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 3	*COLIN TAYLOR .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

* First peal other than on a covering bell.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. Wilfrid Bamford, of this tower. Also a birthday compliment to Eithne, daughter of the Vicar of Rochdale.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

*BRIAN DAWSON .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
†DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 6
†ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

FRANK HALL .. Treble	*ROBIN ROGERS .. 3
*JAMES LINNELL .. 2	GEORGE ATKINS .. 4

WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

RONALD W. DENNISON .. Treble	BARRY PICKUP .. 4
ALLAN SMITH, JUN. .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
NORMAN SMITH .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 THIRD'S PLACE DELIGHT MINOR

(1) Barham, (2) Oswald, (3) Donottar, (4) Carisbrooke, (5) Pontefract, (6) Wath, (7) Disley. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Treble	RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 2	WALTER WESTON .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK G. OLIVER .. Treble	A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 4
*DOREEN A. FAIRHEAD .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Sept. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. 4
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	ERIC EDGINGTON .. 5
*ADRIAN C. WEDGEWOOD .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Michael Dukes, of Burton.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 4
MARJORIE LEGG .. 2	SIDNEY SMITH .. 5
HOWARD COLLINGS .. 3	JOHN BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GORDON SHARPE .. Treble	TONY GRANT .. 4
WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 2	†LESLIE SMITH .. 5
RONALD BIRCH .. 3	DENNIS HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung on the wedding day of Maureen Hill and Terence Fullwood, the bride being the grand-daughter of Mr. A. Percival Knights, of Sheffield.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY RUDD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one of Childwall Bob and two each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES L. TOWLER Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4
*ANNE EDWARDS 2	IAN R. PANTON 5
ARTHUR HUBBLE 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Wigan Branch.)

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents April Day, ten of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN MAWDESLEY .. Treble	DAVID ASPDEN 4
KENNETH EDWARDS .. 2	JOHN ASHCROFT 5
*EDWIN FLINT 3	*RONALD LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal.

Rung by the local band to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. D. D. Roberts.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 BERKELEY DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	*JOHN F. PEARSON 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	*LOUIS WILLDERS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

BRAYWOOD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 36 methods, viz.: Shipway, Tandridge, Colnbrook, Westminster II, Chesham, Knapton, St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood, Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng, Reverse Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham, St. Nicholas', Longford, Fundenhall, St. Remigius', Hascombe, Harpley, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, Plain Bob, Candlesby, Boxford, St. Simon's, Rugby, Braywood, St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth, St. Martin's, Slapton, Welford: 270 changes of method, and no bobs used. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*ANTHONY E. COX .. Treble	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3
*SUSAN J. SLADE 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4

WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal in 36 methods.

Rung for the parish harvest festival.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PETER HANDLEY .. Treble	FRANK ANDERTON 4
JAMES DICKINSON .. 2	WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 5
LAWRENCE CLEMENTS .. 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

The conductor's 25th peal in Westmorland.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 4
ANDREW D. GRANT .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

VICTOR ROBERTS .. Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	GWILYM SALMON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

MARSTON TRUSSELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.

CECIL A. SWANN .. Treble	EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 3
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 2	DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. 4

ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*THOMAS H. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	*MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 4
†JUDITH M. GWILT .. 2	PETER S. BENNETT .. 5
*ROGER E. TALLIS .. 3	JOHN W. PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Minor on the bells.

TARVIN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Fulbeck, Double, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

*JOHN PARSONAGE .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	GEOFFREY PARTING .. 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in seven methods.

This peal is dedicated to Miss Mary Pearson, ringer at this church and daughter of Canon Pearson (Vicar of Tarvin), who has departed to Ghana as a missionary.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN BRANCH.

On Sun., Sept. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double and Single Court, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4
*LOUIS WILLDERS .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 200th peal.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven variations.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*JANET TIDEY Treble	DAVID J. BARBER 4
†SHEILA A. SHACKELL .. 2	F. RICHARD VERRALL .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	CECIL R. LONGHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First peal. † First 'inside'.

A wedding compliment to Daphne Payne (a member of the local band) and Anthony N. Hartley, who were married at this church on September 19th.

BINSTEAD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob combined, four different extents of Cambridge Surprise, and one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER .. Treble	TOM PAGE 4
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 2	EDWARD J. BRAGG 5
STANLEY G. PONTING 3	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. R. S. P. Marrs to the parish.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 TEWKESBURY DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH 4
DENNIS LAUD 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. WESTCOTT Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 4
*PAMELA M. JERVIS 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH .. 3	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the hand.

DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DAVID HARBIDGE Treble	HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. 4
CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY .. 2	MICHAEL E. STRACEY .. 5
†IAN G. STRACEY 3	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First of Minor as conductor and first in the method.

A wedding compliment to Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Miss June Stedmond, who were married at Huntingdon on September 21st. 1959.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5092 SPLICED ROYAL

Being Plain, Gainsborough and Little Bob; 144 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3-4	FRANK LORD 7-8
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Emery 1, P. N. Tubbs 2, E. H. Langley 3, E. Chapman 4, C. L. H. May 5, H. Churchill 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 1, C. T. Burge 8. Rung in honour of the Freedom of the Borough being conferred on the Vicar (Preb. E. H. Hughes Davies) on his retirement; also a birthday and wedding anniversary compliment to E. H. Langley.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Crosswaite 1, Miss B. Fauch 2, D. Lawson 3, Mrs. M. Crosswaite 4, C. Crosswaite (cond.) 5, J. Jolleys 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

CADOXTON, GLAM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. R. Lewis 1, J. Matthews 2, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 3, L. Jenkins 4, D. J. Lewis 5, A. Thomas 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Cott 1, Jenny Parker 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, J. Parker 4, D. Manger 5, A. Smith 6. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): E. Moore 1, Jenny Parker 2, D. Manger 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles in eight methods (Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jenny Parker 1, J. Parker 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, D. Parker 4, D. Manger 5, A. Smith 6. First in eight methods by all the band and by any local band at the church. For harvest festival.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,259 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Eames (14) 1, W. F. Woodward 2, W. G. Hair 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, J. W. Cotton 5. First in three methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding this day at Christ Church, Linton, of M. Howard Jones and Margaret Harvey, teaching colleagues of the conductor.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Stiffall 1, S. Delve 2, Mrs. G. Simmonds 3, C. M. Bennett 4, C. G. Edwards 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman (cond.) 3, J. R. Webb 4, A. R. Mann 5. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 1, Christine Fox (first quarter) 2, Eileen J. Osborne 3, W. H. Taylor 4, P. Coote 5, J. Seager 6, C. Rusby 7. A compliment to Christine Fox on her 16th birthday.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashdown 1, R. P. Wood (cond.) 2, R. Wilson 3, H. Weaver 4, M. Fromm 5, J. Reed 6, L. Stilwell 7, S. White 8. For harvest festival.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6-8 covering): A. Crabtree 1, G. Rothwell 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, R. Maher (cond.) 4, K. Abbott 5, B. Cole 6, J. P. Partington 7, G. S. Mills 8. A compliment to Mr. J. Barry Maher, a former ringer at this church, and Miss Renee Thompson, on their marriage the previous day.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Beasley (first quarter) 1, Judith M. Hooper (first 'inside') 2, A. Ballard (cond.) 3, Elizabeth A. Wilcox 4, M. C. Faulkes 5, C. R. Hayward 6, E. A. Sowman 7, F. T. Long 8. Rung by members of the local Sunday service band as a farewell compliment to Judith Hooper, who is leaving for training at Derby.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): S. Meredith and R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw and J. Meredith 3, J. Meredith and M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For evening service, and in honour of Miss P. Tinsley, daughter of the Rector, returning to missionary service in India after furlough.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. H. Hill 1, K. Waples 2, Miss G. Graney 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. V. Wallis 5, D. J. Goodman 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, G. E. Hazlewood 8. First of Bob Triples by all. For Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Tonie Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Susan Funnell (first of Triples) 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, B. J. Woodruffe (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, R. L. Gay 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. For morning service.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Surprise, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Osmund's, Plain and April Day Bob and 180 Grandsire): Miss N. Bond 1, K. Kirk 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, D. Johnson 4, J. S. Rank (cond.) 5, I. N. Goldthorpe 6. For Evensong.

LELAND, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 12th, 1,500 Stedman Doubles: M. Peters 1, Alison H. Ince 2, Marion L. Lidger 3, L. B. P. Whitty 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, A. J. Willis 6. First in method for 2 and 4. A farewell to the Rev. E. T. Davies-Freme on the eve of his last Sunday as Vicar of Leland.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Walmsley (cond.) 1, Miss D. Crook 2, D. Lawson 3, J. Humble (first quarter) 4, J. Nelson 5, J. Summer 6. For the engagement of J. H. Owens and Miss D. Crook, both ringers at Leyland St. Andrew's.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Smith (first quarter) 1, A. W. Stenning 2, Anne Stenning (first on a working bell) 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, P. Edwards (first quarter) 6. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Smith 1, Gillian Piper 2, A. W. Stenning 3, B. Piper 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, E. Jarrett 6. For evening service.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, on June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Palmer 1, G. Harvey 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, J. Dugran 5, F. Shorter 6, W. Wilson 7, A. Mann 8. A birthday compliment to Albert W. Coles. Also on July 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Deverell 1, J. Tomsett 2, James Hales 3, H. Andrews 4, F. Shorter 5, John Hales 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Peet 8. A birthday compliment to J. Hawkins. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Miss D. Deverell 3, D. Sibson 4, R. Newman 5, G. Parsons 6, A. Queen 7, H. Andrews 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Major: J. Nelson 1, N. Smith 2, B. A. Tomlinson 3, D. Butterworth 4, N. Bennett 5, D. Taylor 6, D. Osden 7, F. W. Groot (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rev. P. T. Robbins, who is leaving for Kent.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Cobbold 1, Sonia Davies 2, Mrs. W. Bridges 3, P. Page 4, R. Dadds 5, P. L. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, L. Twyman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dadds on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Edwards 1, C. W. Cooper 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, F. G. Handley 4, M. D. Fellows (first as cond.) 5, A. D. Fellows 6.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss R. J. Seabrook (cond.) 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, J. A. Acres 3, S. J. Twitchett 4, R. Palmer 5, A. R. Mann 6. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. M. C. Russell), who has moved to St. Matthew's, Ipswich; also a 25th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Mann, parents of the tenor ringer.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Brunsell 1, E. B. McKie (cond.) 2, Mikaela Erik 3, A. Bull 4, B. Greenwood 5. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. B. McKie 1, A. Bull 2, N. Clark 3, L. Dale 4, B. Greenwood (cond.) 5, A. Boyd 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Muriel Clarke 1, D. Woodward 2, H. Badger 3, J. Cruickshank 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Bagnall 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a baby to Mr. and Mrs. David Simms.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Crosswaite (first in method) 1, Betty Fauch (first in method) 2, E. R. Martin (cond.) 3, W. K. Martin 4, G. A. Dimmock 5, C. Crosswaite 6, E. Cowperthwaite 7, A. Gardner (first quarter) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to the Ven. W. G. Fallows (Vicar), now principal of Ripon Hall, Oxford.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, B. C. Sadler 2, W. A. Smith 3, P. J. King (cond.) 4, J. Belcham 5, P. A. Sadler 6, D. Belcham 7, P. Sloman 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the visit of the Right Rev. E. L. Evans, Bishop of Kingston, Jamaica, a former member of the staff of Prittlewell Parish Church.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. R. Perrett (Sheffield) 1, W. F. Moreton (Oxford, cond.) 2, M. J. Moreton (Reading) 3, F. E. Roberts (Cambridge) 4, A. R. Pocklington (Nottingham) 5, J. G. Pusey (Oxford) 6, D. J. Roaf (Oxford) 7, B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge) 8. By the Universities Association for Evensong.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Carpenter 1, A. Bishop 2, C. Mew (first 'inside') 3, A. Clayton 4, B. Coatsworth (first as cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. For harvest festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Sadler (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, R. Tomlin 3, G. Sandwell 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cooke 2, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 3, G. Hutchings 4, F. Taylor 5, E. Brice (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, R. Trickey (cond.) 2, A. Cooke 3, A. Chapman 4, H. Taylor 5, E. Brice 6. For Corpus Christi. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Brice 1, W. Stevens 2, Miss G. Stevens (first quarter) 3, R. Trickey 4, F. Taylor 5, K. Thorne 6.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June E. Wright 1, L. Wright 2, Anthea M. Graves 3, J. H. Sutton 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. R. Nice 6. For morning service and as a welcome to the Rev. Paul Graves as Rector.

RUISLIP, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Charlton (first quarter) 1, Elsie Savory 2, W. Bunce 3, J. Bunce 4, A. Newell 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Pitchall 8. For harvest thanksgiving and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. B. Wright, one of the local band.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): J. Lynch 1, H. Wood 2, D. Seargill (cond.) 3, F. Shaw 4, F. Hewitt 5, Herbert Wood 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Burt (first of Triples) 1, C. Barrabe (first of Triples) 2, B. Davis 3, D. J. Barnett (first of Triples 'inside') 4, T. J. Milsom 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, R. W. Stapleford 8. First quarter of Triples by an all local band, average age 17½ years.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Selina Stephens 1, Sheila Howard 2, Monica Barrett 3, B. Evans 4, A. Hammond (cond.) 5, W. Lee 6. For the induction of the Rev. G. Milroy.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Elkins 1, P. Newman 2, F. Phelps 3, K. Harrison 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5, T. Elkins 6. A silver wedding compliment to the ringers of 1 and 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. Haw 1, Miss M. Haw 2, T. Bush 3, F. Wigmore (cond.) 4, R. Reed 5, W. Storey 6, W. Freeman 7, G. Mann 8, L. Bush 9, W. Rose 10.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Whitaker (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, Miss P. Miller 3, A. Spreadbury (first of Plain Bob 'inside') 4, W. Vince 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For the first Evensong of the patronal festival.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Franklin 1, H. P. Floyd (cond.) 2, Miss D. Holley 3, W. J. Butler 4, A. W. Franklin (first 'inside') 5, E. Boves (first quarter) 6.

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After reading 'Westward with Wratten,' it may be of interest to the Exercise to learn that Wratten made a further, though rather more furtive, journey westward in mid-August. At last this pillar of campanological bachelorhood has been proved to have feet of clay!

A second edition of 'The Beginners' Handbook' is now in the press as very few copies remain of the first edition of 5,000.

Five present employees and one pensioner of W. D. and H. O. Wills, Bristol, rang a quarter peal at Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset, on September 7th.

Correspondence concerning Woburn bells should be addressed to Mr. K. G. Spavins and not to the Vicar who, we regret to state, is very ill and at the time of writing in hospital.

We are pleased to see that Mr. William Beeson, of Cranleigh, is back again in the peal columns and looking very fit and well after his illness.

Mr. T. Arthur Palmer, the hon. secretary of the Marlborough Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has completed 21 years in office. Appreciation of his services was voiced during the Branch's annual outing on September 26th, when he was presented with an illuminated scroll recording a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung in his honour at Mildenhall last August.

The bells at St. Paul's, Bournemouth, consist of eight plus two half tones (tenor approximately 4 cwt.). They are operated by a clavier installed in the chancel behind the choir stalls. The carillon is a memorial to the present Vicar's late wife. Mr. A. V. Davis 'rang' some changes and hymn tunes on the bells to 'open' them at the time of dedication and also after the service. The spire would not be considered safe for the installation of bells for change-ringing, writes a correspondent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. T. Cooke has succeeded Mr. Kenneth Arthur, who has completed his maximum term of office as president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The Association has now a new office—Ringing Master, who will be responsible for the general direction of ringing instruction. Mr. Arthur was the only nominee for the post.

Members of the Ladies' Guild will wish to congratulate Miss Muriel Reay on ringing her 500th peal.

Mr. George E. Fearn's party have just concluded a successful week in South Devon with 11 peals out of 12 attempts.

Mr. K. G. Spavins, secretary of the Luton District, has had a very narrow escape from blindness. A large piece of steel was removed from one of his eyes after passing through the iris. He is now able to ring.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Cecil V. Ebberson, Ringing Master of the Western Branch, Norwich Diocesan Association, which occurred on October 1st at his home at Snettisham.

Following the rededication of Kimpton bells on October 31st, a ringing competition for individual Hertfordshire towers will be held. The test will be 360 Minor (own choice of method). Messrs. W. Ayre and A. P. Cannon will be the judges. A silver cup will be awarded to the winning team, to be held for one year.

The seventh bell at Preston Parish Church, Lancs, which was cracked, has been replaced. The Sunday service band have rung a quarter of Stedman, the first in Preston for many years, as a farewell to the Vicar (Ven. W. G. Fallows), who is now Principal of Ripon Hall, Oxford. Mrs. Crossthwaite and Miss Betty Faunch are congratulated on being the first ladies to ring a quarter of Stedman in this area.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

FIRMLY established in the calendar of the Kent County Association is the annual dinner, and this year the function was held at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, on September 26th. All the six Districts were represented in the gathering of over 100 ringers, Mr. John Willis (vice-president), who presided, making the journey from Folkestone. The guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochester and the Dean of Rochester and Mrs. Standard. A presentation was made to Mr. Terry Barton, who accepted responsibility for local arrangements, working in conjunction with Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, the hon. secretary of the Association. A cheque for £3 15s. was also presented to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' as a gesture towards meeting the rising costs of producing the journal.

The chairman, after proposing the loyal toast submitted the toast of 'The Church.' He said among ringers there was a very great spirit of unity and brotherhood, and it had always surprised him that the clergy had not realised how strong that spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood was. 'Where we go we are practically sure of a welcome in the tower we visit.'

LONDON'S HEARTY WELCOME

Mr. Willis recalled some years ago when he was a member of a county education committee being a member of a deputation to the president of the Board of Education. At the conclusion of the interview their leader, Lord Sandwich, asked him if he was going home. Mr. Willis replied that he was staying up in London for a time. Lord Sandwich said: 'Going to a show?'. He replied: 'No, I am going to ring at St. Clement Danes' Church.' His Lordship was astounded, and said: 'Do you mean that you will be permitted to ring on these bells in London?'. Mr. Willis replied: 'I expect I shall be greeted in a hearty way because London ringers are noted for their welcome to their poor brothers from the country.'

'We want a great deal more from the clergy than we get at the present time. I know many clergy do much for their ringers, but how much better it would be if they could meet their ringers for a minute or two when they assemble for service ringing.'

The Dean of Rochester (Rt. Rev. R. W. Stannard), who replied, said such a friendly brotherly and sisterly gathering as they had that evening set an example to the rest of the Church.

ROCHESTER BELLS

'I feel very sad that the first time I met you the bells were silent. When I was instituted at Rochester Cathedral there were no bells. I am happy to say that it will not be long before they are ringing again. I hope some of you will come up to the tower, and there will be a welcome for you.'

Bishop Stannard mentioned the traditional saying that the number of times an incumbent rang the bell at his induction represented the number of years he would remain in the parish. 'In my first parish,' said the Bishop, 'I rang the bell seven times, and on the seventh anniversary there was a meeting of the Church Council and I was able to tell them I was leaving the parish.'

'At the end of the war I was vicar of a small parish, and the first time after the war that we had a death I went into the belfry and tolled the bell. I must have pulled too hard because the rope came down upon me. Later it was found that the undertaker had no straps to lower the coffin into the grave. I told him to get a bell rope and this he did, and the coffin was lowered into the ground.'

The Dean said while the number of ordinands had risen the number of clergy was still going down. On the other hand the number of laity was increasing and the number of Easter communicants was going up quite steadily although they were not so great as they would like.

The toast of 'The Kent County Association' was proposed by Ald. H. Wilson, Mayor of Rochester. He said he had read with pleasure their annual report. Their ancient city, with its charter going back as far as 1190, had always been closely associated with the Mother Church. The K.C.A. was somewhat left out in the cold from the many organisations that got grants, but it was one of the oldest and he felt that something should be done to preserve the art of change-ringing.

To his mind, there was no sweeter music than church bells ringing over the English countryside. He would like to accompany the Dean to the belfry of Rochester Cathedral when he welcomed the ringers after the restoration had been completed. He noticed that the County Association was divided into six Districts, and that two of the District secretaries—Mr. Luck, of Canterbury, and Mr. Hill, of Lewisham—had both served for over 20 years. 'May your belfry prayer be said in many new towers,' concluded the Mayor.

Mr. P. A. Corby, who replied on behalf of the Association, said that gathering was something that could only take place in England. Sometimes when they attended ringers' gatherings they were told of the beautiful bells on the Continent, and those remarks invariably came from people who did not understand change-ringing. One of the objects of the Kent County Association was to encourage the old English art of change-ringing. Except for Australia, the United States and Canada both in a small degree, the art was not practised outside these islands.

The suggestion had been made that change-ringing should be organised on the basis of dioceses of the Church of England; but if they tried to apply that to the Kent County Association they would have a problem. Their Association covered most of the Diocese of Canterbury and the whole of the Diocese of Rochester. There was also a little part of their area within the boundary of the London County Council. It was a happy thought that Bishop Stannard, in his capacity as Bishop of Woolwich, was a vice-president of the Association, and now as Dean of Rochester he was still a vice-president.

The Kent County Association had been built by some very great men, Canon Helmore was the chief architect, and they had still with them one founder member in Ted Ruck. He hoped that young people would come forward and see that the towers of Kent were never silent.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXERCISE

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, hon. secretary of the K.C.A., proposed the toast of 'The Exercise.' What was the organisation which knitted the Exercise together?, he asked. This had its beginnings several centuries ago and was preserved even to this day by the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The territorial Guilds and Associations came into being in the last century and rapidly extended their influence throughout the country. Their Association dated from 1880, and it was linked with all kindred Societies, who were honoured by the toast, in the Central Council. How glad and proud they were that coinciding with their 80th birthday the Central Council were coming to Kent.

In the 20th century, with the territorial Associations mostly in full swing, the Exercise of

ringing had benefited tremendously by the organisational efforts of their 19th century forbears, for by them it had been possible to weather the storms of two great world wars, and to withstand the changing social habits of the nation with churchgoing no longer the duty of the many but the active Christian worship of the few.

The main contribution of the first half of the present century was the establishment of various channels of recruitment for new ringers. One of these was a direct consequence of the 1914-18 war, when ladies first appeared in the belfries to keep the bells ringing while the menfolk were fighting battles. The Ladies' Guild had grown into a national organisation. Meanwhile, at the old universities of Oxford and Cambridge ringing Societies were already in action, a movement which since the last war had spread in the first instance through the formation of the Universities' Association, but today there were ringing Societies in the majority of universities. Surely this recruitment at university level must prove a growing and rich investment, not only because university graduates went out to their jobs in all parts of the country, but a goodly number of them taught.

'OCCUPATIONAL' GUILDS

They also today had 'occupational' Guilds in the Clerical Guild, the Police Guild, the Railwaymen's Guild, the Medical Guild and the R.A.F. Guild. In their respective spheres each contributed to the general health and activity of the Exercise, and when they thought of kindred Societies they also thought of them. To complete the above, there were groups of young ringers, groups of rather light-hearted enthusiasts who dashed along the countryside during holidays on bicycles and so on, stayed in youth hostels and rang to their hearts content. Good ringing, too, for among their numbers were the budding leaders of the future.

This great and varied flow of new blood into the Ringing Exercise was, he felt, the contribution of the present century. In some respects it paralleled the more genuine progress of education, and it was a great thing to be thankful for that the Exercise had moved with the times. Nor was it surprising that with such broadening of educative interest the theories of ringing had advanced so rapidly and far in the last 50 years.

Dr. Hatcher coupled with the toast the name of the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

In his reply, Mr. White took a favourable view of the progress of the Exercise, and announced that over 4,500 copies of 'The Beginners' Handbook' had been sold since the beginning of last April, and a second edition would soon be on the press.

During the evening a well-struck course of Grandire Caters was rung by Mrs. Corby 1-2, W. Dobbie (conductor) 3-4, E. A. Barnett 5-6, P. A. Corby 7-8, Mrs. Walter Dobbie 9-10. The youthful Frindsbury handbell ringers, under the leadership of Mr. Cyril Jarrett, also received a great reception for their tune ringing.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gordon Turner 1, W. Cannings 2, F. Watkinson 3, H. Barnes 4, K. Durdy 5, A. Hulley (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. G. T. S. Cook) on completing 21 years as Vicar.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: P. G. King 1, Myra J. Wilkins (first 'inside') 2, Sheila C. Matthews (first in method) 3, E. Cooksley (first 'inside') 4, Rita M. Webb 5, C. J. Turner 6. Conducted by 3 and 5 alternate 120s. Rung half-muffled before memorial service to Dr. John Chilcott, local G.P. for 27 years.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

A WEEK among the Yorkshire hills and dales; town and countryside; abbeys, cathedrals and churches; forest fires; the moorland with its straying sheep; dried up waterways and reservoirs at low level; the 'tykes,' whose own sons had just won the county cricket championship; and, of course, tufted ends to some of the bell ropes and the attendant boxes on which to stand because the ropes are not adjustable: all these were the destiny of a touring party, arranged once again by Mr. Tom Lock.

To enable the programme to commence on the first day, those of the party living south of London travelled by train and met others at Hemsworth, where the initial effort—a 5,184 Rutland Surprise Major—was successful. Those not engaged in this peal journeyed on to headquarters at Ilkley, where a refreshing wash and evening meal was some reward for the day's travels.

On Sunday, our rest day, we were welcomed to ring for Matins at Ilkley, a very pleasant octave, and after the service we inspected the stained-glass window dedicated to Jasper W. Snowdon, historian and expositor of change-ringing. This window is a beautiful memorial, and shows bells in different sectors of their swing as its border.

In the afternoon a leisurely drive via Bolton Abbey (where we had the unexpected pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Watts, also sight-seeing) brought us to the Spa at Harrogate, and we visited nearby Knaresborough in the hopes of a pull on the eight with 18 cwt. tenor, but it was not to be as the bells had been chimed only for several years.

YORKSHIRE GLORY

Starting in earnest on Monday morning, no one realised what a pleasant and successful week was in store for us. Although the first peal attempt proved non-conclusive through a broken rope, Cambridge Surprise Major at Birstall being prematurely halted after 40 minutes, another band in the afternoon completed an extent of Superlative Surprise Major at Batley, when Miss Ruth Foreman scored her 'first.' This must be an ancient, if not historic, parish, as displayed on a board is a list of vicars since 1252. The 'spares' were very kindly taken by Mr. Marsden to one of t'other Heatons, in this case St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, where, among other methods, we rang a course of Yorkshire Glory.

It became known that well before breakfast the following morning several courageous members of the party climbed up to the Cow and Calf Rocks and visited the Tarn—they voluntarily chatted of the grandeur of the view. A little later the transport set off for Marsden—and what a worth while visit! As one enters the church one is quietly seized with inspiration and admiration. All the fabric, furnishings and fittings seem fresh and new (through an un-sparing effort of labour and love), and the condition of the ringing chamber and belfry are just as good—a credit to all. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung here, without fear or favour, particularly as this was the first peal rung with the complete set of ropes having tufted ends. In the afternoon we journeyed on to Wakefield Cathedral, where Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Moreton and baby were awaiting us.

We rang on all 13 bells in this tower, though not at the same time, as we had no desire to upset the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council. It was agreed that London Surprise Major be rung on the middle eight, and a good peal was the result, it being the first peal in the method on the bells.

WEDNESDAY'S TRIO

On Wednesday we were all required to take a rope, and although one of the optimistic members of the party recalled that this was our bleakest day during past tours, it turned out that nothing could dampen our spirits—there was still no sign of rain, and liquid refreshment did not penetrate so far as to the spirits, wherever they may be in the human body. Cambridge Surprise Royal was the method chosen to ring on the splendid ten at Bradford Cathedral, and in the afternoon the mighty atoms were split into two forces going in opposite directions, both being successful and thus completing a trio for the day. Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Otley and Cambridge Surprise Major at Rothwell.

The next morning was also a busy one for those who were potentially on holiday. A peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Skipton, while another eight scored with Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Keighley. 'One Hundred Years,' the title of an interesting and well-illustrated book, published to mark the centenary of the opening of the present Church of St. Andrew, Keighley, contains the details of a notice which is in the tower, as follows:—

'On Monday, June 21st, 1813, the Society of Change Ringers, belonging to this steeple, conducted by Mr. David Smith, rung an harmonious peal of new Treble Bob, containing 10,000 changes, composed by the justly celebrated Mr. Joseph Tebbs. The Bells were struck into changes at nine minutes past nine in the morning, and were brought round in a masterly style at 12 minutes past three in the afternoon by Thomas Midgley (treble), George Hattersley, Thomas Fox, John Blakey (Junnr.), Jos. Bradley, Samuel Clapham, Jas. Inman (Tenor), John Blakey. The performance delighted and astonished connoisseurs. The English under Wellington beat the French at Vittoria in Spain, and slew 10,000 men, while the peal was ringing.'

After lunch a visit was made to Guiseley, where a 5,000-odd of Bristol Surprise Major was accomplished. An unhappy omission in the tour's programme was made this day when the 'spares' failed to go to Birstwith for a short ring, and the organiser's apologies are extended to Mr. Ewbank, the local correspondent.

TENORS' HANDSTROKES 'IN'

Friday's efforts were in some respects similarly rewarded as to those on Monday, i.e., one peal rung and one lost. The very-well-going ring of ten at Ripon Cathedral was the attraction for the morning, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was never in doubt of being recorded. The ringing was not hurried but a few minutes were undoubtedly saved and the treble's task made that much easier by the persistence of the two tenor men in keeping their hand-strokes 'in,' an admirable rule for ringing, which we shall hear about again on future tours. In the Cathedral ringing chamber is a stained-

glass window recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung on August 28th, 1886, to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the town's civic charter. There is, apparently, another 'ringing' window, executed by the same craftsman, in nearby Sharow Church, and together with other examples at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and at Ilkley, might form the subject of an interesting publication (but please forward all information to Mr. Ernest Morris!). The unsuccessful attempt was made at Tadcaster, where 6-Spliced Surprise Major was halted through a rope breaking after a little more than one-and-a-quarter hours' ringing.

The last day arrived, but good fortune and good friends were still to be with us. By many a winding road, going up and going down, we arrived at Heptonstall, the largest parish in the country, about 25,000 acres in area. Here was rung a peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major, and messages of felicitation were sent to young and old—a welcome to the newly-born son of the Vicar of Heptonstall and his wife, and a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Morris, mother of Leslie W. G. While the final peal, one of Yorkshire Surprise Major, was being rung at Sowerby, the remaining ringers attended a meeting at Ripponden, where they were warmly welcomed.

So concluded a very happy and successful tour, during which time 13 peals were rung from 15 attempts, in a part of the country where the towers are strong and robust enough to take the weight of the bell metal, where a good variety of rings of bells is obtainable, where visiting ringers are expected to maintain local tradition by raising and lowering in peal, and where all ringers are welcomed.

Our thanks are due to provosts, deans, incumbents, officers of the Yorkshire Association, tower secretaries and captains, and others who assisted in any way to ensure the satisfactory conduct of a tour in which ringers representing towers as far apart as Newcastle and Worthing took part.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Coleshill on September 19th. The fine crocketed spire of Coleshill Parish Church is a landmark for miles around, and contains a left-handed ring of eight bells. The Master (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) presided at the meeting and welcomed two visitors—Mr. John Acres, of Leicester, and Mr. Hugh Neill, of Worcester. The tower election, as a life member, of Mr. Frederick R. Scott, of Slough, was ratified.

Mr. R. C. Ingram reported on the condition of Henry Johnson's tombstone, which was leaning badly and needed a concrete base. This tombstone, which was subscribed for by ringers in all parts of England, is the only stone in Aston Churchyard which has not been laid flat.

The meeting decided to meet the cost of making the stone secure.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner on the first Saturday in March.

Thanks were extended to the Rev. E. F. A. Morgan for officiating at the service, to his daughter Rosemary, who played the organ, and to Mr. W. C. Rhodes and the ladies for arranging tea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to reply to the correspondence on the matter of peal fees?

Mr. Denyer may be assured that the matter was fully discussed before the adoption of the rule and that the seven points he makes came before the meeting in one form or another. It was reported to the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, held at Southampton in 1958, that the rule had worked well in its first year and that all fees were paid.

Mr. Tom Chapman rather contradicts himself by describing a 'closed shop' (as he calls it) as ridiculous and then going on to recommend a *National Guild* in which, surely, a 'closed shop' would be automatic in such circumstances. Had we a *National Guild* in existence, undoubtedly the 'necessary machinery' would have been put into action and, who knows, Robin, Pat and their friends on their way to Siberia by now!

I am glad Mr. Leale has written at some length to try to justify his action. I am not alone in thinking that he rather 'cocked a snook' at the Guild when replying to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's letter concerning the Channel Island peals. The smaller questions as to whether the peals are recorded or deleted or whether the fees are paid or not do not really concern me. I am concerned, however, about the *breaking of the rule*, and I feel that this matter concerns every Guild and Association in the Exercise. How can a society, guild, club or any group run its affairs efficiently if its rules are not respected by its members? The rules may be bad, need revision from time to time or even need deletion of certain items, but they must be kept *while they are in force* by all members. From this standpoint I say that Mr. Leale, excellent change-ringer though he may be, has not justified his action and has proved to be a poor Guildsman.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

P.S.—I believe it was Mr. Colin Harrison who championed the cause of a *National Guild* and urged its formation some 20 years ago, and not Mr. Charles Kippin.—A. V. D.

CORK'S TENOR

Dear Sir,—Come, come, 'P. A. C.', 'Finbarre's' tenor in Cork is a masterpiece of retuning by Taylor. There is a difference! After all, the old metal spoiler of Gloucester has had some 200 years of uncritical praise. Had the family name been Hemony, there may have been some justification for it.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

P.S.—Even an 1861 Cripplegate sixth was more than successfully overcame by retuning. What a ring!—W. E. B.

FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE OUT OF ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Superlative at Bray, Ireland, was rung on May 28th, 1901, conducted by J. S. Goldsmith; also it was the first of Surprise out of England.—Yours, etc.,

E. JENKINS.

Oldham, Lancs.

IGNORING RULES CHAOS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Leale's long letter is quite irrelevant. Many societies have rules which some members find irksome or with which they do not agree. But if they are loyal they will observe them. At the last Central Council meeting I proposed a 'levy' of all the Associations according to membership (perhaps 6d. a head) to help put 'The Ringing World' on its feet. It was heavily defeated, and the idea of making a levy on peal ringers found more favour. I do not agree with this myself (of course, no decision was made), but if it were passed by the Council I would loyally accept it. Mr. Leale apparently would not if he didn't agree with it. He only wants to keep the rules he agrees with. If we all only kept the rules we liked and refused to observe those we didn't like the result would be chaos. The rules of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were properly made and accepted by a general meeting. Therefore they are to be observed by all loyal members. On his own showing, Mr. Leale admits his disloyalty, and all for the sake of a shilling or two. Can our Guild do anything but condemn him after giving him every opportunity of coming into line first?—

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

GREAT YARMOUTH

Dear Sir,—Will you please permit the use of your columns to amplify the announcement elsewhere in this issue of the opening of the new ring of 13 at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, October 31st. So that intending ringers are not disappointed, it is essential that we know not only the numbers we can anticipate but also their ringing preferences; in fact, those who can organise themselves into complete bands beforehand will greatly assist.

As Yarmouth has heard no bells for nearly 20 years, each should only attempt what they know they can ring.

The general physical layout and access to the tower somewhat dictate the number of ringers that can be conveniently and comfortably accommodated in the ringing chamber at any one time, and for the opening we have decided on 24, which number will be replaced at frequent intervals. This seems quite the fairest means to try and ensure that everyone has a ring, and provided all co-operate with those controlling things on the spot, there is no reason why everything should not work smoothly. May I appeal to all competent 12-bell ringers to hold themselves in readiness to assist those less proficient?

Admission to the Priory School Hall nearby for a buffet tea (2s. 6d.), which will be available between 4 and 6 p.m., will be by ticket obtainable from a steward at the ground entrance to the tower. By having a buffet there will obviously be no need to stop ringing for the tea period.

May I say we look forward to welcoming all ringers able to make the journey, and again emphasise the necessity of letting us know early that they are coming.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. A. Barnett, I would assure him that the aim behind the composition to which he refers was not only to keep the *second* out of 5-6, but at the same time contained as far as possible in fourths place. I am aware of compositions conforming to the first condition, but of no other conforming to both. I may add that I was not aware of Mr. Carter's peal, but it is evident from Mr. Barnett's description that it was purely designed to retain the fourth in fourths place only. I may say that some years have elapsed since I worked out the figures, and before publishing the composition I discussed it with such eminent persons as Messrs. C. W. Roberts, C. K. Lewis and F. E. Darby, to mention a few.

While on the subject, will Mr. Barnett please tell us the author of the appended peal of Pudsey Surprise Major:—

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
3 5 2 6 4	X			
5 6 3 4 2	X			
2 4 3 6 5		—	—	—
3 2 4 6 5		—	—	—
4 3 2 6 5		—	—	—
5 6 2 3 4		—	—	—
2 5 6 3 4		—	—	—
6 2 5 3 4		—	—	—
2 3 6 4 5	X			

Twice repeated.

Could it possibly be the late A. Craven? I hope Mr. Barnett will not mind my saying that Pudsey Surprise Major is another method in which true originality is, in my opinion, not possible on this plan.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Heaton, Bradford, 9.

DON'T FORGET WALES

Dear Sir,—Reading between the lines of the rather aggressive letter by Mr. Williams ('R.W.' of October 2nd), it seems to me that he has been in contact with too many of the British schoolboys he mentioned.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough.

NOT FIRST PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am asked to point out that the peal of York Surprise Minor rung at Blunsdon, Wilts, on February 22nd and reported on page 169 was not the first in the method for this Association. The first was rung at Minchinhampton on November 11th, 1932, conducted by F. Ponting.

Also, the first peal of London Surprise Minor for this Association was rung on March 1st, 1932, again at Minchinhampton and conducted by F. Ponting. The peal reported on page 381 of 'The Ringing World' of June 12th was therefore not the first for the Association.

I trust that all those who keep records will suitably amend them. The error in the current report of the Gloucester and Bristol Association is regretted.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES ROUSE.

Hon. Secretary,
Gloucester and Bristol Association.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. FREDERICK G. LEAKER AT BRISTOL

AN interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on September 24th where, in the presence of a good representative company of his fellow ringers, Mr. Frederick G. Leaker was presented with a portable radio set.

The presentation was made by the Vicar (Rev. R. F. Cartwright), who said Mr. Leaker had been associated with St. Mary Redcliffe since the beginning of this century, and had rung many peals there. The first of Stedman Cinques, was on Easter Monday, 1907, the 50th anniversary of which was marked by a similar peal on Easter Monday, 1957 — an achievement.

He (the Vicar) added that he hoped Mr. Leaker would enjoy years with his radio and be spared to ring at Redcliffe as long.

Mr. Leaker in his reply said he wished to thank the Vicar and all those who had made the presentation possible, and he was sure he would get full enjoyment from the radio. The circumstances surrounding the gift would never be forgotten by him.

To conclude the ceremony, Mr. Leaker conducted Cinques, made up from a band of his friends, in his usual style.



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RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild was held on September 26th at Newport (Mon) and was attended by members from the Midland and Western Regions, Eastern and Southern Regions and the L.T.E. Among the members present were Messrs. A. J. Pitman and Frank Stenson, the late general secretary.

The Dean of Monmouth, when visiting the ringers in the belfry at the Cathedral, apologised for being unable to accept the invitation to tea, but wished the meeting every success. Mr. J. H. Kirk, president of the B.R.S.A. Club and Institute, Newport, showed much interest in the ringing at the Cathedral, which he was seeing for the first time. Later, at the Tudor Restaurant, Mr. Kirk was given a warm welcome.

During the day, under the guidance of Mr. Bert Kynaston (the Master), ringing took place at All Saints' (8) and St. Woolos' Cathedral (12), and the last touch of the day was a delightful rendering of Little Bob Royal.

At the business meeting, with the Master in the chair, apologies were read from 18 members who were unable to attend. The general secretary then explained the correct procedure when applying for free travel facilities. A written resignation was read from Mr. N. Bland, the Eastern Region representative, who at the meeting nominated Mr. Ron Meadows to take his place.

Mr. Syd Foskett asked if we should accept the offer made by Mr. Fearn, of Birmingham, to make all arrangements for the A.G.M. in 1960, and this was agreed.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Jack James, the Dean and Mr. Chas. Greedy. The latter, in reply, stated that he had every praise for the kind of ringing he had heard during the day.

J. A. H.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Kilmington on September 19th, and about 45 ringers and friends attended.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Callard, who also very kindly provided tea at the Vicarage and allowed the business meeting to be held on the lawn. At this meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair.

Certificates were presented by the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox) to Miss Sandra Webb and Mr. Thomas Clouton, from Honiton, and Mr. Brian Gardener, from Shute. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Cotleigh on January 9th.

Methods rung were Grandire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

C. D. J. W.

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TOWER-GRABBERS AND SKITTLES

The N.S.T.G. (Bridgwater Branch) arranged another ringing and skittles day on September 5th, the fourth in the series. Eight ringers travelled from the Bristol area at an early hour to arrive at Moorlinch (a heavy six) at 9.45 a.m. A few minutes after the time appointed nine ringers were available for a quarter of Cambridge Minor; the three who stood down apparently spent their time picking blackberries! The quarter was successfully conducted by the ringers of 4 and 5; the band was Mary Powell 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. J. Horseman 3, D. E. Cobb 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, J. Brain 6.

Another successful quarter followed shortly thereafter at Westonzoyle (another heavy six) rung by Mary Powell 1, Audrey Bailey 2, C. Clarke 3, R. D. Short 4, J. Hunt 5, M. J. Horseman (conductor) 6. This time the method was St. Clement's Minor.

Unfortunately we were rather behind time when we arrived at 61, Kendale Road, where Mrs. Stone, and Mike (!), had kindly provided a marvellous lunch for the hungry ringers. With a considerably augmented band we visited Chilton Trinity (5) after lunch, and thence to Cannington, where the ringers seemed more interested in basking outside in the sunshine. We also visited Stogursey before tea—another fine, heavy six; in fact all the sixes were between 19–24 cwt.!

After tea we pressed on to Spaxton, where the ringing was not really up to standard (too many sore hands?), and finally to Enmore where, allegedly, the bells do not go too well.

As a change from ringing, a large company gathered at the Enmore Inn for the skittles contest. There is little of note to say about this except that we all enjoyed it (as usual), and that Jim was obviously very thrilled when presented with a horseshoe as consolation prize! Also, that we are all very grateful to Cecil, Ron, Mike and Mrs. Stone for their efforts on our behalf.

STORIES OF OLD LONDON RINGERS

By MR. E. BARNETT
(Continued from page 553)

A 'CHARACTER' who might be called a rough diamond with a heart of gold was Harry Flanders, of West Ham. He rang the treble to the 15,072 of Double Norwich at Brill in 1899. He also was a good ringer on all numbers. By occupation he was a carman for a firm of soap makers at Bow and his job was to collect offal from butchers' shops and slaughterhouses in the East End.

Harry Springhall, a fine ringer and conductor, rang either at Stepney or 'Bow-in-the-Road' (Stratford). A prominent College Youth, he died suddenly in Cornhill belfry while ringing for a special occasion during the 1914-18 war.

Another to die suddenly in the belfry was Walter Prime, a good heavy-bell man and a member of the Sunday band at St. Paul's. At the time of his death, about 1930, he was ringing at the Imperial Institute.

Of heavy-bell ringers, Henry R. Newton must be mentioned. About 55 years ago he rang the old Southwark tenor to Superlative Major and, perhaps 10 years later, the Bow tenor to a peal of London. I believe he called both peals. Anyone who did not know these bells at that time cannot begin to appreciate these performances.

Another prominent man in London ringing circles whom Mr. Symonds must have known was Arthur Jacob. A Cumberland Youth, he was a coppersmith until he lost two fingers in a cutting machine. Afterwards he worked for Warners. He collapsed and died in Liverpool about 45 years ago while rehanging a ring of bells.

Of those who came from East Anglia to London mentioned by Mr. Symonds, Henry Dains' name will always live as a composer. He was in the top class as a practical ringer and I rang several peals with him. I am told he was a very clever carpenter.

WRONG LETTERS

I always remember a very awkward situation Dains once got himself into. It was at the time William Willson published his short-lived but excellent paper 'The Bellringer.' Dains wrote two letters—one to Harvey Reeves and the other to Mr. Willson. In the one to Reeves he condemned 'The Bellringer' and I conclude the one to Mr. Willson was in the same strain about 'The Bell News.' Unfortunately for him he put the letters in the wrong envelopes. I have forgotten what Reeves had to say in 'The Bell News,' but Mr. Willson dealt with Mr. Dains in the following issue as only Mr. Willson could.

George Newson, another East Anglian, succeeded John Cox as the Cumberlands' conductor and he, too, was a carpenter.

Edwin Gibbs was a ringer of a very high standard and a member of the Sunday band at St. Paul's. He was a plumber by trade. During the last years of his life he was bedridden in a nursing home, and I seldom missed going to see him on Sunday afternoons. He was a most interesting man to talk to, and died about 25 years ago.

REMEMBERED WITH GRATITUDE

Mr. Trollope will be remembered with gratitude as long as ringing lasts as the historian of the Exercise. But for him, we should know little or nothing about ringers or ringing in the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries. He was responsible for the editorials in this journal during the absence of Mr. Goldsmith on the Australian tour, and took charge during his last illness and after his death.

Mr. Brighton was, I believe, a photographer whose business for some years took him to beauty spots and seaside resorts all over the

country, during which time he rang and conducted many peals.

'Tich' Symonds was, I believe, one of the Lavenham Symonds and at one time a prominent College Youth. In his latter years he was a Cumberland Youth and one of the band at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He was a personal clerk to one of the High Court judges.

TOLLED FOR EXECUTIONS

I will conclude my memories with the steeple keeper of St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill—Dan Lovetts. A 'colourful character,' he was parish beadle, and held one or two ancient offices which are associated with London parishes. One day I was standing outside St. Sepulchre's looking across at Newgate Prison, then in the process of demolition to make way for the present Old Bailey. I said to Dan: 'There goes a bit of old London.' He replied: 'Yes. That makes a difference to my income. I used to get 10s. for tolling the ninth every time there was an execution!'

These men were a wonderful generation who learned their ringing and practised it the hard way. They were perfectionists and had no time for anyone who was not. In their day the art of bell-hanging had advanced very little since the Middle Ages. There were no refinements such as ball-bearings and iron frames, which we have enjoyed for the last 30 or 40 years; and for bad-going bells most London towers were notorious, which all goes to make the perfect peals they rang more remarkable.

A SYSTON DISTRICT WEDDING

Two well-known members of the Syston District, Leicester Diocesan Guild—Mr. F. Kevon Thompson, of Barrow-on-Soar, and Miss A. Mary Carpenter, of Cossington—were married at All Saints', Cossington, on September 19th. The bridegroom called a 120 of Grandsire, with his best man (Mr. Geoffrey Lowe) and three of his wedding guests making up the band, before the service to steady his nerves!

The ringing after the wedding was interrupted for the ringers to be photographed with the bridal couple.

After the reception a quarter peal was rung at Barrow-on-Soar, where the couple are to make their home.

With all these weddings in the District Jean Brooks must be spending a fortune on cables from Australia! B. S. P.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at St. Andrew's Church, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, on September 19th, and was the first meeting to be held there since October, 1948.

Seventeen members attended, together with visitors from Thorne and Barnby Dun, and full use was made of the six bells during the afternoon and evening to a variety of Doubles and Minor methods.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. W. Winter), who welcomed the Society and expressed the wish that the next visit would not be so long delayed. The Rector gave an interesting address, in which he outlined the history of his ancient church.

An excellent tea was served in the Robin Hood Inn by Mrs. Hotham, to whom thanks were accorded at the short business meeting which followed.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich: G. W. Holland 1, J. Underwood 2, A. Cozens 3, W. A. Yates 4, F. C. Case 5, R. Gibbons 6, S. G. Osborne 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8.

VETERANS IN THE CITY OF LONDON

Large numbers of people visit St. Clement Danes' Church in the Strand every day, and on September 26th those who inspected the lovely building were able to hear the bells being rung by veterans who had gathered from many parts. The ringers did not fail the public, for they displayed their skill by touches of Caters and Royal, which brought forth favourable comments, especially from those inside the church.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, short touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were also rung, the outside listeners being mostly veterans enjoying the gardens adjoining, where the annual photograph was taken. Tea was tastefully arranged in the Fanmakers' Hall and full justice was done by the assembly of 50.

After tea came announcements and votes of thanks, which told us firstly that 45 veterans present averaged 72½ years, comprising one of 94, five over 80, 24 over 70 and 15 over 60. These 45 made up a total of 3,265 years.

The attendance register recorded the following names: Messrs. A. W. Coles, H. Statham, R. Sanders, F. Sinkin (94), F. W. Goodfellow, J. S. Hawkins, R. F. Deal, A. H. Winch, G. Marriner, H. J. Eldred, N. A. Tomlinson, S. Day, G. R. Spun, R. Newman, A. Turner, B. Baker, W. A. J. Knight, C. E. J. Norris, P. H. Avey, E. D. Smith, E. W. Furbank, C. A. Hughes, J. W. Chapman, P. J. Spice, A. B. Peck, W. J. Rawlings, G. E. Symonds, G. R. Goodship, E. V. Blake, H. Belcher, J. Marks, A. D. Barker, H. W. Clark, A. G. Mason, W. Welling, L. Stilwell, S. H. Hoare, W. Wenban, W. Shepherd, J. Brackley, W. H. Hewett, C. J. Sedgley, J. R. Sharman, F. W. Elliott, F. W. Brinklow, A. Cutler and J. E. Rootes.

Silent tribute was paid to the memory of E. Gladman, G. H. Head, G. N. Price, A. H. Pulling, T. J. Fowler, G. Pidwell and H. Baldwin.

The organiser (Mr. A. W. Coles) read apologies from the Rev. H. H. Treacher, Dr. F. S. Poole, Dr. E. L. Taylor, Canon C. C. Cox, Messrs. B. Aldridge, J. Bennett, W. Bottrell, W. Bowden, T. R. Dennis, C. W. R. Grimwood, F. I. Hairs, W. Hibbert, E. E. Holman, J. T. Kentish, H. Langdon, F. C. Maynard, E. Morris, F. W. Perrens, H. Rumens, J. F. Smallwood, S. H. Symonds, W. W. Webb, T. W. White, L. W. Wiffen, A. A. Hughes, E. Fenn, F. W. Housden and G. Gilbert.

For many kindnesses on this our one and only meeting of the year we included quite a number in our vote of thanks, and Mr. C. J. Sedgley ably voiced thanks to the Rev. H. H. Treacher for the use of St. Botolph's bells and the use of the Fanmakers' Hall, to the Rev. L. O. Rees (chaplain) for the use of St. Clement Danes' bells, to Mesdames E. E. Davis, E. Deal, P. Tomlinson, A. Deeley and Miss C. Moore for their services in connection with the tea, also to Mesdames D. Holland, M. Colville, K. Lock, G. Goodfellow and R. Coles for their gifts of cakes and other eatables. To those who provided transport—Messrs. J. W. Euston, F. W. Goodfellow, G. A. Spencer, J. R. Sharman and A. G. Mason—the meeting was also grateful. The usual informal social followed, and we all felt a deep appreciation of the efficient way our esteemed organiser (Mr. A. W. Coles) had made another happy and successful gathering. W. S.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evenson.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob): E. Walklate 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, Miss R. M. Bull 3, S. Walklate 4, M. Blore 5.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION TOUR OF SUSSEX

DESPITE a somewhat damp week in this phenomenal summer, the U.A. tour of Sussex was once more a great success. The year 1959 will be remembered for the large number of towers visited and also the plentiful supply of members attending during the week. About 48 ringers were with us, and the abundance of cars prevented unnecessary driver-fatigue.

The tour opened on August 8th. During the sunny afternoon Cowfold, West Grinstead, Thakeham and Storrington were visited. After tea we started off towards headquarters, whose address had been given as Lodge Hill, Pulborough. It proved to be delightfully situated at the top of a wooded hill, 100 feet above the main road, but about three miles from Pulborough! There were two very narrow approaches, one a steep second-gear gradient, and another rather less severe marked 'Dangerous.'

ALL BRIEFED FOR SUNDAY RINGING

Once signed in and suppered we spent the evening in nattering, walking and drinking, and one or two even rang handbells. Someone still had to organise Sunday service ringing, and Marie Cross soon briefed us all.

Next morning we all went our ways to the appointed towers, and map readers had their first real opportunity for leading drivers on to golf courses, over innumerable level crossings and along 'short cuts' which proved to be muddy farm tracks. On Sunday afternoon three carloads of ringers, led by one who was heard to remark rather smugly: 'Well, I have grabbed one or two before,' set off to see what towers could be found that were not included in the programme.

At Rogate we were pleased to meet an old friend, Jack Munday, who joined us in a non-conducted extent of Grandsire Doubles, whose 'silence' was marred only by Jumbo's chortles! Stedham bells were rather tricky, and after we finished it took time to reproduce exactly a knot we found in the tenor rope. Apart from these two, eight towers were manned during the day, and an energetic quarter peal of Bristol was rung at Pulborough.

The highlight of Monday's ringing was a peal of Kent at Ditchling. The two first-pealers can be justly proud, for to add to their difficulties this is an anti-clockwise ring and the bells' weights bear no recognisable relation to their notes. The peal band joined the rest of the tour at Burgess Hill, but the U.A. did not do these bells justice. Ringing was also below standard at Lindfield, but it improved at Cuckfield, and our president (E. H. Lewis), who was again with us, called a touch of Double Oxford Triples. Three good leads of Bristol closed the day's ringing.

IN AND AROUND BRIGHTON

Brighton and its environs were covered the next day. Steyning, the church of 'Boy with a Cart' fame, was noted for its intriguing collecting box—a scale model of the church, it chimed each time a coin was inserted! At the Church of the Good Shepherd the pleasing bells were recorded by Roger Savory, and the best ringing was 4-Spliced and Bristol. At the beautiful white St. Peter's we launched Geoffrey Dodds' Ashford Little Bob Caters with a nice touch, the first on tower bells. We were joined at St. Nicholas' by a ringer from Christchurch, New Zealand, who rang Grandsire Triples, with us. Spliced Kent and Oxford Minor at Aldrington, and so to the last official tower of the day, St. Mary-de-Haura's, Shoreham, where we were met by that old stalwart, Len Stilwell. Here Dick Speed joined us and Wilf. Moreton called some spliced Plain Major.

Roger Savory then sped off towards Lewes to ask Mr. and Mrs. Elphick about their practice. These kind folk immediately invited all

Roger's carload to a wonderful tea in their home. Soon more U.A. ringers arrived and the practice was begun with an excellent touch of Grandsire Caters called by Roger. Although this high standard was not maintained, good Kent Royal and Grandsire Triples were rung during the evening.

Wednesday began with sunshine. A band which lost a peal of London Major at Slaugham missed no towers due to this, owing to an early trip to Shipley, where the well-kept church was much admired. Spliced Triples was called by Wilf. Moreton at Bolney, and the peal band arrived in time for some 3-spliced. At Lower Beeding a good course of Yorkshire was rung, but we heard more of this later. Our lunch for this day, eaten outside a pub on pine-cone-strewn grass, degenerated into a brawl when one or two with famous names discovered what cones were for! The ensuing feud was settled ultimately with a ping-pong ball gun.

EXPERTS BEATEN

At Warnham is an eight where the late Alfred Pulling rang many peals, and here we managed Pudsey best. Our heaviest eight of the week, Horsham, proved enjoyable. Double Norwich, Bristol, and the notice 'Somebody must always be last,' are all remembered. The one and only 5-bell tower, Itchingfield (dubbed Itchingwhats-it), provided some amusement. Five very famous ringers demonstrated their inability to master a method called Itchingfield Slow Course Doubles, which a weaker U.A. band had spliced successfully with New Bob on the Sunday! The old priest's house was examined with interest.

The A.G.M. that evening was lively. Dermot Roaf was welcomed as the new secretary by the president, who at the conclusion of business commented on style and action in ringing as perpetrated by the band who rang Yorkshire at Lower Beeding. During the rest of the week many members seemed worried about their tail-ends.

Thursday's ringing started with good London Minor at Wisborough Green. A tape-recording here proved conclusively that the tenor, or its ringers, was slightly odd-struck. The fine singing tone of Chiddingfold bells was appreciated, and we set up at the hint of any bad striking. Phil. Corby, Mrs. Corby and their son joined us at Haslemere, where we rang a memorable course of Cambridge Royal. After lunch, Easebourne, whose tenor had a lingering note, and then Midhurst with its very old clock. The last tower was the fine eight at Petworth, heard at their best in a course of Bristol. The evening was spent in visits to nearby practices. On the return from Felpham, our bulky but intrepid driver 'dabbed' his brakes and the result was a sweet sound as someone ran into Brian Threlfall's vehicle with a Dormobile. Only slight damage.

'SERMON COMPOSING'

Eight towers covered on the Friday included five sixes, which made hard work of the morning. At Arundel, the eight were soon turning to Stedman, Yorkshire and Double Norwich. During three leads of Bristol our diminutive tenor man forgot to call 'That's all' while composing a sermon on good striking! Dick Blackman met us at Chichester Cathedral, and those who had not rung there before soon discovered that these bells are not easy to ring. Final tower of the week was Bosham, the famous beauty spot and mecca of small-boat sailors, where the fine six sound so well to those afloat.

Much feverish organisation by the redoubtable York resulted in a delightful social evening back at Lodge Hill. The various items included amusing reminiscences by E. H. Lewis, piano

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OBITUARY

MR. G. N. BLAKE

A member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society for 19 years, Mr. George Nelson Blake died in the St. Albans County Hospital on September 15th after two operations. His remains were cremated at West Herts Crematorium on September 22nd.

A quarter peal of 1,299 Stedman Caters was rung half-muffled the same evening by B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold (conductor) 2, G. Dodds 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, T. J. Southam 5, R. F. Ewer 6, W. Little 7, J. Ewer 8, G. Penney 9, W. A. Nicholls 10.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

On September 5th the East Grinstead Guild had an excursion into North Kent. At Borden, where the clerical ringers gave up in despair, we put up a good show on the lumpy eight. After the pleasant five at Lynsted we sampled Boughton-under-Blean: easy-going bells, but rather inaudible. On to Canterbury, where lunch was had before going to St. Stephen's. Some enjoyed listening to the local band ringing Grandsire Caters for a wedding at the Cathedral. After St. Stephen's a move was made to Whitstable, but not for oysters. Back to Canterbury for tea, then on to the last tower of the day, Chilham, whose grand eight were the best of the day, and we did them justice, especially with the final course of Superlative and the lower in peal. C. A. B.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH OUTING

Five towers (three anti-clockwise) in the Stow area was the order of the day for two coachloads of ringers and friends from the Marlborough area on September 29th.

Ringing started at Bourton-on-the-Hill (6, 14 cwt.), where the tenor, although tucked away behind the treble, was turned in to Plain Bob. At Longborough (6, 12 cwt.) the first Kent was rung before adjourning to Stow for lunch. After the meal, a presentation of an illuminated scroll was made to Mr. T. A. Palmer, the popular secretary, by Mr. W. A. Edwards to commemorate the former's 21 years' devoted service to the Branch.

Back then to ringing at the anti-clockwise five of Broadwell (6½ cwt.) which had not been rung during the previous 12 months. At Lower Slaughter (6, 8 cwt.) a bob touch of Kent came round before tea at Bourton-on-the-Water.

After a look at the model village and a cricket match, the last tower, Great Rissington, was reached. Before ringing these seldom-heard six, ropes had to be removed from three of the clappers.

An enjoyable day amidst wonderful scenery, where unfortunately the bells and ringing were not quite as good. R. J. J.

UNIVERSITIES' TOUR—Continued

duets by the Hudsons, mathematical dissertations by Jumbo and Dermot, a piano solo from Roger Savory, and handbell ringing under difficulties by many different bands. Extracts from the ringing recorded during the week were played back.

On the Saturday we dispersed at the close of a very successful week, those of us who were going Geoff. Dodds' way ringing at a few towers on the road north. Our thanks are due to all who worked for this success: Marie Cross, A. York-Bramble, Wilfrid Moreton, and especially to Dermot Roaf, who never spares himself in his enthusiasm for making the organisation tick and everyone happy.

J. R. T.

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ENGAGEMENT

WRATTEN—BIRCH. — The engagement is announced between Cyril A. Wratten, of Darley House, Carlton Street, Cheltenham, Glos, and Margery A. Birch, of 14, Kenwyn Road, Truro, Cornwall. 5005

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

WILLIAMSON—CROWE. — The marriage between H. Michael Williamson and Doreen F. Crowe will take place at Immanuel Church, Streatham, S.W.16, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 5042

DEATH

ROLFE. — On Sunday, Oct. 4th, 1959, suddenly, at her home, High View, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds, Millie Rolfe, wife of A. W. Rolfe, aged 75 years. 5041

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN BASS, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, who passed away October 6th, 1958. 5013

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The temporary address of Philip G. K. Davies is now 64, Bassett Street, Woodgate, Leicester. 5022

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

Forestalling further written enquiries—yes, the new Bellringer's Car Badge could adorn a scooter. Your car, scooter—even your pushbike—couldn't help looking smarter wearing one: 34s, post free from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 5030

HERSHAM, SURREY. — Practice night will now be on Wednesdays at 7.30, until further notice.—P. J. King, Hon. Sec. 5001

TEWKESBURY ABBEY GUILD OF RINGERS wish to assist financially in the restoration of the Abbey bells. They do not wish to make only an appeal for subscriptions and have prepared for sale CHRISTMAS CARDS—one type showing a bell-ringing scene appropriate to ringers and another the Nativity. Price 5s. per dozen, including envelopes. Obtainable from E. W. Penn, 1, Somerset Place, Tewkesbury. Your support and generosity will be gratefully received. 5009

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY — General meeting, St. Olave's Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3.30. Weekly practices recommence at St. Olave's, Monday, Oct. 12th, 6.30 p.m. Freshers welcome. Station: Tower Hill. 4926

WHITTINGTON HANDBELL RINGERS. — Practice meeting. Carols and other tunes played on handbells in the Guildhall, London, E.C., each Wednesday, 12.30 to 1 p.m. Practice in the crypt when the main hall is not available. 4999

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Doultling (6), Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4972

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Meeting, Tempsford, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods, Ipswich and Double Oxford. Enjoyable ringing for everyone.—A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5036

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Oct. 10th, ringing and tea at Biggin Hill (6). Westerham in evening. 4971

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Ely District, Cambridge University Guild, and Cambridge District, Longstanton, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Mufet, Dis. Sec. 4973

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10th, Shirehall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 4912

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner, Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Holy Trinity bells, 2.30 to 3.45; St. Mary's, 3.30 to 5 p.m. 5034

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4935

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 4958

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2.45 p.m., All Hallows', Twickenham (10). Tea and business, 4.30 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Twickenham. Ringing, St. Mary's (8), 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Practice, Lambeth, Monday, Oct. 19th, 7.30. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 4985

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District. — Meeting, St. Clement Danes', Strand, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing: 2 to 2.30 p.m., 3 to 4.30 and 5 to 6 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 4988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 4988

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS. — Practice meeting, Market Drayton, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 6 to 8 p.m. Look up Bristol.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5038

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Notts District. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 10th, Laxton (6). Cups of tea—please take own food. Lincolnshire bus from East Retford Church at 1.30.—H. Denman. 5006

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth, Beccles and Saxmundham Districts. — Meeting at Halesworth, Saturday, Oct. 10th, for election of officers for new district. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4994

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting, Steyning (8), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. 4978

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Practice, Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 7.30 p.m., Sacred Trinity, Salford. All freshers welcome.—Patricia J. Walker, Sec., 9, Firethorn Avenue, Burnage, Manchester, 19. 5031

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting (including nomination of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Oct. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill.—John Chilcott. 4949

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 13th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 5004

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Quarterly meeting, Toddington, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Woburn bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5000

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Nantwich, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Oct. 14th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5012

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Saltburn, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5028

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, St. Andrew's, Rugby, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 at Co-op Restaurant. Business meeting in ringing chamber. Bells available after. Arrangements are being made for other towers to be open from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. See next week's notice for details.—J. L. S. H. 5020

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Buckfast Abbey. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to D. Roberts, Branch Sec., 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 5029

DEVON GUILD. — S.W. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Newton Ferrers, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4975

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Oct. 17th. 2.30 p.m., Lanchester. All Saints', Consett, available in evening for ringing. Names to Mr. H. P. Thompson, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester. 5002

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Leigh. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Cotgrove, 94, Blenheim Chase, Leigh-on-Sea. 4980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting, Great Bardfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at café 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential that names for tea be sent by Wednesday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. J. Jennings, 1, Pant Place, Bridge Street, Great Bardfield. 4928

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Combined meeting of North and South Forest Branches at Redmarley, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Wilson, Redmarley. 5035

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, St. Paul's, Chippenham. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and service. Names for tea to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 5016

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Meeting, Great Rissington, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th.—F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham. 5014

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ranmore bells available from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when there will be a service in Ranmore Church. Tea 5 p.m., Dorking Church Hall, numbers for which should be sent by Oct. 15th to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking. Dorking bells available after tea until 9 p.m. 4970

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Horsmonden. Please bring own tea.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 5024

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. Kenward, Cemetery Lodge, Bell Road, Sittingbourne. 4986

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Oakham. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 15th, to Miss J. Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. 5021

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Crewe Branch. Chester Diocesan Guild, Nantwich, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea (free of charge) 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to Mr. W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 5007

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Northenden (6), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5. Business 6 p.m.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 5037

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Hamer (Rochdale), with celebrations for 90th anniversary of casting of bells. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea, by ticket only, to be obtained from G. Dyson, 6, Kentmere Avenue, Smallbridge, Rochdale: price 3s., or 5s. 6d., including dance. Numbers limited—please apply early.—Hudson, Sec. 4965

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Arnesby, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 14th, please, to the Rev. N. L. Hewitt, The Vicarage, Arnesby, Leicester. 4995

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurmaston, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by 14th to J. Barnacle, 23, West-down Drive, Thurmaston. 4996

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Rumney, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 5033

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee dinner.—The bells of the Cathedral and other city churches will be available during the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 17th, from 2.30 p.m. 5027

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Biddulph, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th, to J. Stanway, School House, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4998

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Coltishall, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to Mr. W. Stibbons, The Limes, Coltishall, please. Special method, Killamarsch.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4945

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District.—Autumn meeting, Cropredy (6), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 4976

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Autumn meeting at Kingham (8), Saturday, Oct. 17th.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 5010

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at 6 p.m. Special method, Superlative Surprise Major.—B. C. Castle. 5025

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Meeting, Kidlington (8), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Also Hanborough (6), 2.15, and Bladon (6), 7.30 p.m. Tea names by Oct. 13th to David Smith, Merryfield House, Witney. 5011

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chacombe, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 5023

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irthlingborough, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skeritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 5019

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SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne, Wilts. 5015

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 5032

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Damerham. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names by Tuesday, 13th. Martin also available in evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5003

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Dundee on Oct. 17th. Ringing at St. Paul's 2 p.m., afterwards at Old Steeple. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. Anderson, 1, Blackness Avenue, Dundee. 5039

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Shedfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Reading Room. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Miss B. Daysh, Woodmans Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. 5026

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest, Ripponden, Saturday, Oct. 24th. For teas please notify by Oct. 22nd Mr. F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, Oct. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5008

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 24th, St. Mary's, Liss (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Oct. 22nd, to Mrs. R. E. May, Craiglea, St. Mary's Road, Liss. Transport available (small charge) to SS. Peter and Paul's, Hawkey (8), at 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5018

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting at Llanover, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome, especially learners.—D. P. 4968

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern and Eastern Divisions.—A combined meeting will be held at Southover on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.14. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 21st, direct to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes. 5017

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 24th. 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. each, from Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Ringing: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 6 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 4 to 6 p.m. 4982

KIMPTON, HERTS.—Service of rededication of the rehug bells on Saturday, Oct. 31st, 2 p.m., followed by Hertfordshire ringing competition for the Kimpton Cup. Details from J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Herts.

ST. NICHOLAS', GREAT YARMOUTH, COMPANY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Opening of new ring of 13 in Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Service 2.15 p.m. Bells available to visiting ringers (or ringing bands) immediately after service. Buffet tea, 4 to 6 p.m. (2s. 6d.). To enable all to have a ring, names and method preferences of intending visitors, also those requiring tea, must be received by Friday, Oct. 23rd. Visitors must state time they expect to leave Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Sec., 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth. 4997

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 4948

QUARTER PEALS

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Moir 1, Maryl Crossthwaite (first 'inside') 2, D. Couperthwaite 3, Betty Faunch 4, D. Lawson 5, J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. Longest length for 1, 2 and 4. A farewell to Jim Cross, a local ringer, on his departure to Carmarthen Teachers' Training College.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. F. Baker 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. F. Muflet 4, G. A. Lucas 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6, M. Ginn 7 (cover). Rung before the Battle of Britain service.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—On Sept. 28th, at the Church of St. Wilfred, Northenden, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Bagguley 1, Pamela M. Buzza 2, Enid Rowley 3, B. Rumney (first of Minor) 4, J. Robinson 5, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A welcome to the Rev. J. O. Jegede, of Nigeria.

REDDISH, LANCS.—On Sept. 20th, at 29, Leamington Road, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Robinson 1-2, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 3-4, B. Rumney 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Atkinson 1, R. Woodward 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Mrs. P. Burns 4, I. Tilling 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, G. S. Lec 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, P. Walker 10. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

LATE NOTICE

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, N. Kilworth, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 5043

MID-ESSEX RINGERS TOUR THE WEST

ZERO hour, 5 a.m., on August 29th, and there were scenes of activity as the first car left Danbury on the westward road: 6.30 a.m., and the remaining six ringers left in hot pursuit with Dick junior at the helm. Just through Langport the two drivers drew level and lunch was served on the roadside. Into Devon and Tedburn St. Mary (6), our first tower of the week, was followed by Drewsteignton (6), a delightful village well known to buyers of Ilford films. The bells have majestic tone, but single rope ends and long draught make hard work of ringing. Fingal's Bridge and Post Bridge, both well-known beauty spots, were visited en route to Launceston, where we booked in at our H.Q., the White Hart Hotel. A typical Cornish welcome soon appeared in the form of Mr. W. Boucher, who put us wise on the merits and otherwise of our prospective programme.

Sunday dawned bright, and cheerful faces were predominant as we ascended the hill to St. Stephen's, a very pleasant eight just outside Launceston. The afternoon was spent at Lawhitton (6) and Lezant (6), with evening service ringing at St. Thomas', Launceston (6), where Mr. W. Moss, the District secretary, welcomed us. After Evensong, Mr. Boucher insisted we should ring at St. Mary's Launceston, and we offered no resistance to his kind offer. Handbell ringing at H.Q. rounded off the day.

Monday morning we followed the Tamar Valley north to Boyton (5) and North Tamerton (6), where we had to ring the back five as the treble clapper had broken in the crown and put the bell temporarily out of action. Whitstone, a pleasant Gillett six, followed, and after Poundstock (6), where the addition of a treble has spoilt an otherwise good five, we lunched at the Brockmoor Hotel, Widemouth Bay. Six of us journeyed to Week St. Mary (6, 8½ cwt.) in the afternoon and rang a peal in seven methods on these delightful Gillett bells, while the less fanatical snoozed in the afternoon sun at Widemouth Bay. After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers very kindly prepared a first-class tea, and leaving the others to their fate we ate in plenty and were duly satisfied. Joining forces again we spent the evening at North Petherwin, a fine six and an architectural gem of a church.

Tuesday we moved south, and thanks to Mr. Boucher the first tower was Stoke Climsland (a delightful eight), where most of the bells were recast by Taylors in 1952. Linkinhorne (6), with 60 feet of rope, was followed by Callington's, a rather unimpressive six. Thanks to the senior ladies, a picnic lunch was then taken at the Clapper Bridge, Pillaton, where the sun and scenery made us a bit late at St. Dominick (6), with its unusual tower and sluggish tenor. On to St. Mellion (6) and Landulph (6), where John Pennington left nothing to be desired except, perhaps, a bit more tone in the third. Botus Fleming (what a delightful name) was followed by St. Stephen-by-Saltash (6, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.), and I don't think Bob Southwood was far out when he said 'the finest six in Cornwall', even better than Perranwell or Stithians; sorry, Alan, but I think Bob's right. Tea was taken in Saltash before proceeding to St. Ives (6) and Pillaton (6), where Stan Dolley was rescued from the 'local', and Surfleet, etc., brought round on these musical bells.

GOOD PEAL AT HARTLAND

Northward again on Wednesday to Poughill ('Puffe' locally), a very fine six, where we were met by Mr. Ham. On through the Coombe Valley to Morwenstow (6), where the Rev. R. S. Hawker was at one time incumbent and is remembered mainly for his poetry and introduction of the harvest festival service into the Church of England. Attempting a short cut to Welcome, we soon came unstuck on the roads which all dwindle into cart tracks and don't seem to go anywhere. Needless to say, we were

late at Welcome (6, a rather pleasant light ring). Lunch was again prepared by the ladies and taken at Welcome Mouth before the peal ringers got busy at Hartland, a beautiful Taylor six (tenor 17½ cwt.). A good peal in three methods was brought round in 3 hours and 7 minutes, and on completion we were delighted to see Sam Everett and family on holiday at Stratton, who joined in for a ring. The evening was spent on Cornwall's finest eight at Stratton, where Harry Stacey and Co. gave us the usual hearty welcome, and Marhamchurch (a lovely six) where Mr. R. J. Hicks, the Stratton Branch secretary, welcomed us. We were pleased to meet Mr. Ernest Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, also on holiday at Stratton.

Liskeard (8) was the first stop on Thursday, followed by St. Germans, with its two west towers and pleasant light octave. A touch of Stedman containing Queen's, Whittington's and Tittums was brought round, much to Bert's delight. A pleasant run brought us to Antony (6), where the bells have recently been rehung and leave little room for improvement. Another picnic lunch was disposed of at Morval before ringing on this fine six. Winding lanes brought us to Talland (6), where Ernest Ladd and family joined us. More lanes, and we arrived at Lansallos (a fine eight), which is said to possess the prize call-change band of the district. Lanteglos-by-Fowey (6), with 70 feet of rope, and St. Veep (6), where it says on a board that John Pennington leaped with joy after hearing the tone of his bells, were both visited before tea was taken in Lostwithiel. At St. Clear (6) we departed from convention and rang rapid call-changes from a card, much to the delight of the local ringer, who assured us with a bit of time and practice he could make us into prize ringers. Lewannick (6) was the last of the day, and supper at Launceston brought the day to a close.

A NARROW SQUEAK

A narrow squeak for yours truly on Friday morning when a ladder perched against the wall at North Hill was dislodged by tower sway and crashed down beside him. Heartbeats returned to normal and we moved on to St. Neot (6), bells that go very well but are slightly out of tune. Cardinham, a Mears eight rehung by Gillett, was followed by Blisland and another female lunch on the picturesque village green, where the village policeman gave us his blessing. St. Tudy (6), a very pretty village with not such pretty bells, then St. Breward (6), where a fine view is obtained of Bodmin Moor, and on to St. Teath. Lanteglos-by-Camelord (6) was followed by tea and our evening ringing at Davidstow (6) and South Petherwin (6), the latter being very sluggish and not at all end-of-the-week bells. Following an unsuccessful attempt to ring at Laneast we returned to H.Q., where Mr. Boucher bade us farewell and wished us good luck on the return journey.

Saturday morning was as bright as ever, and 52 miles round the north of Dartmoor brought us to Tiverton (8), the finest bells of the week. Bampton's six were followed by lunch at Tarr Steps, an ancient clapper bridge over the River Barle. Hawkrice (6), Exton (6), Winsford (6) and Exford (6) were all combined with sightseeing in some of the finest countryside in England. A much-appreciated cream tea at Horner, then evening ringing at Luccombe (6) and Timberscombe (8) before leaving the heights of Exmoor to our last night's lodging at Watchet.

Sunday service ringing took place at Milverton (8) and Taunton St. Mary (12), the latter being our final ringing of the tour. Thus ended a grand tour in delightful surroundings and with good bells, where 30 different methods were brought round. Highlights of the week

GREAT BEDWYN'S FIRST QUARTER PEAL

The heavy ring of six at Great Bedwyn, Wilts, has always proved a challenge to peal ringers, and at least four attempts have been made to score the first peal on the bells. Broken clappers were the downfall of two of these attempts and the other two ended abruptly by ringers having to give up.

Although five 720's were rung on once occasion, no quarter peal had ever been scored on the bells, so that it was with this first in mind that four ringers from Andover and two others from Yattendon and Highclere met at Bedwyn to attempt the first quarter of Bob Minor on September 17th.

All the bells go badly and the fifth and tenor are odd-struck the wrong way; and after the first 720 the blistered hands of the ringers of four and tenor, through having to catch these bells above the sally, decided the conductor on ringing a 1,260 instead of the proposed 1,440.

This was a lucky decision, as at the conclusion of the quarter a plain course of Bob Minor was rung for other visitors, during which the fourth went completely dry and came out of its bearings.

Peals are already barred here because of broken clappers and bells running dry; it now appears that quarter peals will share a similar fate; but with a tenor of approximately 30 cwt. (the locals will tell you 35 cwt.), we are proud of our achievement which we feel is a quarter well earned.

It was rung to the memory of Oscar J. Smart, late Ringing Master of Andover, whose birthplace this is. The band was E. Woolgrove 1, Hazel White 2, O. G. Smart 3, B. Grainger 4, R. F. Crook 5, G. K. Dodd (conductor) 6.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at St. David's Church, Bangor, on September 5th. Members attended from Wrexham, Buckley, Hope, Portmadoc, Machynlleth, Abergele, Rhyl and Bangor. The ringing was controlled by Mr. Fred Evans (Ringing Master), from Wrexham.

The service was taken by the vice-president (Canon E. G. Wright), assisted by the Rev. I. V. Davies. The address was given by the Canon. Tea in the Schoolroom was served by the ladies of the church, assisted by the young lady probationer members.

Canon E. G. Wright presided at the business meeting. Mr. Albert J. Hughes, a founder member of the Association, was proposed as an honorary life member for his good work for over 56 years. This was carried with acclamation. Mr. Hughes acknowledged in a short speech.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon E. G. Wright for conducting the service, and to the ladies for providing and serving the tea.

More ringing followed, and the general view was that it was a most successful meeting. Three new members from Bangor, the Misses Brenda Hughes and Dorothy Evans and Mr. Ian Palferman, were elected. The Machynlleth ringers stated they were prepared to welcome the Association for the annual meeting on the second Saturday after Whitsun, 1960.

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were narrow lanes, long single ropes, two peal attempts (both successful), picturesque villages, first-class accommodation and good food. Thanks are extended to Mr. W. Boucher and Mr. W. Moss, of Launceston, Mr. R. J. Hicks and Mr. H. Stacey, of Stratton, to all tower captains and incumbents for the use of their bells, to our navigators and drivers and all who helped to make our week such a success.

J. E. G. R.

QUARTER PEALS

ALFRETON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Bob Doubles: H. Painter 1, Dorothy Atrill 2, C. Hughes 3, E. Willows 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, H. Leggoe 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Fletcher.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire): Judith Cox 1, Susan Nicholson 2, Brenda Foster 3, Mary Andrews 4, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, H. Williams 6. For Sunday evening service.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): R. L. K. Whittell 1, J. Munnings 2, K. Whittell 3, R. Pegg 4, W. Garrard 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. For Evensong on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Dunwich.

BRISTOL.—On Sept. 12th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,403 Grandsire Caters: D. J. Hunt 1, Mrs. E. Bowden 2, R. J. Bowden 3, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 4, H. W. Woolven 5, B. Shackleton 6, R. G. Hooper 7, E. T. Hitchens 8, L. E. Hitchens 9, C. A. Wratten 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, W. S. Butler 2, R. Dorking 3, B. Crook 4, J. Warner 5, C. Burton 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For the reopening of St. Nicholas' Church.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Woodward (first quarter) 1, E. Leggett (cond.) 2, Miss M. Bloyce 3, B. Gibbons 4, D. Culham 5, D. Webber 6.

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DOLTON DAY

THE Dolton Ringing Festival is not part of the Devon Association's calendar of competitions, nor is it an 'Invitation' event, for it is open to all-comers. But it has gained a good reputation among the leading competition-ringing bands, and this it certainly deserves, for various reasons.

First, it gives very welcome encouragement to new bands by running a 'B' class for teams which have not won a competition before, with a very fine cup for the winner. Second, it has a remarkably beautiful ring of six, with an outstanding tenor of 13 cwt. with a lovely, rich and very 'plummy' tone. Third, it provides a wealth of entertainment for everybody, with a sumptuous tea, skittles—the pins placed further apart than any with which your reporter has ever failed to get a 'spare'—a football match and a clay-pigeon shoot. And last, Dolton is a very nice place on a sunny afternoon in what ought to be autumn but was still summer; a very neat village, the cob houses spotless white, three delightful pubs, a fine church, and a beautiful situation above the valley of the Torridge river.

So here, on October 3rd, are the teams, and here once again are the two great rivals, Down St. Mary and West Down, the former hoping to add to a collection of silverware won this season, which if they get much more will leave scant room for ringing in their tower; the latter determined that even if St. Mary won the Devon Shield they aren't going to win the Dolton Shield, an unusually pretty one with a 1½-inch silver bell, hung for ringing and ringable, fixed in a miniature frame at the top of its mount.

Class 'B' opens the proceedings; four bands here from Plymtree, Tawstock, Talaton and Bishop's Nympton alias 'Bish Nym.' Of these Talaton were easily the best with 76 faults, though they might have done better if they had been in less of a hurry; 35 changes a minute makes Dolton bells hard to strike perfectly. The other three came very close together; Tawstock 102, Plymtree 107 1/3, Bishop's Nympton 108.

First of the 'A' teams are Dunsford, up from Exeter way; their peal came rather sadly to grief through, one suspects, the tenor's being allowed to false-clapper—not difficult to do even with a 13 cwt. bell if she's tucked up a bit and the rise is so rapid that the tenor-man can't afford to check her at the start. Anyway, she didn't speak for some time on the way up, and after a very fair peal of

changes she lost her tongue early in the lower and didn't find it again until the very end.

Next come West Down, with a peal which the experts say is going to take some whacking, but you can never be sure; even though their ringing sounds better to some ears, Down St. Mary are often the band which lose fewer marks. After them we hear a very fair peal from High Bickington, and then comes the big question of the day; will Down St. Mary gain this prize as well?

Down St. Mary led off with their usual beautiful 'pitch,' a perfect, tightly-compressed round with every bell just the height to go up with the tenor; their rise was good and their top-ringing settled to just the right speed for the bells, 33 a minute, coming down to 35 about half-way through as they got used to the bells. But there was just enough in the way of unsteadiness to make it very hard for anyone to be sure whether they had beaten West Down or not, and nobody in the churchyard was prepared to commit himself. In addition, the last band, Merton, were by way of being a dark horse. Merton are not generally in the really top class, but they are almost next-door to Dolton and some of their men learnt to ring on these bells, so that this advantage might be enough to give their more than competent band the chance of springing a surprise on the champions. But first we heard Kenn, another Exeter-way band, ring a good peal, and then the Merton men went in to see what they could do.

What they did sounded very good, but it wasn't quite in the class of the rival Downs, and we went in to the service with the issue decidedly between those two. And when, after the service, Mr. Clements, the Dolton captain and spokesman for the judges, told us that West Down were the winners with 30 faults, nobody was surprised and nobody disappointed. Down St. Mary didn't go home empty-handed, though, for there is a fine cup for the second team, and their peal, only 5 faults behind West Down, won it for them easily. High Bickington came third with 49, Kenn next with 52, and Merton very close to them with only 2/3rds of a fault more. Dunsford were last with 153.

And so a last couple of peals for visitors and those who haven't had enough in seven hours, and Dolton's day is over until next year, with certificates for all, and £3 for the winner of the skittles, and more for the clay-pigeon experts, and glory for the footballers, and a good fillip for the church finances—and there can be few ways for a village church to raise money which gives its visitors a better day's entertainment.

J. G. M. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

FRED C. LYNE Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
WILLIAM H. MALE 2	D. PATRICK HARRIS 7
*SHIRLEY STROUD 3	A. JAMES PRICE 8
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH NEWMAN 9
CLARENCE R. STEED 5	FREDERICK KINCHIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

* First peal on ten. First of Bob Caters for all but the sixth ringer: also first for the Guild.

Rung in honour of Mr. E. H. Adams' 60 years' service to St. Mary's as Verger and Ringing Master. Also a farewell to the Rev. Joseph McCulloch, who left Warwick the previous day.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

VERONA C. NAYLOR .. Treble	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 6
WILLIAM J. LEACH 2	GORDON HARRISON 7
ALAN G. FOSTER 3	EDWARD J. WHITE 8
*JOHN K. SMITH 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 9
†GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 5	BRIAN DAWSON Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † 50th peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. W. B. Woolley), who was inducted on September 24th. Also for the harvest festival.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	PETER F. BORER 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	†JOHN W. SMITH 7
THOMAS E. SONE 3	GEOFFREY PEARSON 8
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 9
†TREVOR A. CROSS 5	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters in the method. First of Caters as conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 RICKMANSWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

B. CLARE WEBSTER .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	JOHN HILL 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	DENNIS KNOX 9
WILLIAM S. DEASON 5	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—4—50—16—70—38—34—3—16—9

2nds place lead. 4ths place bob.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 5
JOSEPH SAXTON 2	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS .. 6
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 3	*LEONARD GOODALL .. 7
A. BENJAMIN COOPER .. 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal in the method.

Composition contains the 120 course-ends.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM FAY Treble	JAMES A. WOOLFORD .. 5
HAROLD SPENCER 2	PETER F. WINDLEY .. 6
COLIN REEVES 3	F. BRIAN COOKSON .. 7
HAROLD PARKER 4	HUGH NEILL Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

An engagement compliment to Peter Windley and Mary Ainley.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb.

ORIEL CASTLEMAN .. Treble	JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5
DOREEN D. DUTTON 2	ROLAND H. COOK 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

TOM CHAPMAN Treble	BRUCE GRAINGER 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	REGINALD F. CPYK .. 6
BRIAN MILLS 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 7
CHRIS. HERBERT 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal of Major as conductor.

A farewell to Bruce Grainger, who is leaving the district.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

MALCOLM PHIPPS .. Treble	JOHN S. SEAGER 5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 2	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 6
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 3	LESLIE W. BACON .. 7
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS .. 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Rung as a tribute to the 80 miners killed in the Creswell Colliery disaster on September 26th, 1950.

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EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*DEBORAH HOPKINS Treble	DERMOT J. ROAF 5
BRYAN PATTISON 2	DEREK STAINSBY 6
ANNE E. AMOR 3	ARTHUR GIBBS 7
FRANCES SECKER 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal.

A 'coming-of-age' compliment to James R. Taylor, of Bedford.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

*NEIL KITCHEN	Treble	†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	JOHN PILKINGTON	6
JOHN JACKSON	3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE	7
ARTHUR RIGBY	4	FRANK STEAD	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal.

First peal in the method for all the band.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Sept. 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

IAN H. ORAM Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 5
MICHAEL J. PALMER 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 6
FREDDIE SCOTT 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Being 2,528 Kent and 2,560 Oxford. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	*JOHN A. ACRES 6
PETER J. HAWCOCK 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN V. TEMPLE 4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 100th peal together. First peal on this plan by all the band, and for the Guild.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*SHIRLEY GUY Treble	MAURICE BENNETT 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
RONALD C. NOON 3	*A. ROY WITHYMAN 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 38). Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal. † First in the method.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 HIGHBURY COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEONARD J. MINNS Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
KENNETH L. BROWN 3	BERT GOGLE 7
WILLIAM LOVE 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
*CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. 2	VERNON GREEN 6
ELSIE K. HART 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
NEVILLE JENKINS 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	*JOHN W. SMITH 6
HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Superlative. First in the method as conductor. Mr. F. J. Cullum's 265th peal on the bells.

Rung for the harvest festival, and the 21st anniversary of Erith being granted a charter as a borough.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1-3) Grandsire, (4-6) Stedman, (7-9) Grandsire, (10-12) Stedman, (13-16) Grandsire, (17-18) Stedman, (19) Grandsire, (20-21) Plain Bob, (22) Stedman, (23-24) Plain Bob, (25-27) Grandsire, (28-29) Stedman, (30) Plain Bob, (31) Grandsire, (32) Plain Bob, (33) Stedman, (34) Plain Bob, (35) Grandsire, (36-42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*KEITH B. TOWNSEND .. Treble	*PETER J. CHILTON 3
†CHRISTOPHER L. POWDRILL 2	†MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4

A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal at first attempt † First of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor.

Average age of band 15 years 2 months. Youngest band to ring a peal for the Guild.

WELLESBOURNE HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PERCY A. ORAM Treble	*EDWARD VENN 4
JEAN M. ADDICOT 2	WILLIAM H. MALE 5
*PETER S. BENNETT 3	HARRY M. WINDSOR .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

* First peal of Minor. First on the bells since their being rehung in 1955.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEDFORD DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ANNE E. AMOR Treble	JOHN B. LONG 4
ROBERT L. PIRON 2	R. GORDON CORBY 5
JAMES H. EDWARDS 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

First peal in the method by all the band.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 36 methods, viz.: Shipway's Place Bob, Colnbrook S.C., Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham S.C., Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C., Westminster II Bob, Broughton S.C., Blackburn Place, Ockham S.C., St. Hilary, Chesham S.C., New Bob, Oakley S.C., Huntspill, Chipstead S.C., St. Vedast, Itchingfield S.C., Reverse Union, Boveney, S.C., Reverse St. Faith, Eton S.C., Reverse St. Julian, Bedford S.C., St. Nicholas, Thornborough S.C., Winchendon Place, Hascombe S.C., St. Remigius, Longford S.C., St. Simon, Slapton S.C., St. Martin, Merton S.C., St. Osmund, Rugby S.C.; with 278 changes of method.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH	.. Treble	ROBIN J. ELLIOT	.. .. 3
GEOFFREY CRISP	.. .. 2	*GEORGE FRANCIS	.. .. 4

W. LESLIE WELLS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* 125th peal. First peal in 36 methods for the Association and all the band except the ringer of the third. First of Spliced Doubles for the Association on tower bells.

ABBOT'S ANN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Dedworth Bob, Norfolk, Old, Kennington and April Day, 20 of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr, 6 lb. in G.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	.. .. Treble	†OSCAR G. SMART	.. .. 3
BRUCE GRAINGER	.. .. 2	†BRIAN MILLS	.. .. 4

GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Double Court, Single Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE	.. .. Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON	.. .. 4
PETER A. SHARP	.. .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE	.. .. 5
AMOS INGALL	.. .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 50, 51, 52 and 54. Tenor 17½ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	.. Treble	EDGAR A. COLE	.. .. 4
ROBIN BROWN	.. .. 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL	.. .. 5
*DAPHNE BROWN	.. .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	.. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WATKIN	.. .. Treble	ALBERT LAWTON	.. .. 4
G. ARNOLD MOORE	.. .. 2	HAROLD ROBERTS	.. .. 5
ELIZABETH ROBERTS	.. .. 3	ERIC YOUNG	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

The conductor has called a peal from each bell in the tower.

Rung after the wedding of Miss Ann Howard to Mr. Gerald Yeend. Sunday service ringer.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr, 9 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON	.. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	.. .. 4
JACK PILGRIM	.. .. 2	PETER S. BEDFORD	.. .. 5
*ALAN R. BRIDGES	.. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal, and first in seven methods 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Ipswich and Cambridge, (3) College Exercise and Norbury, (4) Kent and Oxford, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	Treble	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	†GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
PETER J. EVES	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 75th peal together. † 175th peal. ‡ First in more than seven methods.

Rung for harvest thanksgiving; also a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Roast

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt, 7 lb.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	.. Treble	JOHN L. GIRT	.. .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER	.. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	.. .. 5
HUBERT A. MITSON	.. .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 150 and 151). Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

*SHEILA A. KEYTE	.. .. Treble	†WILLIAM B. POMEROY	.. .. 4
†MICHAEL G. SELBY	.. .. 2	†GERALD C. HEMMING	.. .. 5
MARTYN HAWKES	.. .. 3	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	.. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

UPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(West Lindsey Branch.)

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of St. Martin's, six of St. Simon's, 20 of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CAROL FOTHERINGHAM	.. Treble	†DELIA E. SMITH	.. .. 3
G. LESLIE A. LUNN	.. .. 2	†T. ALAN GILBERT	.. .. 4

†A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, York, Wells and London, each called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt, 3 qr, 9 lb.

FRED HODGSON	.. .. Treble	*THOMAS COOKE	.. .. 4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	.. .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK	.. .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY	.. .. 3	ROLAND PARK	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* 100th peal.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Hereward, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

WILFRED H. LEWIS Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	GEOFFREY PARTING 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A farewell peal to the Rev. E. Hughes, M.A., on his retirement as Rector of Hope.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAPHNE BROWN Treble	*EDGAR A. COLE 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	*ROBIN BROWN 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in three methods.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale; (2) Cambridge, Ipswich; (3) Norfolk, Primrose; (4) Berwick, Hexham; (5) London, Wells; (6) York, Durham; (7) Beverley, Surfleet. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	JAMES W. HAW 5
CECIL WADE 3	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Birthday compliments to the conductor, who is 78, and Mr. F. W. French.

PILTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY SMITH Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 4
ERNEST E. BRAY 2	PETER WRIGHT 5
MICHAEL ROSE 3	GWILYM SALMON Tenor

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

GORDON ROTHWELL Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4
BARBARA FOSTER 2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3
ALLAN SMITH, JUN. 3	KEITH ABBOTT Tenor

Conducted by KEITH ABBOTT.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Foster.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

NEWTOWN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In five methods, rung in blocks of 120 changes, being 42 extents of Newtown Place Bob, 42 of Canterbury Place Bob, 42 of Reverse Bob, 42 of Double Bob and 42 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

ERIC WOOLGROVE Treble	*HAZEL WHITE 3
*CHERRY WHITE 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal, and rung at the first attempt. First of Minimus ever rung on tower bells.

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HALF PEAL

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th. 2,520 Doubles (480 each St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 600 Grandsire): A. E. Hinman 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, H. Stonehouse 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5. A tribute to the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Holderness, R.D.) for his 30 years in the ministry.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Oct. 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dian Ellis 1, D. Kerley 2, F. Rowsell (cond.) 3, Geoff Kerley (first 'inside') 4, D. Evans 5, G. Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson 7, M. Edwards 8. For harvest festival and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringers of 2, a sister to the ringers of 4 and a grand-daughter to the ringers of 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th. 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Flack 1, S. Bonnett 2, P. Salisbury 3, D. Salisbury 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major by 2 and 4.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Beard 1, Miss M. Harris (first quarter) 2, J. Carrott 3, G. Richardson 4, A. Gargrave 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, T. East 7, D. Mitchell 8. Also on Sept. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Beard 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, A. Gargrave 5, D. Mitchell 6, G. C. Cortis 7, R. Petchey (first quarter) 8. A 46th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 7.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Sept. 19th. 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: D. W. Fellowes (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, D. M. Sawyer 3, R. A. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. R. Perkins 6. A wedding day compliment to F. Kevon Thompson and A. Mary Carpenter.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Moore 1, Elizabeth Roberts 2, H. Roberts 3, A. Lawton 4, A. Whittall 5, W. Talbot 6, E. Young (cond.) 7, W. G. Talbot, jun., 8. First of Stedman for all except 1 and 7. A 75th birthday compliment to Albert Lawton.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd. 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Margaret A. Westcott 1, A. D. Grant 2, R. G. Goodman (first of Cambridge) 3, Gillian Neal-Smith 4, Dr. A. Neal-Smith 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. M. M. Barlow), late of St. Mathias', Richmond, by five of his old parishioners.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fisher 1, R. D. Gibson 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, J. S. Rank 5, D. Johnson 6, C. C. Brown (first as cond.) 7, I. Goldthorpe 8. First of Triples for all.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Boxall 1, Rosemary Stevens 2, F. Godsmark (cond.) 3, G. Packham 4, R. Johnson 5, H. Symonds 6. Rung for the 100th birthday this day of Mrs. Julie Woolven.

DANE HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Probert (first away from tenor) 1, June Carter (first 'inside') 2, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 3, A. J. Butcher 4, A. J. Carter (first quarter) 5, W. J. Sale (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to June F. Carter, and a farewell gesture to Marlene Robbins.

QUARTER PEALS

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Pain 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, J. Carrott 4, L. S. Woods (cond.) 5, F. G. Richardson 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. Gargrave 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Drake 1, R. Bridges 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6. To welcome Canon M. S. Stancliffe (Rector of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and former curate of Southbroom), and also for harvest festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, at All Saints' Church. 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Pankhurst 1, H. G. F. Reynolds 2, Mrs. Betty Percy 3, L. J. Baldock 4, R. Wood 5, L. Stillwell 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, W. J. Hayes 8. For harvest festival.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. E. Hibbert 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, E. T. Sneller 4, Miss E. M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For harvest festival.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Spittle 1, Maureen Candy 2, Margaret Slack 3, H. E. Good 4, J. E. Beams 5, A. S. Besant 6, D. Spittle (cond.) 7, C. W. Munday 8. To celebrate 50 years of ringing by Mr. Harry E. Good.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Millham 1, M. Harborne 2, H. Eggstone 3, P. Saltmarsh 4, N. Lees 5, D. Symonds 6, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8. For harvest festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Smith (first quarter) 1, E. Warner 2, Patricia Laycock (first 'inside') 3, Janet Cleeve (first in method) 4, S. C. Ponting 5, C. A. Hopper 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, R. W. Lee (first quarter) 8. For the Young Farmers' annual service.

HADLEY, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Bradbrook 1, T. Pink 2, C. King 3, R. Fraser 4, R. Harrison 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. For harvest festival Evensong and as a 79th birthday compliment to W. Langley (October 3rd).

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 4th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Fenney 1, R. Trevitt 2, R. Asher 3, E. Cole 4, J. Ward 5, R. Brown 6, A. Dixon 7, R. Pockington (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. By the service band for harvest festival Evensong.

HEYWOOD, LANCs.—On Sept. 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6-8 covering): A. Crabtree 1, R. Maher 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, G. Rothwell 4, G. S. Mills 5, B. Cole 6, J. P. Parrington (first as cond.) 7, J. Mills 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Dunn 1, Mary Russell 2, W. Simmonds 3, P. A. Lock 4, H. C. Spencer 5, W. Harvey 6, R. Blackler (cond.) 7, P. J. S. Shipp 8.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. White (first quarter) 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, H. Wilton 4, C. M. White (first as cond.) 5, R. C. B. Smallman (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

MEMBURY, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Turner 1, P. Cox 2, S. W. White 3, W. E. Turner 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis (first quarter) 6. Rung in the conductor's 1,615th tower to mark the completion of his 28th year of ringing.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Oct. 4th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): J. Mawdesley 1, Margaret Fort (first quarter) 2, E. Flint 3, K. Edwards 4, D. Aspden 5, J. Ashcroft 6, R. Lloyd 7, D. Burgess 8.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On Sept. 27th. 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Doris Smith 1, C. H. Davies 2, Rosemarie Jones 3, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 4, M. Larcher 5, T. A. Davies 6. First quarter for all except 2 and 4. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 4th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Larcher 1, Judy Eshelby 2, Rosemarie Jones 3, T. M. Roderick 4, T. A. Davies 5, D. Mathlin 6. First quarter 2 and 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 26th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. Hankey 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, Mrs. B. Cracknell 3, D. Munday 4, G. West 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. First of Stedman for 1, 4 and 5. For Confirmation service.

ST. PETER'S-IN-ISLE OF THANET, KENT.—On Sept. 20th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Cobbold 1, Miss S. Davies 2, Miss P. Fennell 3, Miss M. Taylor 4, Mrs. N. Bridges 5, J. M. Stephens 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. First in method 1, 2 and 3. A wedding compliment to Miss J. Prichard and Mr. P. Rowe.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. W. Bowles (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, P. J. Dye 4, R. Collins 5, R. T. Pankhurst 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, P. A. Corby 8. For morning service.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 21st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Farrent 1, A. Minzo 2, K. Clark 3, C. C. Turner (cond.) 4, C. Webb 5, P. Davis 6, W. Webb 7, A. Down 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 20th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Livingston (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Janet L. Adamson 2, A. D. Rivers 3, Linda J. Kew (14, first as cond.) 4, D. Ward (first of Triples 'inside') 5, D. K. Walters 6, W. Birmingham 7, Pamela M. Jervis 8. For Battle of Britain commemoration service.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 4th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Gates 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, Miss P. Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, H. Miller 5, A. Spreadbury 6, M. Rowe 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Sept. 26th, at the Church of St. Mary. 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. A. H. Cattell 1, Miss B. Carter 2, Mrs. M. C. Povner 3, R. Newton 4, J. C. Meads 5, H. Povner 6, F. Leach 7, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 8, E. V. Rodenhurst 9, J. Jones 10. A farewell tribute to the Rt. Rev. R. L. Hodson (Bishop of Shrewsbury), upon his retirement.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Barlow (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Wheeler (first 'inside' 2), H. T. Bonshor 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, R. H. Cook 5, J. Panter 6. A tribute to Mrs. L. Cox for her 70th birthday.

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. V. Muller 1, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 4, P. A. Corby 5, N. Muller 6. For harvest festival.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,313 Stedman Caters: Elizabeth Cooper 1, Kathleen Chilcott 2, M. Chilcott 3, A. Rogers 4, Jeanette Winchester 5, D. Parsons 6, F. Jennings 7, S. Kimber 8, F. Darby (cond.) 9, L. Reece 10. For harvest festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pankhurst 1, F. Lee 2, Valerie French (first quarter) 3, A. Purdon 4, L. J. Baldock 5, H. Reynolds 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, E. Baldock 8. Rung by the local band as a farewell to Miss Valerie French, who is leaving the town.

ELING, HANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gladys D. Kitcher 1, W. G. Buchanan 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, Mavis P. Coffin 4, R. Buchanan 5, P. R. Parsons 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachael Davis (first quarter) 1, M. Selby 2, R. W. Selby 3, W. Pomeroy 4, Brenda Smith 5, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, H. Warrnes 2, R. Shipp (first quarter) 3, C. Shipp 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. R. Read (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Bailey 2, Mrs. J. M. Simpson 3, P. A. Hill 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, J. M. Simpson 6, D. A. Frith 7, H. R. Woods 8. For Evensong.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, R. Chance 2, J. E. Wightman (first quarter) 3, J. Warr 4, H. Shilcock 5, L. Clissett 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, A. H. Harris 8. A compliment to the Rev. J. A. Skipper, who was ordained deacon this day to become curate at the Parish church.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Coker 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, J. G. Cull 3, A. Day (cond.) 4, M. Amy Coburn 5, R. Newton 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, L. G. Coburn 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. Measures 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, M. Mayor (cond.) 3, P. W. Tompkins 4, R. Fuller 5, P. Thompson 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, R. Fuller 2, M. Major 3, Mrs. J. Measures 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, P. Thompson 6. Rung for Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, P. Rogers 2, A. Gentle 3, M. Major 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For family service and harvest festival.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, J. Martin 6. For harvest festival.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Angela Hood (first on working bell) 1, Joyce Walsh 2, S. Brown (cond.) 3, M. Woodriddle (first 'inside') 4, H. Brown 5, J. R. Norris (first quarter) 6, A. Walsh 7, D. Robinson 8. Rung for the arrival of Valerie Margaret, born August 31st, to Rosemary and Stanley Brown, both ringers at this church.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob): Miss P. Mellor (first quarter) 1, N. Sherratt 2, W. Sherratt 3, K. P. Jones 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, G. Davies (cond.) 6. For the visit of Fry's Male Voice Choir to the church.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, C. Button 3, D. Bacon 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. E. C. Edwards, Vicar of this parish for 12 years, who was interred this day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Marshall (first in method) 1, K. Waples (first 'inside' in method) 2, Miss M. Eric 3, Miss G. Graney 4, R. J. Picton (first in method as cond.) 5, A. Hill 6, R. Wallis (first in method 'inside') 7, G. Hazlewood (first in method) 8. For Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bates (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Sinfield 2, J. Sinfield 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. Woodruff 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the 91st birthday of Mrs. J. Nichols, former member of the local band. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Mehew 1, A. Rushton 2, F. Plummer 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. Woodruff 5, C. Hawkins 6, E. Conquest 7, M. Stephens (first of Caters as cond.) 8, S. Ivin 9, W. Insley 10. Rung to welcome to the parish Mr. P. Palmer, ordained deacon this day. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Bates 1, Miss V. Willard 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, I. Knox 4, H. B. Whitney 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6, R. Woodruff 7, E. Conquest 8.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan M. Brown 1, Judith A. Hardina 2, E. June Mead 3, R. Robertson 4, J. Dafters 5, F. P. Mead 6, M. Hawkes (cond.) 7, M. Mossendew 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all the band.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Smart 1, E. J. Sibson 2, T. Sherman 3, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 4, M. Hawkes 5. For Evensong.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Carlidge 1, E. Pimlott 2, V. Stonier 3, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 4, R. Worrall 5, B. Corbishley 6, V. J. Norbury 7, G. Henshaw 8.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At the Watch Tower, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Ainsworth 1, J. E. Anderson 2, M. Ainsworth 3, N. Errington (first in method) 4, N. I. Wright 5, E. N. Harrison 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, K. Cheeseman 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Hawkins (first on treble) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, Cherry Withell (first as cond.) 3, E. Parsons 4, T. Smith 5, J. Eaton 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Marion Hawkins.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bowley (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. For harvest festival.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Aldate, on Sept. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: J. Venn 1, H. J. Pratley 2, J. H. Gardner 3, R. Allsworth 4, E. Venn (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6. For Battle of Britain Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Pamela M. Turner 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis 5, J. W. Perkins 6. First in two Minor methods by all the band. For Evensong.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Sharpe 1, L. Peirce 2, R. Rose 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Streotton 1, P. M. Harper 2, H. E. Harper 3, G. Harper 4, H. Harper 5, G. T. Ball (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ward 1, M. Hallett 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, G. Sandwell (first in method) 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles: E. Maund 1, Nadine Price 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, F. Hawkes 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Halling 6. First in the method by all the band.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. M. White 1, Miss A. J. Kneibt 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, D. Greenlaw 6, A. W. Fry 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. To mark the granting of the freedom of the borough to the Royal Hampshire Regiment.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 8 covering): J. Swain 1, D. Taplin (first 'inside') 2, W. H. Wittering 3, W. Brown 4, W. Lawrance (cond.) 5, W. Munson 7, R. Luxon 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. E. Atkins 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, Miss F. Greaves (first of Stedman) 4, W. G. Wilson 5, R. Hartley 6, H. C. Albrow 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Giddins 1, A. W. Dillow 2, E. Coley 3, H. A. Daniels 4, J. Odell 5, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 4 and 5.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Aug. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, J. Tomsett 2, E. Talbot 3, G. Parsons 4, F. Shorter 5, H. Andrews 6, F. Corfield 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Also at St. Leonard's Church, on Sept. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Chapman 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. V. Queen 3, J. Euston 4, R. J. Cook 5, J. W. Smith 6, D. E. Sibson (first of Major as cond.) 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Salisbury 1, W. J. Chester 2, M. Saunders 3, L. Wootton 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, C. Hinton 6. In memoriam George John Sheppard, a ringer here for over 50 years, interred this day.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. B. Knights 1, Miss D. Wilson 2, Miss N. Wickham 3, Miss R. M. Bull 4, E. H. Willows 5, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

TALGARH, BRECONS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Kennington, Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps and Grandsire): M. James 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. For harvest festival.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Oates 1, Beryl Causer 2, Patricia Harper 3, A. A. Rackham 4, H. J. Dakin 5, N. W. Attaway 6, G. Peers (jun.) (cond.) 7, H. Harper 8. First quarter for 1. Rung for Confirmation.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 540 Oxford Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, Marian H. Mills 4, M. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Goacher 1, E. Fossberry 2, B. C. Burrough 3, K. Burchell 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Manning 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. King 1, P. C. Thompson 2, Mrs. P. Burns 3, R. Woodward 4, M. R. Meadows 5, D. G. French (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Freeman (first on eight) 1, G. E. Green (cond.) 2, C. Truman (first of Major) 3, Miss B. Mansfield 4, J. Linnell 5, C. Clarke 6, W. F. Eyden 7, J. Gregory 8. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson 1, J. A. Green 2, T. E. Roberts 3, R. A. Vickers 4, W. F. Eyden 5, J. Linnell 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. E. Green 8. Also on Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, L. Smith 2, G. E. Green (cond.) 3, C. Truman (first of Stedman) 4, W. A. Yates 5, T. E. Roberts 6, F. C. Case 7, G. Foddy 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, S. J. Rawlings 2, M. H. Sinden 3, S. L. Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WORURN, BEDS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Grainer 1, Elizabeth Jackson 2, Beryl Abbott 3, Bridget Mutimer 4, J. Baldwin 5, J. A. Bennett 6, B. Grainger 7, D. Heighton (cond.) 8. For morning service and as a coming-of-age compliment.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Nunn 1, D. Bailey 2, E. Benton 3, J. Dowe 4, F. Boyce (cond.) 5, H. Lubbock 6. A farewell to John Dowe, a ringer for many years, who was married on October 3rd and left the district.

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An appeal from the pulpit
of the parish church of
Newton-Nottage, Glam. re-
sulted in a complete band of teenagers coming
forward. The sallies of the bells at this church
have a reputation for being elusive because of
the long length of rope below the guides, but
Mr. T. M. Roderick is happy to report that all
have taken part in quarter peals within a year
of first handling their bells. A quarter of
Grandsire Doubles was rung on September
27th, and another of Plain Bob Doubles on the
following Sunday fitted in those who stood out
of the first.

Mrs. Margaret Tutt (née Moote) was a most
welcome visitor to St. Andrew's, Headington,
on practice night on September 24th. She is
shortly returning to Canada. Margaret also
rang at Nantwich while in England.

Here is something for the veterans to talk
about. Mr. Horace M. Day, of Market
Deeping, called a peal of Spliced Surprise
Minor in 16 methods from a non-observation
bell on October 3rd, at the age of 78.

We regret to state that in regard to the peal
at Ipswich, reported on page 579, the wrong
title of the peal was inserted in the page. The
peal rung was 5,040 Grandsire Caters. All
concerned in the error offer their apologies.

The four visiting ringers who rang in the
quarter peal at Ash-by-Wrotham on October
2nd will remember the occasion. After the ser-
vice the whole congregation adjourned to a
nearby barn for a harvest supper of soup, beef,
biscuits and cheese.

Visitors to the joint meeting at Hillingdon on
October 17th will be able to see the restored
peal tablet in the tower, under the ringing
chamber. The tablet records peals rung by
local ringers in 1733 and 1737. The present
ringers of St. John's have borne the cost of
the restoration.

BELFRY GOSSIP

At St. Margaret's, Whit-
nash, Warwickshire, Mr. F.
W. Hanley celebrated the
coming of his 94th birthday by attending the
practice on the day before (September 30th).
He rang the treble up in peal, the third in 120
of Grandsire, and also some call-changes.
Finally he rang the treble down in peal—not a
bad evening's work for a ninety-fourer!

Mr. W. J. Leach has 'circled' the front six
of St. Paul's, Burton, twice. Can two such
semi-circles make a circle?

Mr. A. H. Pulling in his will left £100 worth
of Defence Bonds to the Rector and church-
wardens of Holy Trinity Cathedral Church,
Guildford, in appreciation of 'the many hours
of happiness spent in the church.'

There was a record attendance of 192 at the
annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild
on Saturday when the Provost of Guildford
made an appeal for the bells of all churches in
the Diocese to be rung on May 31st next when
the new Cathedral is consecrated.

Mr. A. Roy Withyman, the popular young
captain of Pinchbeck, Lincs, tower, had a peal
rung in honour of his going up to Cambridge
University. One of his young ladies rang her
first peal in a most able manner. Roy will be
greatly missed during term by this young band.

During recent journeyings betwixt laboratory
and hospital, Professor Dodge was astonished,
and not a little excited, to observe a road sign
bearing the words, emblazoned in 12-inch-high
white letters on a red ground, 'SLOW WORK
AHEAD.' Here, indeed, was evidence of the
growing popularity of change-ringing. His
disappointment on discovering that the words
were a succinct, albeit accurate, description of
the lethargic movement of divers workmen, is,
no doubt, more easily borne in imagination
than it is suffered in experience or endured in
practice.

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

A Change of Officers

THE fabulous summer of 1959 dies hard, and a mild and sunny day greeted those who met in Darlington on September 26th for the annual meeting and festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Good use was made of the bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity in Darlington and the six at Hurworth, as the towers were opened throughout the day.

The service was held in St. Cuthbert's and was conducted by the Vicar (Canon P. N. Wansey), assisted by the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. R. Brown) and the Vicar of Holy Trinity (Rev. D. N. Goldie). In his address Canon Wansey welcomed the ringers to Darlington on behalf of all the clergy, and directed their thoughts to the hymn they had sung, 'Unchanging God, Who livest . . .'. It was most fitting that the work of ringers should be offered to God as the hymn described with its words ' . . . and come before Thee bringing our minds, our strength, our skill.' Mrs. Williams was the organist, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in place of a psalm. The collection of £4 was placed in the Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea was served in St. Cuthbert's Hall to a company of about 80, and the business meeting followed. The president (Mr. K. Arthur) welcomed the large company, and proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The Rev. D. N. Goldie responded, and the clergy were then given their opportunity to 'go out before the sermon.'

The president, in a review of his term of office, said he had tried to keep in touch with the ordinary ringer while maintaining the dignity of the Association. On the credit side could be placed what he believed to be the highest total of peals recorded in a year by the Association, good attendances at ringing meetings and the appointment of trustees to safeguard the property of the Association. The less satisfactory features were the restricted number of ringers participating in peals and the few centres of peal ringing, together with the number of ringers still outside the Association. He concluded by thanking everyone for their co-operation and loyal support.

REPORTS ON THE YEAR'S WORK

The hon. secretary (Mr. D. A. Bayles) reported that while the most noticeable feature of the year had been a great increase in peal ringing, an analysis showed that 67 per cent. of the ropes had been manned by the 15 leading peal ringers. Peal ringing was not a true indication of the health of any Association. The real yardstick was Sunday service ringing, and the survey had shown that of 54 ringable towers 18 were silent and only 15 could be reckoned as satisfactory. It was hoped that the introduction of a Ringing Master, charged with the direction of instruction generally, would produce results in the future. Meetings had been well supported, but it was intended to modify the J. W. Parker commemoration. The University of London Society's summer tour in the area had proved most enjoyable and provided ringing with quite a bit of local publicity in the press, on the radio and on television.

The cash statement presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. Ainsley) showed a further rise in the balance in hand from £94 8s. 9d. to £108 14s. 11d., and there were also in stock the unsold badges and Central Council Handbooks purchased during the year and valued at £6 18s. 7d. The general fund had risen from £70 19s. 10d. to £77 17s. 3d. The position was satisfactory but there was no large surplus of money as the Handbooks would soon be due for revision.

The peal report, as presented by Mr. D. A. Bayles, showed that 54 peals had been rung during the year. The total was considerably up on the 22 of the previous year but Oxford Bob Triples was the only method new to the records. There were 13 first pealers and one new conductor among the 76 ringers and 11 conductors taking part in peals. The leading peal ringers were J. A. Ainsworth 34, K. Arthur 32, C. N. Lea 29, E. N. Harrison 27, G. S. Deas 24 and M. S. Ainsworth 20, and the leading conductors were J. A. Ainsworth 12, K. Arthur 10, D. A. Bayles and R. Park 6, and C. N. Lea and B. Pattison 5. One peal was rung non-conducted. The peals were rung in 24 towers and there was one peal on handbells after an interval of several years.

There was a prolonged discussion as to whether a peal rung in Yorkshire with the Yorkshire Association and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at its head should be added to the total. It had been excluded from the total on the interpretation of the procedure in the Central Council Handbook, whereby such peals are credited to the first-named Society only, and this action was eventually accepted. The total of 54 peals had thus equalled a record set up in 1903.

The first report of the trustees was presented by Mr. W. N. Park and recorded the progress of Mr. N. I. Wright in the location, labelling and listing of the property of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. K. Arthur, having completed his maximum term as president, proposed Mr. T. Cooke as his successor. This was carried, and Mr. Cooke then took the chair and thanked the members for the great honour they had bestowed on him. Two new Central Council representatives were elected in Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles, and the new vice-president for the Southern District, Mr. F. W. Cooke, was confirmed, following the election of his namesake as president. The other officers were re-elected and the complete list for

1959-60 is as follows: President, Mr. T. Cooke; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley; hon. general secretary and editorial secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles; hon. auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird; trustees, Messrs. W. N. Park and N. I. Wright. District officers:— Eastern: Vice-president, Mr. C. N. Lea; secretary, Mr. W. F. Sheraton. Western: Mr. K. W. Cheeseman and Mr. C. T. Lamb. Northern: Mr. J. A. Ainsworth and Mr. G. S. Deas. Southern: Mr. F. W. Cooke and Mr. E. P. Rock.

The motion on ringing instruction, recommended by the sub-committee and accepted by the committee, was agreed with very little discussion. That created a new office of Ringing Master, to be charged mainly with the general direction of ringing instruction. Mr. K. Arthur was the only nominee. The committee had regarded him as the obvious choice and his election was received enthusiastically. It was also decided to create an education fund to assist in this aim by facilitating the distribution of published literature and perhaps later financing the production of original pamphlets. The new fund immediately acquired £2 1s. from two donations.

The meetings arranged for 1959-60 were: Christmas social at Chester-le-Street, January 2nd; half-yearly, Consett area, May 14th; annual meeting, Newcastle, October 1st, 1960.

Mr. K. W. Cheeseman proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, and made special mention of the efforts put forward by Mr. Arthur during his three years as president, efforts which had made him an obvious choice for the new office. Mr. J. A. Ainsworth supported the proposal and mentioned the work of Messrs. Ainsley and Park as Central Council representatives.

Nine new members were elected from Chester-le-Street, Darlington, Heighington, Jesmond and Lanchester. A grant of two guineas from the Bell Restoration Fund was made to Lanchester towards the cost of the new third bell.

The day concluded with further ringing until 9 p.m.

REDEDICATION

GREAT CHART, KENT

The restored ring of six bells at Great Chart, near Ashford, Kent, was rededicated by the Bishop of Dover on September 24th in the presence of a large congregation.

In his address the Bishop praised the keenness and enthusiasm shown by the little village in meeting the cost of the restoration. In stressing the importance of ringing in our national and religious life, he pointed out that it is ordained in the Prayer Book that a bell or bells be rung at least once a day for the service, 'that people may come to hear God's word.'

Afterwards light refreshments were given in the Village Hall, where the Bishop met the congregation informally. A large contingent of ringers was present from all over the District and beyond. They all expressed pleasure at the tone of the bells and the excellence of the work done. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were represented by Mr. Harry Parkes, who had superintended the rehanging.

The local ringers showed themselves proficient in handling the still springy ropes and in ringing rounds—thanks to the help they have received from the Bethersden ringers, and from the tuition they have received from their captain, Mr. Lewis Day, churchwarden and chief promoter of the restoration.

C. T. H.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, F. W. Lack (cond.) 2, J. G. Spicer 3, M. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, F. Reeve 6. For harvest festival.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN THOMAS

On a recent Sunday evening, the nearest available date to the anniversary of the death of Mr. John Thomas, members of the Hinton-on-the-Green band, together with others of his close ringing friends, journeyed to Painswick where, by kind permission of the Vicar and approval of the local band, the bells had been placed at their disposal to ring for Evensong. The ringing included courses of Grandsire Caters and Cinques for the benefit of those making their first acquaintance with 10 and 12 bells, a course of Bob Royal, and a service touch of three courses of Grandsire Cinques, and the lowering of the bells in peal.

In the course of a singularly beautiful service—even the hymns might well have been chosen for a service of memory—the Vicar (Rev. H. K. Heal) referred to the fact that it was the anniversary of the death of John Thomas which had occurred in that church, and how nice it was to see so many of his family and friends who had travelled to ring their bells, attend that service and so remember him in that way.

Our grateful thanks to all at Painswick for the privilege.

J.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): D. Cooper 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, H. Stonehouse 3, A. E. Hinman 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For harvest festival Evensong.



YOUNG RINGERS IN THE WEST COUNTRY

Officially this tour started on July 26th at Crowcombe Youth Hostel, but the nucleus of the party arrived at Stockport at 12.4 a.m. to train to Bristol. During the fortnight 50 towers were visited, and of the nine peal attempts six were successful. These included the youngest band to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and the youngest band to ring a peal at Sherborne Abbey.

In regard to the peal at Sherborne Abbey, the plan was to go for Spliced Surprise Major, but a 10-mile cycle ride in burning sunshine with the day becoming increasingly hot necessitated a change to Plain Bob, and a good, uneventful peal was scored. Specially to be congratulated were Brian Woodruffe, who at 20 is believed to be the youngest to ring the 46 cwt. tenor, and 16-year-old Billy Dowse, who rang the seventh (28 cwt.) with ease and precision.

Billy Dowse, Frank Osbaldiston and Brian Woodruffe were principally responsible for the arrangements for the tour. Thanks are particularly due to them and the incumbents and tower captains who made it possible to ring on so many fine rings of bells. Also to Richard and Frank for their hospitality in Bristol, and those who complimented the band on their ringing.

'Look out, Somerset, Devon and Dorset—we're coming again in 1962!'

NOTE.—The Editor regrets that the report of this tour, which would have occupied a page-and-a-half of 'The Ringing World,' has had to be so severely curtailed. Most of the famous towers in Devon and Somerset were visited, including Exeter Cathedral, Wells Cathedral and Buckfast Abbey.

MR. A. W. COLES AND HIS VETERANS.

—There was another splendid response to the Veterans' Reunion on Saturday, September 26th, which was reported in our last issue. Copies of this photograph can be obtained from Mr. F. Payne, 104, Milton Grove, London, N.16. Price 2s. 6d. each.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

For the autumn meeting of the Eastern Branch the marshland village of Reedham was the chosen venue on September 19th, when some 30 ringers and friends forgathered to enjoy the pleasant ring of five. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. Lawrence), the lesson being read by the Association president (Mr. F. Nolan Golden).

After an excellent tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), supported by Association and Branch officials. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. Durrant, formerly of the local company, who was buried the day before.

From three propositions Gorleston was chosen for the next meeting on December 5th. During the course of a few remarks, Mr. Golden welcomed to the meeting Mr. C. Armistage, of Mirfield, Yorks.

The meeting closed with hearty thanks being accorded the Rector and Mrs. Lawrence, the organist, and Mrs. Petherick, of the local company, who had undertaken the arrangements.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 4th. 1.280 Cambridge Major: A. D. Grant 1, W. S. Deason 2, B. B. Dibben 3, M. J. Palmer 4, H. Oram 5, F. R. Scott 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, A. P. Cannon 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Cottingham on September 26th and was attended by about 34 members, representing 15 towers. The service was conducted by the Rector.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Eight new members were elected—Messrs. A. Stone, H. Pickering, C. Fenwick, J. Featherstone and P. Edwards, of Holy Trinity, Hull, A. Evans, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, P. Wheeler, of North Ferriby, and R. Gibson, of Cottingham. Holy Trinity, Hull, was chosen for the next meeting—on January 2nd, if possible. The usual votes of thanks were passed, especially to Mr. K. G. Ornbo for the excellent arrangements.

Mr. H. Walker gave an account of the meeting of the sub-committee of the Yorkshire Association on the proposed alteration of rules, and also appealed to members to support the Snowdon dinner to be held in York on October 24th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Niblett were members of a party, consisting of Major Freeborn, Miss M. Cross, Miss D. Pollard, Messrs. J. Munday and C. Kinch, who had a good day's ringing on September 12th, visiting 14 6-bell towers. Ringing ranged from London to Plain Bob.

Ringing started at the new Taylor ring at Wolvercote. Coombe bells were regarded as being the best met with during the day. The heaviest ring was at Yarnton (26 cwt.). Here the Vicar lamented that his bells were never rung now. Difficult to handle, the 'go' was much better 55 years ago, when rung from the upper floor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WEEK-END RINGING COURSE

Dear Sir.—Some of your readers will be interested to know that a week-end course in bell-ringing will be held at Grantley Hall (the Education Committee of the West Riding of Yorkshire's Adult College), near Ripon, Yorkshire, on April 23rd and 24th, 1960 (the week-end after Easter Monday).

It is hoped that the syllabus will include something of interest to all who may attend, particularly the uninitiated and those interested in methods of teaching ringing. Handbells and tower bells will be available for the practical parts of the course.

Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. W. F. Moreton and myself have been invited by the Warden of Grantley Hall (Mr. C. L. Rigg) to act as tutors.

Whilst further details will be made available later, this preliminary announcement may help to avoid a clash in dates with any other projected course by a nearby authority.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener,
Committee on Sunday Service Ringing,
Broom, Rotherham.

DERWENT'S SUBMERGED CHURCH

Dear Sir.—With reference to Miss Margaret Lewis's letter in your issue of October 2nd, I think I can give her the correct facts regarding the above.

Before the Ladybower Reservoir was filled, the body of Derwent Church was taken down with the object, so we were told, of using some of the materials in the building of a new church on a Sheffield housing estate. The steeple, however, was left standing, but it was never fully submerged or anywhere near it.

The site of the church is well above the bottom of the valley and therefore the greater part of the steeple still showed above the water when the reservoir filled up. It remained standing thus for a few years, but was then demolished in the interests of public safety.

As the 'Daily Telegraph' photograph showed, all that now remain of Derwent Church, and the lovely old hall a little lower down, are heaps of rubble. A very fine old packhorse bridge was, however, dismantled stone by stone and has recently been re-erected a few miles higher up the valley.

Derwent does not, of course, figure in 'Dove' because the reservoir engulfed it as long ago as 1945. I cannot vouch for the number of bells, but if there were six, which I doubt, then it must have been a tight squeeze as the tower was quite a small one.—Yours faithfully,

E. M. PALIN.

Ranmoor, Sheffield.

Mr. Charles W. Dixon, of the Post Office, Maidwell, Northampton, writes that the spire was taken down after the dry season of 1947. 'I can let Miss Lewis have a photo of the church spire which I took in 1946 when the reservoir was full, with the high water mark just below the belfry window.' The Ladybower Reservoir was opened by King George VI.

'NOT WORTHY OF BEING RECOGNISED'

Dear Sir.—It was rather surprising to me to see the peal of Southwell Surprise Major recorded as rung at Whitchurch Canonicoorum on Monday, August 3rd, last.

I listened to much of the attempt and can credit the band with some good striking during the first hour or so. But alas! the final three-quarters of an hour was so full of trips and lengthy clashing that it is hard to imagine it as a true peal, or one to be scored. I quite expected 'Stand' to be called some time before the end.

With all deference to the ability of the conductor to bring the bells back into the order which produced rounds, I do not consider that this ringing ought to be conscientiously accepted as an accomplishment by the band, or as worthy of being recognised as the first in the method on these bells, or by Salisbury Guild.

I have never met any of the members of this young band and, while wishing them all success to their ambitions, would urge them—especially when on tour—to leave a better impression than they did at Whitchurch.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW COX.
Bridport, Dorset.

FIRST PEAL OF MINIMUS AT NEWTOWN

The idea of ringing the first peal on four bells was first brought about by a letter from Cyril Wratten in 'The Ringing World' of December 20th, 1957 (page 822), headed 'Peals of Minimus Wanted,' where he suggested the ringing of peals of Minimus, stating that there was no Central Council rule that said otherwise.

It took a further two years before the opportunity arose to attempt such a peal, this following a brief visit to the 4-bell tower at Newtown, Hants, en route to a Cambridge Minor practice at Chieveley.

Little persuasion was needed by the writer to talk three other members of the party into joining him in attempting the first peal on what are probably one of the most musical fours in the country.

Three weeks later we again met at Newtown, and after one false start we set off to ring five methods, changing the method at each fifth extent and ringing the methods in blocks of five. Despite the lack of bobs it was found that everyone had to keep constantly on the alert, and more trips were made by the conductor than by our two first-pealers, the peal being completed in 2 hours and 18 minutes.

Two new methods were rung, and as we are the first to peal them, we claim the privilege of naming them as follows:—

**NEWTOWN
PLACE BOB**
1 2 3 4
2 1 3 4
2 3 1 4
3 2 4 1
3 4 2 1
4 3 1 2
4 1 3 2
1 4 3 2
1 4 2 3

**CANTERBURY
PLACE BOB**
1 2 3 4
2 1 3 4
2 3 1 4
3 2 4 1
2 3 4 1
3 2 1 4
3 1 2 4
1 3 2 4
1 3 4 2
G. F. D.

PUTNEY SURPRISE!

Dear Sir.—The peal rung by the London University Society at Putney on May 20th, was not the first of Surprise on these bells. One of our over-energetic ringers has dug out the following four peals by the College Youths:—

Cambridge, conducted by C. T. P. Brice in 1897.

London, ditto J. N. Oxborrow in 1898.

London, ditto J. N. Oxborrow in 1900.

London, ditto C. T. P. Brice in 1900.

Incidentally, perhaps somebody can tell me something about ringing at Putney in the early part of this century. We have only definite records from about 1918, and the earliest peal we know of is Holt's Original by the Waterloo Society in 1877.—Yours faithfully,

A. CLAYTON,
Master of the Bells.

126, Kenilworth Court,
Putney, S.W.15.

POINTS FOR OUTING ORGANISERS

Dear Sir.—The season for ringing outings draws to a close once again, and soon it will be time to start thinking of routes for next year.

With this in mind, it is too much to ask some of the organisers to remember to be a little more considerate and courteous than they were this year? Our Vicar was taken seriously ill, and a party of ringers were visiting the tower on the following Saturday week. I wrote cancelling their visit because of this, and not having received a reply, on the Saturday in question I had to wait at the church in case they arrived. They did not turn up, which proves their organiser received my letter, and I have received no reply since.

From this, two points arise:—

(1) If the organiser had stated the towers being visited I would have arranged a substitute tower on his route, thus causing him no inconvenience.

(2) If permission to ring is not granted (there is usually a very good reason) then for goodness' sake have the decency to write and acknowledge a letter. This only takes five minutes which is nothing compared with the time spent organising an outing.

This kind of thing, in my experience, happens very rarely, but when it does it rankles. Ringers are a 'funny lot' in many ways, but usually polite, friendly and helpful to others.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH GRIFFIN

Dear Sir.—I have written to Mr. Dove thanking him for his valuable information concerning the late Mr. Joseph Griffin, and I would welcome other personal details from those who met and rang with him.

We particularly want to know the date of his birthday, the date and place of his death and the number of his peals (his first was at Barton on November 6th, 1879). We are also anxious to secure a photograph of him or a group containing him which we could borrow.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Central Council Biographies Committee,
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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT PUDSEY

The autumn meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pudsey on September 19th, when the large attendance of members and friends, representative of each of the four Districts, rivalled that of the corresponding meeting last year, the best for an autumn meeting since the war.

The recently restored ring of bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening under the able direction of Mr. Vernon Bottomley, Western District Ringing Master. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major in five and six methods.

Following the statutory committee meeting, a brief service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Vipond), who welcomed the Association in his interesting address. An excellent tea was served in the Parochial Hall.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, H. S. Morley, H. S. Armitage, S. Scattergood, T. W. Strangeway, A. E. Sellers, Mrs. E. Silcock and Mr. P. Dawson on behalf of members of the Calverley company.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was moved by Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. D. Atkins, and carried with acclamation. The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure at being able to welcome such a large gathering, and hoped all would enjoy ringing on the recast bells. A similar vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent arrangements, and to the ladies for so ably officiating at the tea tables, was moved by Mr. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett, and carried with applause. This was suitably acknowledged by Mr. W. Barton.

It was unanimously decided to try and arrange the next meeting at Wakefield on January 16th, with Sheffield as an alternative. The president reminded members that the Snowdon dinner would be held at York on October 24th.

On the motion of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. E. Hudson, the following were elected members: Robin Brown, Barry Dove, of Leeds, and Donald Bateman (Todmorden); and as out-county members: Alick Cutler (Harden), Dennis Knox (High Wycombe), A. V. Pearson (Wombourne, Staffs), E. R. Rapley (Horsham), A. C. Sinfield (Maulden), L. Stilwell (Worthing), E. E. Speake (Dudley), Miss R. M. Foreman (London), Miss E. W. Keys (Chichester), Miss E. M. Yardley (Birmingham), D. Butterworth (Milnrow), G. Kershaw (Walsden), W. Thompsett (Newport) and A. G. Mason (Lewisham).

The president next announced that arrangements had been made for a course in bell-ringing to take place at Grantley Hall Adult College, in North Yorkshire, on April 23rd and 24th next.

The business concluded with the president announcing that the committee had considered a report submitted by a specially appointed sub-committee dealing with certain proposed constitutional changes, and had decided to refer back certain matters for further consideration by the sub-committee. The committee was agreed, however, that there be no change in the title of the Association or any easing of conditions of membership. This information was given as an interim report, and the matter would come before the membership again in due course. Further ringing brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

A GOOD 50 YEARS

To celebrate his 50 years as a ringer, Mr. Harry E. Good took part in a quarter peal at Ewell, Surrey, where he has been living since 1935.

His father was a ringer at Charing, Kent, for 50 years, and it was here that Harry learnt to handle a rope in September, 1909. His brothers, the late Mr. Fred Good and Mr. A. V. Good, now at Apsley End, Herts, also learnt to ring at Charing.

In 1913 he joined the Hastings band of Christ Church, Blacklands, and in 1914 he joined the Forces, where he remained for 4½ years, serving in France and Malta.

The year 1919 found him ringing at Tonbridge, Kent, which he left for All Saints', Maidstone, the following year. He moved to London in 1921, and in 1922 became a member of St. Peter's, Brighton. In 1923 he moved back to the London area, for the next year or so ringing at various towers in London and Surrey.

He went to Benhilton, Surrey, in 1930, and after the bells were rehung recruited a new band, which in three years rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

A successful joint meeting of the Bath and Frome Branches was held at Radstock on September 26th. The service touch was rung by three members from each Branch and the Rev. M. Mitchell conducted the service.

A large company sat down to tea, given by the Radstock ringers. A hearty welcome was given to the Bath ringers by the Rev. M. Mitchell. Mr. D. Hoare (general secretary) read a letter from the Frome Branch president (Mr. J. T. Dyke), who was still not well enough to attend. Mr. Dyke expressed his still great interest in ringing, and provided some amusing reminiscences of his activities with members of the Bath Branch, going back 45 years.

During the evening the bells of Radstock and Midsomer Norton were rung.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Some 24 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Devises Branch at Bishops Cannings on October 3rd, with visitors from Newcastle and Devon.

At the business meeting which followed the service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Edwards), four new members were elected. The company stood as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Stone, of St. John's, Devises, a ringer of many years' service, including the ringing of the curfew bell.

Weekly practice meetings had been arranged at different towers to teach change-ringing. The November Branch meeting will be at Holt and the December one at Warminster. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and also to the ladies who provided the tea.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The weather was again very favourable for the meeting held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rothwell, and the spacious ringing chamber was fully occupied by ringers. Ringing ranged from plain methods to Surprise.

A delightful tea was prepared by the local ladies, and during the business meeting, with Mr. T. Strangeway in the chair, one new member was elected—Mr. Ian North, of Rothwell.

Mr. H. Lofthouse thanked the Vicar for his welcome and also the ladies for the tea. The Vicar (Rev. A. C. Page), replying, said that he was very pleased to welcome the Society to his church, and commented on the many young ringers present, which augured well for the future. Mr. E. Spencer, speaking for the local company, endorsed the Vicar's remarks.

The next meeting is to be held at Headingley.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES W. BLAKEY

With regret we announce the sudden passing on October 5th of Mr. Charles W. Blakey, of Accrington. He was in his 70th year and had been in failing health for some time. One of the stalwarts of the Lancs Association, which he joined in 1915, he had been secretary of the Blackburn Branch since 1944, a position he held at the time of his death.

The funeral service on October 9th was held at St. James', Accrington, previous to cremation, and was attended by a large number of his ringing friends. The Lancs Association was represented by Mr. Stephen L. Parry (ringing secretary), and also present were ringers from adjoining Branches. Previous to the service the muffled bells were rung in the whole pull and stand, and afterwards to his favourite touch of Bob Major.

In all, he rang 145 peals, mostly on tower bells, but he was also a very capable handbell ringer. He was a College Youth. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to his widow, son and daughter. The Lancs Association, and we of the Blackburn Branch, will sorely miss him as a cheerful and genial companion, and also for his ability as an organiser; but perhaps most of all we will remember him for his unstinted aid and encouragement to beginners. A. T.

MR. SEALY WOODBURN

The death has occurred, in Bath, of Mr. Sealy Woodburn, aged 51, of 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. He was found in a gas-filled room on October 6th; the Bath coroner returned an 'open' verdict, as many of the circumstances did not point to suicide.

The funeral was at Weston (All Saints') Church on October 10th. Over 100 ringers and friends attended (apart from the family).

Sealy Woodburn had been secretary and Ringing Master of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association since 1940. He had been ringing 34 years at Weston, and had been tower master there since 1937.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last meeting of the above Society, held at Penistone on October 3rd, was very poorly attended, possibly due to other ringing fixtures within easy distance.

However, members present and a number of visitors enjoyed the use of this delightful ring of eight, and methods up to Surprise Major were rung.

The small company were provided with an excellent tea at moderate price in the School, and the Rector (Rev. C. Blackledge), in welcoming the ringers, expressed his regrets that Penistone was at present without a band of ringers, but said that he hoped in the near future to interest his youth group in this activity.

At the business meeting it was decided to put the question of notification for teas on the agenda of the next annual meeting, as some members felt there was a more than necessary slackness in this matter.

The question of getting the peal book written up to date was raised, and members were again urged to look for a writer who might do this for the Society at moderate cost.

After suitable votes of thanks a return to the tower was made. Ringing ended with an odd occurrence in that at the final chime round after lowering in peal the treble rope broke, but not before this bell had sounded as required.

The next meeting is due to be held at Tree-
ton, possibly with an additional ring of bells available. N. C.

A PAGE OF RINGERS' SEPTEMBER OUTINGS

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS

A full programme, with an 8 a.m. start, was arranged by West Retford ringers for their outing on September 26th. Towers in Rutland and Lincolnshire were visited by the party of 41 ringers and friends.

Ringing started at Colsterworth (6), followed by Greatham (6), where the ladies rang a touch of Plain Bob. At Cottesmore (6) Cambridge Surprise was the best ringing, and Oakham's eight bells sounded best to Stedman Triples although the writer missed a bob and the touch did not come round. Although Langham (6) bells are difficult to ring, some good ringing was had.

It was a pleasure to ring at All Saints', Stamford (6), after tea, as Mr. Bluff, the tower captain, has been at Retford for about six months. Ringing here included a touch of 4-Spliced Treble Bob. The wonderful bells at Grantham ended the programme with touches of Grandsire and Bob Royal. The writer fulfilled an ambition since his last visit of turning in the 32 cwt. tenor.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's, College, Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Kent, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, Little Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal.

After the usual stop on the way, we arrived home at 10.15. R. H.

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE'S, LEICESTER

Ringers from St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, and their friends, during their outing on September 12th were very proud of being able to ring some quite good Kent T.B. Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral. Previously there had been some quite respectable ringing on the somewhat difficult ten at Newark-on-Trent.

Lunch at Sleaford was followed by ringing at Ewerby, where a certain gentleman of Lincolnshire heritage deliberated on the efforts of past ringers in carrying the huge stone in the belfry round the font.

Other towers visited were Heckington, Swineshead and Holbeach, where a good course of Yorkshire was rung, despite the long draught. Croyland Abbey was approached with fear and trepidation, as we had heard that the long draught here made the bells difficult to handle, but we managed to make a joyful noise.

Incumbents and local ringers are thanked for making the outing possible. T. M. J.

STRATFORD ST. MARY AND HIGHAM

An early start was necessary for Stratford St. Mary and Higham ringers for their outing to Norfolk on September 12th as the recently-augmented six at Dickleburgh were ringing at 9 a.m. The odd-struck tenor at Long Stratton caused investigations to prove that it was not 'up wrong'.

After lunch at Norwich, visits were paid to Mulbarton, Ketteringham, Hethersett and Wymondham. Mr. H. Tooke met the party at Wymondham, and despite the climb of 92 steps the ringing on the grand old eight there was enjoyed. In the evening Mr. W. Saunders met the visitors at New Buckingham, where more good Minor ringing took place. At Diss we were privileged to join the local ringers in their practice. Thanks are extended to Mr. Walter Bailey for his organisation and to Peter Adcock for his assistance in arranging the towers, and to all clergy and local ringers who helped to make the day a success. L. N. M.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

For their autumn outing, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers decided to revisit Berks and Bucks, where the previous outing had been held in May. These districts are just as attractive at both seasons of the year.

A start was made at 8 a.m. on September 26th, the cars proceeding direct to West Wycombe, which was reached on schedule at 10 a.m. Good use was made of the bells for an hour. The views from the top of the very high tower were much admired. We could have stayed there all day without creating annoyance to anybody.

The next stop was at Reading, where the ringing was much enjoyed on a very fine ring of bells. Bray tower was ascended after a picnic lunch in the churchyard and watching hockey players strenuously chasing a small ball in the hot afternoon sun. After an hour's ringing, tracks were made for St. Mary's, Slough, where various methods were rung on the excellent ten. The evening's ringing was on the heavy eight at Beaconsfield and the excellent Croydon ten at Watford, where some of the best ringing of the day was performed.

Ringing during the day was quite good, methods ranging from call-changes to Surprise Royal. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and tower officials for the necessary permission, thus contributing to the enjoyment of a really pleasant outing. H. R.

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Over 30 ringers and several friends formed the party for the Watford Grammar Schools' Society outing into Surrey and Sussex on September 26th.

An inauspicious start was made at Merrow, near Guildford, but Shere bells were easier to handle, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman as well as rounds were rung. A picnic lunch at Leith Hill was followed by visits to Warnham, where difficulties over the key restricted ringing to ten minutes, Kirdford and Midhurst.

After tea at Hindhead, the day's programme concluded at Frensham, where a plain course of Cambridge was added to the repertoire. Gill Graney, who organised the trip, and those who met the party are gratefully thanked. A. J. H.

SYSTON DISTRICT

A pleasing feature of the Syston District annual outing on September 26th was the large percentage of young ringers and learners present. Perhaps this is why it turned out to be such a boisterous affair!

Arriving at Sheepy Magna rather early, there was some good ringing until one of our members 'went for a ride' as a stay went. Nothing daunted, on to Witherley (a pleasant-toned five), where 75 feet of rope caused some difficulty for the youngsters. After this we were ready for a picnic tea before ringing on the odd little five at Fenny Drayton. It was worth watching the faces of the successive bands as they climbed up the short ladder to the ringing floor, confident of showing the previous band how to ring, turning to dismay after the first three pulls as they tried to find rounds!

At Higham-on-the-Hill we found the best six of the day, and here had the best ringing. A case of serious illness near the church unfortunately prevented ringing at Burbage, but members consoled themselves at a suitable 'hostelry' on the way home.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and Ringing Masters of the various towers for their help and co-operation in making this such a successful outing. B. S. P.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET

With the sound of their own (tape-recorded) bells ringing—relayed from The Ring of Bells—the Hinton Blewett (Som.) ringers had a good early start to their annual outing. The first tower was Pylle (6), with a pleasant ring, where everyone, including the learners, did well. It was a long ride to Upwey, where the younger ringers found the light six rather difficult to handle. A sandwich lunch was enjoyed here before leaving for Wyke Regis (8). Unfortunately, the striking here was not as good as we would have liked, but a good touch of Stedman Triples was rung. The party *in toto* then dispersed in Weymouth for several hours.

After tea we rang at Preston (6), where the ringing was generally good, and included a touch of Cambridge and some good Stedman Doubles rung by five Hinton Blewett ringers plus one visitor. This was particularly pleasing in view of the fact that none of the band were change-ringers until a couple of years ago.

We are very grateful to Mr. Andrews for his organisation, to incumbents and local ringers who met us, and last, but not least, to David Purnell for being a very capable Ringing Master.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE

The Shropshire outing on September 19th was the most successful one yet held by the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association. Mr. R. Edge, the local Guild secretary, met the coach at Much Wenlock, where Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and call-changes were rung. Other towers visited were Bromfield, Chelton, Bridgnorth and Quatt Malvern. Thanks are due to Mr. R. Edge for his help in suggesting towers and the Association's secretary for the arrangements (unfortunately, he did not come with us). E. H. W.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

On September 19th, in perfect weather, the Peterborough Branch made a 200-mile coach tour, which was thoroughly enjoyed by 22 members.

During the tour, five 8-bell towers were visited. These were Newport Pagnell, Bicester, Witney, Great Tew and Daventry, all of which were found to be delightful.

Especially thanks to Mr. Cyril Kinch, of Bicester, who so kindly made arrangements for lunch, also to the Rev. and Mrs. Adeney who gave us all such a wonderful welcome to Witney.

Through the medium of these columns may we thank all who helped in making the day such an enjoyable one. G. S. B.

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MATTHEWS.—On Friday, October 9th, 1959, Cecil Jack, of Southfields, London, S.W.18, in Westminster Hospital. 5072

SETH.—On Sunday, October 4th, 1959, at Biggleswade Hospital, after a long illness, Clara, the beloved wife of George Seth, of Brook End, Keysoe, Beds, in her 70th year. 5045

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including nomination of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Oct. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill.—John Chilcott. 4949

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Rugby St. Andrew's, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ringing at Church Lawford and Newbold-on-Avon from 2.45 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's, Rugby, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting in ringing chamber after tea.—J. L. S. H. 5065

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Newton Ferrers, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4975

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Leigh. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Cotgrove, 94, Blenheim Chase, Leigh-on-Sea. 4980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at café 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential that names for tea be sent to Mr. J. Jennings, 1, Pant Place, Bridge Street, Great Bardfield. 4928

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), Saturday, Oct. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Rouse. 5060

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ranmore bells available from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when there will be a service in Ranmore Church. Tea 5 p.m. Dorking bells available after tea until 9 p.m. 4970

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Horsmonden. Please bring own tea.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 5024

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge, Saturday, Oct. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 5083

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4986

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Oakham. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5021

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Crewe Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, Nantwich, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea (free of charge) 5 p.m.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 5007

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Rawtenstall, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5057

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Cole-Orton (8), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ringing from 4.30 p.m. No tea.—C. W. Hall. 5040

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Rumney, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 5033

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—OXFORD GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting tomorrow (Oct. 17th) at St. John's, Hillingdon. Arrangements as follows: St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Hillingdon, 3 to 4.45 p.m., followed by service, tea and social evening. All welcome. 5069

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Autumn meeting at Kingham (8), Saturday, Oct. 17th.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 5010

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Use of bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5063

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Shedfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Reading Room. 5026

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Weare, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 5047

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting Barrington (6), Saturday, Oct. 24th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., Drayton. 5059

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. J. Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, near Northwich. 5051

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Saviour's, Oxtown, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. only. Service and tea following. Tea provided free for those notifying by Friday previous Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5078

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 24th, Selston. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3062

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5061

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24th, Town Hall, St. Albans, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets (15s.)—stamped addressed envelope—by Wednesday, Oct. 21st, from B. C. Johnson, 26, College Road, St. Albans. Ringing at St. Michael's (8), St. Peter's (10) and St. Stephen's (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with Launton handbell recital. Address by Dean K. Matthews. St. Peter's and Cathedral bells 5 to 6.30 p.m.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5058

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5008

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 24th, St. Mary's, Liss (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Oct. 22nd, to Mrs. R. E. May, Craiglea, St. Mary's Road, Liss. Transport available (small charge) to SS. Peter and Paul's, Hawkey (8), at 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5018

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Market Bosworth, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Central Café 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. W. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5044

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Great Ryburgh, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) 2 to 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5077

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Lane End, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th to W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor, Berks. 5068

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Rugeley, on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 21st to Mr. J. Joyner, 180, Chaseley Road, Rugeley, Staffs. 5074

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Great Wakering Parish Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Guild Office 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. 5081

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern and Eastern Divisions.—A combined meeting will be held at Southover on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.14. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 21st, direct to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes. 5017

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 20th.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec., Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5070

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. each, from Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Ringing: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 6 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 4 to 6 p.m. 4982

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—A Corporate Communion will be held at Easton-in-Gordano on Sunday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 7 a.m. Communion service 7.45 a.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4982

HARBURY (Leamington Spa).—Rededication of bells (augmented to six), Monday evening, Oct. 26th, 7.30. All ringers welcome.

DEVON GUILD.—North Branch.—Annual meeting, South Molton, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Please notify by Oct. 24th.—D. Jewell, Hon. Sec., Victoria Street, Combe Martin. 5055

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

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Service 6 p.m. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m.

All Dorset ringers welcome.

Please notify by Oct. 26th Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 5054

KIMPTON, HERTS.—Service of rededication of the rehung bells on Saturday, Oct. 31st, 2 p.m., followed by Hertfordshire ringing competition for the Kimpton Cup. Details from J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Herts.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Mary-at-Bow, Stratford, E. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in Vestry at 6.30 p.m., then ringing till 8 p.m. Trolleybuses pass door. Nearest station, Bow. Gentlemen cordially invited. 5067

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Lester, 9, Laton Road, Hastings, not later than previous Wednesday, please. All very welcome.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 5079

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Scunthorpe (8), on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 28th to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 5064

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barkston, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Monday, 26th, to Mrs. V. Gray, The Drift, Syston, near Grantham.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 5073

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Collingtree, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5056

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Greetham (bells 6), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 5080

ST. NICHOLAS', GREAT YARMOUTH, COMPANY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Opening of new ring of 13 in Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Service 2.15 p.m. Bells available to visiting ringers (or ringing bands) immediately after service. Buffet tea, 4 to 6 p.m. (2s. 6d.). To enable all to have a ring, names and method preferences of intending visitors, also those requiring tea, must be received by Friday, Oct. 23rd. Visitors must state time they expect to leave Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Sec., 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth. 4997

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 4948

The Third Reminder

This is the third issue of the new quarter. Any outstanding postal subscriptions should be paid without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £18/-. New subscribers welcome.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5053

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Cafe, High Street, Leicester, Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 7 for 7.15 p.m. Principal guest and speaker, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tickets (price 11s.) now available from undersigned. Ringing arrangements at city towers later. Visitors who desire peals in the morning please notify me.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Tel. Wigston 3244). 5066

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner to be held at Swan Hotel, Stafford, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Stafford bells available during afternoon. Tickets (price 13s.) from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Staffs. 5075

SHELLEY'S CUP CONTEST

Shelley ringers held their annual cup contest on October 3rd, and of the five teams who entered only four competed. The test was 600 changes with 120 changes as practice. Mr. Albert Goldthorpe and Mr. Percy Hawthornthwaite were the judges and Mr. Herbert Holbrook the marker. The results were: Silkstone 65 faults, Meltham 87, Friezland 111, Kirkheaton 162.

Mr. Isaac Craptree presented the cup and prizes to Mr. Harry Mann on behalf of the Silkstone ringers. Meltham, who had held the cup for three years, received the second prize. The vote of thanks to Shelley for the arrangements was acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Buxton.

The business meeting which followed commenced with the company standing in silence to the memory of Mr. Harry Nutt, of Friezland. In a tribute, Mr. Buxton said Mr. Nutt rang in his last contest at Marsden, and by sheer will power rang the 600 changes. He then set his bell and collapsed. Friezland were the winners, and they all knew Harry would not let them down.

TINTINNABULATING IN TIROLERLAND

EARLY one recent Thursday morning a party of 23 people were assembling in Grantham awaiting a coach which was to carry them on the first stage of a journey to a small Austrian village called Mieders, near Innsbruck. Eight members of this party were ringers from St. Wulfram's, and included in their luggage was a set of handbells. After only an hour or so of travelling we encountered what was to be the first of a series of small accidents. Our coach decided to reshape the front of a lorry carrying a load of bricks. Fortunately no serious damage resulted, and after a delay of 20 minutes or so we were able to resume our journey. This delay nearly precipitated most serious calamity, namely, missing the boat train at Victoria. Nevertheless, all was well and we got there just in time, and the remainder of the journey, via Dover and Ostend, passed without incident, and we arrived at Gasthof Traube at mid-day on the Friday, without further incidents and in glorious sunshine.

The day of our arrival at Mieders proved to be the silver wedding day of two members of our party, and in the evening this provided the excuse to unpack the handbells. For a start, a plain course of Bob Minor was rung to mark the event. This attracted a small crowd and so we continued with a few tunes. Soon we found that we were competing with the local brass band, so we adjourned to the green to listen. After this performance we returned to our hotel to find a sing-song in progress. Much of the music, being local folk tunes, was unknown to us, but we joined in what we could. Soon, naturally, the bells were in action once more, playing a miscellaneous selection of tunes. A hectic party ensued, but most of the party managed to be in bed by midnight. We were not allowed to sleep for long because at 4 a.m. the peace was shattered by the church bells. Our first thoughts were that the local ringers were showing us that they too could ring bells; but when the performance was repeated at 5, 6, 7 and 8 o'clock we thought it was past a joke. However, it turned out that it was the feast day of the local saint and that the bells were being rung for masses. We concluded that as the ringers must have had a very hard day they might welcome some assistance the next day, which was Sunday. On making inquiries we were sadly disillusioned—the bells were rung by motor!

On the evening of that day the bar of our hotel began to fill up again, and soon another musical evening was under way. The local contingent made merry with zither, guitar, harp and piano accordion. As we were travelling light all we could provide was handbell music once again. As the evening progressed we found that we were ringing tunes to the accompaniment of one or another or a selection of these instruments. This was surely an odd selection of musical instruments, but the result was really quite pleasing. It was not until the last evening of our visit that another party developed, and again we enjoyed a similar type of entertainment, except that by this time we had included one of the local folk tunes in our repertoire. Also on this evening we rang a course of Grandsire Triples to mark our departure.

The next day we had to start our journey home, and this did not pass without incident, namely, having to change carriages at Munich in our pyjamas. Nevertheless we all arrived safely home in the early hours of the following Monday morning.

So ended a most enjoyable holiday at Gasthof Traube. The only thing that we lacked was a tape-recorder, which will be an essential piece of luggage if ever we travel to that part of the world again. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and it only remains now for us to record a vote of thanks to the organisers. J. M. S.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S GUILD

ONE of the difficulties of the Editor is compressing into a few lines reports of tours which would occupy one and sometimes two pages. Most of the tours are very well written, and no little time and thought have been spent on their compilation. We cannot, however, fill our journal with tours. Other news has to receive its treatment.

We have in front of us the St. Christopher Guild tour for 1959, which took place during the first fortnight in August. Nine full days were spent in Staffordshire, Salop and Cheshire, and the remainder touring North Wales. Peter Bond acted as Ringing Master. Clive Smith had the monumental task of fitting in all the towers, and John Allen made arrangements for accommodation.

The Midland and Kent parties met at Witherley, Leics, and were met at Grendon, Warwicks, by the Sussex contingent. The first three nights were spent at Lichfield, and twice on the Sunday the visitors were privileged to join the local band at the Cathedral for service ringing, that in the afternoon including a touch of Yorkshire Royal. The Bank Holiday was wisely spent in the Black Country, where on that day traffic is at a minimum, and in such towers as Walsall, the two at West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Coseley (where four-spliced was achieved), Sedgley, Tettenhall, and finally on the ten at Willenhall, where the Vicar, who is a ringer, met the party.

Tuesday started in towers in rural Staffordshire, followed by the glorious six at Hoar Cross in a wonderful church, and after tea at Abbots Bromley, the heaviest five in the county; there are hopes of these being rehung at an early date. With some assistance the day concluded with Cambridge Royal at Stafford.

The route on Wednesday took the party into Shropshire. Tong, Madeley, Coalbrookdale, Much Wenlock, Bromfield Priory and Ludlow were all visited, with a number of lesser known towers. The next day's ringing included the two towers at Shrewsbury, with Stedman Caters and Kent

Royal at St. Chad's. One comment: 'The octagonal tower at Hodnet houses a "very palatable" eight, and a course of Yorkshire did them justice.'

Features of Friday's programme were the good Taylor eight at Market Drayton and Winnie Key's turning in the tenor of Clive's heavy six to the local captain's delight. The day ended on the two light rings at Hinstock and Chetwynd.

Saturday saw the party entering Cheshire, and Mr. Frank Stenson welcomed the party at Crewe. After a quick hop into Flintshire came Oswestry, with a variety of stairways eventually leading to a spacious belfry, where a course of Bristol was rung with an old friend, Fred Burnett.

There was muffled ringing in respect for an old ringer at Chirk, on Sunday, August 9th, where the entire party stayed to the service and met the Vicar afterwards. For evensong, the local band were grateful to have the visitors ring at Eccleston (eight, 26 cwt.), a Taylor masterpiece in an equally fine church. The next day the general opinion was that the effort of climbing the tower of Chester Cathedral was not rewarded by a good ten. The following day was spent in the Wirral and Flintshire areas, and it was at Hope that Peter Bond rang in his 2,000th tower. That night was spent at St. Asaph, and the following day Jeff Webb and Bill Birmingham, who were on holiday in the area, joined the party at Abergele. Methods up to Yorkshire were rung at Llandudno, and the evening after visiting Bangor Cathedral was spent touring Anglesey.

Thursday was spent touring Snowdonia and visiting Caernarvon Castle, the only ringing being at Portmadoc, with the night spent in Barmouth. After attention—three ropes being missing—the majestic Mears octave was rung at Barmouth. Towers rung at included Llandinam, where the Vicar had never had any visitors before.

Bill Stote and Jeff Webb joined the party at Welshpool, and the day finished at Leintwardine, a church that merits a visit. On Sunday, August 16th, morning ringing was at Cleobury Mortimer, with its bent spire, Kinlet (a church in a park), and Dodderhill, a glorious octave to finish on.

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CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

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EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5
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CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	PETER BORDER 7
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First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. B. Bishop, assistant priest, who left the parish this day for East Wickham.

THORVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVONSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULITTA.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
PETER BORDER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PAIGNTON, DEVONSHIRE

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVONSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, containing 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EXMINSTER, DEVONSHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS,

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt, 25 lb. in E flat.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	PETER BORDER 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

*750th peal.

LITTLEHAM, DEVONSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARGARET AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt, 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 126 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in eight Surprise methods. First of Surprise on the bells.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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BOWDEN, CHESHIRE.*On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
BRIAN FERNLEY .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
PHILLIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
BRIAN HARRIS .. 2	NEIL BENNETT .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	PHILLIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. 9
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 6
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.*On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE*On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, NORBURY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, New Gloucester, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley, Yorkshire, and 960 of London and Rutland, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

EILEEN FEARN .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
JOHN WORTH .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sellers of Hazel Grove.**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.***On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. 3	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.*On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, NORBURY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PETER LAFLIN .. Treble	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 5
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.*On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	*BRIAN HARRIS .. 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DOWSE.
* Completes Oxford from Minor to Maximus. First peal of Oxford on the bells.**TWELVE BELL PEAL****EXETER, DEVON.****THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.***On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes.*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. Treble	*JOHN R. COOPER .. 7
PHILIP A. CORBY .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 10
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5	FRANK C. PRICE .. 11
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6	TONY PRICE .. Tenor
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.	Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First 12-bell peal.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Spencer Cecil Carpenter, D.D., priest (1878-1959), Dean of Exeter, 1935-1950.

TEN BELL PEALS**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 6
MARION J. SKINNER .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE .. 7
*SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 8
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	DENNIS KNOX .. 9
*ANTHONY E. COX .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor
Composed by WILLIAM PYE.	Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 20).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

SUSAN CHADDOCK .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 9
NORMAN SMITH .. 5	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal in the method by all the band, and in the county

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	*ALBERT A. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the completion of 60 years of service ringing at this church by Mr. Chas. W. Everett.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

IVOR JENKINS .. Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5
*EILEEN FEARN .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
*CAROL FEARNLEY .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the closing of a parish mission, and as a birthday compliment to Carol Fearnley.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL .. Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY .. 5
VALERIE M. MASSAM .. 2	DOUGLAS THORP .. 6
ARTHUR G. WOOD .. 3	ERNEST SPENCER .. 7
GEORGE WARD .. 4	IRVIN SLACK .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
Rung for the golden jubilee of the ordination of Canon F. E. Mercer, M.A., B.D., as priest in Ripon Cathedral at Michaelmas, 1909.

LANCASTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 25 cwt.
ROBERT CROOK .. Treble	FRANK HORNBY .. 5
HERBERT RAINFORD .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
RICHARD RAINFORD .. 3	SYDNEY JEFFERY .. 7
ROBERT WARDEN .. 4	JOHN PYE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the Cathedral, consecrated on Sunday, October 4th, 1859, by Bishop Goss, of Liverpool.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

GEORGE DAVIS .. Treble	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 5
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	*TREVOR T. LEWIS .. 6
*BRIAN R. KINGSTON .. 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. 4	DAVID J. KING .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First as conductor.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 SNETTISHAM IMPERIAL COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. 6
KENNETH L. BROWN .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
WILLIAM LOVE .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method, which is —14—38—1458 36 78 C.e. 1 8, group J, and was named Croydon Bob in the 1926 Collection of Plain Major Methods.

In memoriam Cecil Victor Ebberson.

DONNINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5024 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Treble	MAURICE BENNETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
RONALD C. NOON .. 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	*CYRIL BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all except the ringer of the fourth.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5392 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Granta variation.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	JOHN V. TEMPLE .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
PETER J. HAWCOCK .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the variation by all the band, and for the Guild.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1.440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY STONE .. Treble	†FRANK W. PERRENS .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 6
PETER BORDER .. 3	*L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 7
*HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 4	*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of spliced. † First of spliced in six methods. First of Spliced Surprise in six methods for the Guild.

Rung by regular Sunday service ringers of the All Saints' Society.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	PETER BERESFORD .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
MICHAEL ELSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 5
CHARLES CLEGG 2	WALTER WILKINSON .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	*FRED PRICE 7
ERNEST J. GOWER 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. C. W. Blakey, late Branch secretary, who was interred the previous day.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM J. STANNARD .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 5
RONALD A. BUGG 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 6
CHARLES R. STANNARD .. 3	JOHN W. BANKS .. 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*PAUL MARTIN .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B65).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise. Composition rung for first time. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. H. D. Anderson.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

SYDNEY ANTHONY .. Treble	ROY FOSTER .. 4
JOHN RYDER 2	CECIL RADDON .. 5
*MICHAEL THOMPSON .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. E. N. Pennell, on his induction to this church.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

ROBERT BARRATT .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4
ERNEST PIMLOTT 2	BASIL JONES .. 5
GEORGE FORRESTER .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

A birthday compliment to Robert Barratt.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GRAHAM LINNELL .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 3
*CHARLES TRUMAN .. 2	JAMES LINNELL .. 4

GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal. † First peal on the bells for over 40 years.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN COATES .. Treble	KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 4
*†VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	†RICHARD HOBBS .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. 25th as conductor.

Ring for harvest festival.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

RAYMOND PECK .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 4
*C. JACK GIBSON .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	MARGARET A. LADD .. 4
*JOHN E. WARNER .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 5
†BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	†STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together. Mr. E. J. Ladd and Mr. B. V. Collison have now 'circled the tower.'

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ROLAND REED .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4
JOHN E. FOX .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
FRED C. WIGMORE .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of the life and companionship of Cecil V. Ebberson, laid to rest this day at Snettisham.

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HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

*J. HALLS Treble	*GRAHAM TURNER 3
*IAN G. STRACEY 2	CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY 4

GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal of Doubles.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Tolliday, of Histon.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Double and Plain Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Double Court.

CECIL J. BARKER Treble	SAM J. TWITCHETT 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK 2	WALTER ARNOLD 5
ALAN R. SYDER 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford, two of St. Clement's, one of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	MICHAEL FISHWICK 4
JOHN PARTINGTON 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 5
ROGER MAHER 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

Rung to welcome Andrew Timothy, infant son of Mr. Ben Cooper (tower leader at this church) and Mrs. Cooper.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*J. CAWSE Treble	ALAN W. PAYNE 4
HENRY C. FOSTER 2	†HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY 3	†GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal. † 17th peal. ‡ 25th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 24, CENTRAL PARK ROAD, EAST MALVERN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN J. CUMMINS 1—2	THOMAS W. GOODYER 5—6
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 3—4	GEORGE W. PIPE 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Four-part.	Tenor size 14 in D
GERALD PENNEY 1—2	JOYCE DODDS 5—6
GEOFFREY DODDS 3—4	MICHAEL D. FROST 7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

In memoriam George Blake, a well-loved member of St. Albans Cathedral Society.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT 44, BEECHFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5200 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7—8

Arranged by PETER BORDER.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* 25th peal 'in hand.'

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His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. E. Roger Martin, of Preston, Lancs, has been ordered to bed by his doctor, with heart trouble. A vice-president of the Lancashire Association, of which he has been a member for over 50 years, Mr. Martin will be much missed at service ringing and weekly practices of Preston Parish Church. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

The Sear Memorial at St. Mary's, Bletchley, will be dedicated on Sunday, November 1st, by the Rector at 3 p.m., and the window will be unveiled by Lord Lucas of Chilwell.

The quarter peal at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on September 27th, was rung as a farewell to Mr. F. Lee, who is leaving for a university, and as a compliment to Mr. R. Cowling, on the occasion of his 87th birthday.

All in the West Country will join us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. J. Pugsley, of Minehead, on their diamond wedding anniversary. A founder member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. Pugsley has completed 71 years as a ringer.

When the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held its diamond jubilee dinner at Lincoln on Saturday there was one founder member of the Guild present—Mr. J. B. Halifax, aged 86, who for the past 28 years has been churchwarden at Fleet. The other surviving founder member, Mr. John Cragg (Caythorpe), sent an apology. The dinner was most successful.

Pipe's Pilgrims are considering a visit to John o' Groats, passing through the Lake District en route. They hope to ring at various Scottish towers including Inveraray. Suggestions as to the route from Inveraray to John o' Groats and return via Inverness to Dundee, allowing five days for touring, would be welcomed by Mr. Cecil W. Pipe. The tour is from July 24th to August 5th.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The challenge of Halifax by the local band ringing a peal of 4-Spliced Major (see 'R.W.', August 21st) has been answered by All Saints', Allesley. Here the Sunday service band have rung a peal in six Spliced Surprise Major methods.

It was fitting that Mr. Peter Jarvis, of Bethersden, Kent, was able to stand in the first peal on the restored ring at Great Chalf, as he and his father, Mr. Harry Jarvis, have worked hard to bring about the restoration.

We should like to congratulate Mr. Chas. W. Everett on completing 60 years of service ringing at St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent. A peal in honour of his long and loyal service is recorded in our columns this week.

Mr. G. Fothergill, a ringer at Ossett, who graduated this year at Leeds University, sailed on Monday for the Antarctic. He will be isolated for two years, all communications with the outer world being by radio. Mr. Fothergill is meteorologist and assistant geologist to an expedition.

Yorkshire was specially selected as the method rung at Lutterworth on October 10th to welcome the new Rector (Rev. H. D. Anderson) so that Ernest W. Tipler could have the pleasure of hearing one of his own compositions rung. This prolific Leicestershire composer had previously only heard a course of the method, and the peal was a great joy to him to listen to.

The first quarter peal has been rung on the private ring of six at Home Farm, Balscote, which is the lightest ring in the world (tenor 1 cwt. 22 lb.), the occasion being the 21st birthday of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. S. Jarvis. After the quarter Mr. Jarvis entertained the band by ringing 'Shepherd's Aye' (a local folk song set to changes) single-handed before joining the Jarvis family and friends at supper. It is hoped to attempt a peal on these bells.

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MISS MURIEL REAY'S 500 PEALS

MEMBERS of the Ladies' Guild and the Exercise at large will congratulate Miss Muriel Reay, of Northfield, Birmingham, on ringing her 500th peal, which took place at Hanbury recently. She joins a very small band, among whom are Mrs. J. Thomas and the late Mrs. Phyllis Poole, who have rung over 500 peals.

The story of Miss Reay, who is a school teacher, taking up ringing, is an interesting one. It was the result of a salvage drive at West-houghton, Lancs, where she was working in November, 1946. Miss Reay sent some copies of Northfield Parish Magazine, which has on its cover a photograph of the church, to the Church School for salvage.

The caretaker of the school saw the magazine and asked Miss Reay if there were any bells there. The outcome of this conversation was an invitation to the weekly practice to learn to ring.

LIKE DANIEL

'The following Tuesday,' writes Miss Reay, in response to the Editor's inquiry, 'I climbed the belfry steps for the first time, feeling rather like Daniel in the lions' den. I made the acquaintance of Albert Greenhalgh, who taught me to handle a bell, Jack Ashcroft and others in the band.'

'In time I learned to ring rounds fairly well, and began ringing on Sundays. The next step was change-ringing, and I soon realised I needed all the practice I could get. With some of the Westhoughton ringers I visited other practices, especially that at Adlington, where Jim Blackburn was in charge. It was at this church that I rang the treble unaided to a touch of 120 Grandsire Doubles for the first time. This meant a lot to me and I felt I was a ringer at last.'

'My first peal was rung at Hindley Church on June 23rd, 1948. There had been two previous attempts for Grandsire, and on this occasion we met short. It was decided to go for Doubles; Jack Ashcroft called it and it was his first peal as conductor.'

'I had rung with Birmingham ringers during my holidays and my second peal was with them. This was at Bishop Ryder's Church on June 30th, 1948. I think this was the peal where a bell stay dropped out. About this time I met Arthur Tomlinson, another Lancashire ringer who called many of my early peals and was one of the many who helped me to ring.'

'My 10- and 12-bell ringing was learned in Birmingham, and my first peal on ten was Stedman Caters at Birmingham Cathedral on September 16th, 1948, and the first on 12 was Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on April 11th, 1950.'

IN BIRMINGHAM

'I left Lancashire in March, 1951, and returned home to live. I became a Sunday service ringer at the Cathedral and rang at St. Martin's when we were not at the Cathedral. Service times have now been changed and we now ring at both towers.'

'Once I was in Birmingham my peal total began to mount steadily, and there was a regular date at the Cathedral on Thursday evenings and few Saturdays went by without some ringing. In 1954 we rang many new methods, most of which were rung without practice.'

'Most of my peals have been rung with George Fearn—436 out of the 500—who has played a large part in my ringing career. With Arthur Pearson I have rung 246 and with John Pinfold 239. I count it as a great privilege to have rung in Albert Walker's 500th 12-bell peal. I have met many people and made many friends among ringers.'



HER 500 PEALS

All Miss Reay's peals have been rung on tower bells. She has rung no fewer than 84 different Surprise Major methods and one peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods. Details are:—

Doubles.—2 methods 1, Grandsire 1.
Minor.—2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1, Plain Bob 11, Cambridge 4.
Triples.—Grandsire 14, Stedman 5.
Major.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 15, Double Norwich C.B. 16, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Kent and Oxford T.B. 1.
Surprise Major.—Apsley 1, Ashton-under-Lyne 1, Aylestone 1, Barnet 1, Belvedere 1, Bordesley 1, Bournville 1, Bristol 11, Bromford 1, Bushey 1, Calthorpe 1, Cambridge 58, Cassiobury 1, Catesby 1, Chilton 1, Clarendon 1, Colmore 1, Cornwall 1, Cranbourne 1, Crewe 1, Darlington 1, Derby 1, Deritend 1, Digbeth 1, Dorchester 1, Ealing 1, Frankley 1, Gainsborough 1, Greet 1, Hockley 1, Icknield 1, Ipswich 1, Jaffray 1, Jersey 1, Jesmond 1, Kendal 1, Kingsbury 1, Langley 1, Ladywood 1, Lincolnshire 28, Lindum 1, London 16, Luttrethworth 1, Moseley 1, Nechells 1, Norfolk 1, Olton 1, Oxfordshire 1, Oxhey 1, Painswick 1, Portland 1, Pudsey 5, Pyrford 1, Queslett 1, Quinton 1, Radnor 1, Ramsey 1, Ribblesdale 1, Rutland 17, Sandringham 1, Shirley 1, Southgate 1, Staffordshire 1, Stechford 1, Superlative 7, Tring 1, Trowbridge 1, Truro 1, Tyburn 1, Tyseley 1, Ullenhall 1, Uxbridge 1, Valbourne 1, Warnham 1, Warwickshire 1, Weatheroak 1, Wembley 1, Whitminster 1, Withyham 1, Witton 1, Xanthus 1, Yardley 1, Yorkshire 47, Zetland 1, Spliced—2 methods 1, 4, methods 6, 6 methods 2, 8 methods 1, 10 methods 1.
Caters.—Stedman 12, Grandsire 3.
Royal.—Plain Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 28, Langley 1, Lincolnshire 1, Oakham 1, Pudsey 3, Warwickshire 1, York 1, Yorkshire 17.
Cinques.—Stedman 49.
Maximus.—Cambridge 25, Yorkshire 1.
Total 500.

The bells (10) of Portsmouth Cathedral will be heard on the B.B.C.'s West Regional broadcast next Saturday (United Nations' Day), Oct. 24th, before the 11 a.m. Diocesan Service then being held.

'FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'

This book, prepared by the Statistical Unit of the Central Board of Finance, contains a wealth of information about many aspects of the life of the 43 dioceses of the Church of England. The figures given in respect of the number of ringers (46,848 at December 31st, 1956) were published previously in the Official Year Book and commented on by the Sunday Service Committee of the Central Council in their report for 1958. The Committee's view that this total is on the high side will be shared by most ringers, but in fairness to the compilers it must be said they are at pains to point out that the tables are based on an 85 per cent. return from parishes and have been constructed statistically to represent the *probable* totals if all returns had been sent in.

Ringers whose interest in the church does not end with the bells will find the book well worth studying. It may be obtained from Church House Bookshop, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1, price five shillings and threepence post free.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY

	Men	Women	Total
Canterbury	955	350	1,305
London	566	286	852
Winchester	771	270	1,041
Bath and Wells	2,350	569	2,919
Birmingham	356	94	450
Bristol	454	130	584
Chelmsford	1,191	355	1,546
Chichester	1,041	383	1,424
Coventry	646	131	777
Derby	919	179	1,098
Ely	892	154	1,048
Exeter	2,996	336	3,252
Gloucester	1,053	243	1,296
Guildford	515	268	783
Hereford	971	163	1,134
Leicester	1,034	272	1,306
Lichfield	1,472	297	1,769
Lincoln	1,375	323	1,698
Norwich	996	201	1,197
Oxford	2,370	678	3,048
Peterborough	1,186	285	1,471
Portsmouth	279	138	417
Rochester	647	270	917
St. Albans	1,173	386	1,559
St. Edmunds and Ipswich	855	132	987
Salisbury	1,713	350	2,063
Southwark	391	161	552
Truro	1,334	281	1,615
Worcester	718	144	862

PROVINCE OF YORK

	Men	Women	Total
York	852	154	1,006
Durham	428	116	544
Blackburn	568	100	668
Bradford	290	53	343
Carlisle	435	115	550
Chester	775	201	976
Liverpool	359	86	445
Manchester	610	104	714
Newcastle	230	48	278
Ripon	405	103	508
Sheffield	300	100	400
Sodor and Man	22	1	23
Southwell	660	175	836
Wakefield	472	96	568

Totals .. 37,566 9,282 46,848

'Shepherd's Aye'

This Oxfordshire folk song was rung on his private bells at Balscote by Mr. C. O. S. Jarvis at the coming-of-age party to his daughter.

312, 314, 312, 3145, 3524, 354, 312, 3145.
Repeat.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT GUILDFORD GUILD DINNER

A REQUEST was made by the Provost (the Very Rev. Walter Boulton) at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, held at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on October 3rd, that all the bells of the diocese should ring on May 31st next, the day of the consecration of Guildford's New Cathedral by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The dinner was attended by a record company of 192, who received the Provost and Mrs. Boulton, and the Master of the Guild (Mr. C. W. Denyer, of Farnham) and Mrs. Denyer.

Proposing the toast of 'The memory of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guildford Guild,' Mr. C. W. Denyer said the toast was a form of remembrance and thanksgiving for members who had served the Guild since its inception in 1927 to the present day. Many of those present did not know John S. Goldsmith, but there were two memorials to him. One was 'The Ringing World,' which he founded in 1911, and the other was the sacring bell at the New Cathedral, which was the gift of the ringers to his memory after the war.

MEMORIAL TO A. H. PULLING

This year they remembered in particular their old friend, Alfred H. Pulling, who had died since the Guild's summer festival. He was one of the greatest ringers ever known. Most of them knew him as a wonderful ringer and a perfect striker of a bell, who had the knack of making others ring. 'We shall miss him an awful lot, but we thank God for what he did for us.'

Mr. Denyer said he felt the Guild should provide a tangible memorial to his memory. He knew that Holy Trinity ringers had their own ideas of their own memorial in their tower, but that was not a Guild memorial. They wanted a Guild and also a national memorial, and the committee would be meeting shortly to consider such a step. He would like to see the memorial associated with the New Cathedral, and he suggested that it should take the form of an electric lift to the ringing chamber as 144 steps was a very long climb.

The toast, with a special remembrance of Alfred H. Pulling, was drunk in silence.

Mr. S. G. Ponting, of Milford, submitted the toast of 'The Diocese of Guildford.' The Provost, in reply, said that gathering made him feel that the church had something that other secular societies had not. 'We have had a wonderfully good dinner, but there is also a feeling of wonderful geniality and friendship which is not mere back-slapping. It is something like the components you get in the old Orders of Chivalry; it seems that you are all bound together by some mystical tie as soon as you start bell ringing—a secret society that covers the whole country. We wish that other church organisations had the same qualities. I know of some Parochial Church Councils that have no spirit of geniality.'

The Provost said he hoped the Guild would have a memorial to Alfred Pulling. He happened to be abroad at the time of his death, but he regarded him as a great man and would miss him enormously. He believed the Holy Trinity, Guildford, band had some plan for a memorial to him in the belfry, and he assured them that if there was a permanent memorial in the New Cathedral he would be in 100 per cent agreement with it.

RELAY OF CONSECRATION SERVICE

If it was God's will their New Cathedral would be consecrated on May 31st by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He asked all the bands of ringers in the diocese, and particularly the local bands, to consider their part in the consecration. The ceremony would start at 3 p.m. and finish probably at 4.30 p.m., and he was hoping for the service to be relayed into various parts of the town. Immediately at the conclusion he would like the bells of Guildford to ring out a joyful celebration, to be taken up by every tower in the diocese.

He was told that 30 years ago Holy Trinity, Guildford, was one of the great ringing towers of the diocese, with a national reputation. Since he had been in Guildford he had seen that galaxy of talent gradually disappear, and they had had to replace them with a young band that required training.

TWO LADY CONDUCTORS

Mr. E. John Wells, Ringing Master of the Guildford District, submitted the toast of 'The

Ladies and the Visitors.' He mentioned the fine performances of two young ladies—Miss Jill Lane, of Merrow, and Miss Catherine Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon—who had each conducted a peal during the year.

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. G. Norris, churchwarden of St. Peter's, Ash, and Miss Monica Collins, of St. Nicolas', Guildford.

The speeches were followed by an excellent entertainment provided by Mr. Harold Cole and two lady members of the Farnham Amateur Dramatic Society. Tune ringing by Mr. G. S. Joyce and Dr. W. Wright was also very effective, and there was a touch of Grandire Triples rung by Major Bragg, Dr. Wright, Mr. G. S. Joyce and Mr. W. Viggers.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to those who had arranged the evening, moved by Mr. F. E. Collins, the toastmaster, who especially mentioned the beautiful chrysanthemums which decorated the tables, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harman, of Beare Green. These were afterwards sold on behalf of the Alfred H. Pulling Memorial Fund.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD AT DERBY

For the first time, the National Guild of Police Ringers held their annual meeting in Derby on September 19th, and it was well attended by members from London, Manchester, Peterborough, Leicester, East Sussex and Nuneaton.

The day got off to a good start with some fine 10-bell ringing at St. Andrew's. Unfortunately, this was cut short when the treble stay was broken. Ringing on the heavy eight at St. Luke's was delayed owing to the door leading to the belfry being locked; but some good Major and Triples ringing ensued. The bells at St. Peter's and the Cathedral were well used during the afternoon.

The business meeting was held at Police Headquarters in Derby (by kind permission of the Chief Constable, Mr. E. V. Staines) and was attended by 25 members. The president (ex-Sgt. E. C. Turner, Leicester City) opened the meeting by welcoming members to Derby. He informed the meeting of the deaths during the year of ex-Inspector A. B. Whiffin, of Southend, and ex-P.C.s D. Brown and J. Turner, of Manchester. Five new members were elected, being ex-P.C. F. R. Scott (City of London), P.C. A. Pearce (Manchester City), P.C. J. Watson (Leics and Rutland), P.C. J. Walder (East Sussex), Cadet J. Liddiard (Hampshire) and ex-Superintendent C. Rush (Suffolk).

All officers of the Guild were re-elected for the coming year. It was decided that the venue for next year's meeting be Leicester and the date Saturday, September 24th. One important change in the rules was made and that was that all policemen who are bell-ringers are eligible for full membership, whether they be method ringers or just call-change ringers. Previously only change-ringers were allowed to be full members of the Guild, but it is now emphasised that all policemen bell-ringers can become members and should contact the secretary for details at 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester.

The final item in the programme was a dinner and social evening held at the Friary Hotel, Derby, when about 75 members and friends sat down to an excellent meal. The Guild was honoured by the presence at the dinner of the Chief Constable of Derbyshire Constabulary (Mr. W. E. Pitts), the Provost of Derby Cathedral (Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes) and Inspector J. Sargeant, of Derby Borough Police, and Mrs. Sargeant. Inspector Sargeant deputised for his Chief Constable, who was indisposed. After the dinner the president proposed a toast to 'The Guests and Visitors.' Inspector Sargeant's excellent reply on behalf of the guests will be long remembered. Ex-Inspector T. R. Butler (Liverpool City) proposed the toast of 'The Church,' which was suitably replied to by the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes. A toast to 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. W. E. Pitts, who reminded those present of the many amusing and other occasions when he had previously been in contact with the Guild. This toast was replied to by Inspector J. Prior (Metropolitan).

The social evening which followed was under the supervision of Mr. Frank Measures, of Leicester. The entertainment commenced with a 'rise and fall' on handbells by the Leicester contingent. This was followed by various party games and dances, which probably accounted, partially, for the increase in the sale of refreshments. Touches of various Triples and Caters methods were rung on the handbells during the evening. A band of Derbyshire ringers formed themselves into a very mixed-voice choir, and with the help of one or two outsiders entertained the company with several ringers' songs. This was highlighted by the appearance in the room of a certain school teacher from Leicester, who immediately took on the responsibility of a conductor. However, for some reason or other he neglected the choir and focused all his interest on conducting the listening audience! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The Guild extends very sincere thanks to Mr. W. A. Morley, of Derby, for making the arrangements.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. L. W. G. Morris' letter on the subject of compositions of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, I should like to say that Mr. Morris mentioned this peal to me when we met at the Central Council meeting some years ago. I told him that I had not seen anything like it, and it did not occur to me then that it might be a variation of some other composition with almost the same calling but very different musical qualities.

It will be noticed that, wherever Mr. John Carter's composition is started, the 2nd cannot be kept out of 6ths place, but by making the slight variation which Mr. Morris has done, the 2nd can be kept out of 5-6 and the composition made much more musical.

I agree with Mr. Barnett that true originality in the strictest sense cannot be achieved in Cambridge Surprise Maximus with ordinary calling, and I feel that it should be left to Mr. Morris to decide whether to describe his composition as 'composed' or 'arranged.' He is certainly entitled to some credit for producing a composition with good musical qualities, but the facts quoted by Mr. Barnett cannot be disputed.

With reference to the second part of the letter, the composition given is a splendid peal of Pudsey Surprise Major by Mr. E. A. Barnett. When Pudsey Surprise Major first came into vogue, Mr. Barnett noticed something in the construction of the method that had been completely missed by Mr. A. Craven and the composers of his generation. This was the incidence of the internal falseness in Pudsey Surprise, which is entirely different from that of Yorkshire, although both methods have the same false course-end (24365). By making good use of this discovery, Mr. Barnett was able to obtain this peal, which is truly original, and a very clever composition, as it contains 15 of the 18 possible 4, 5, 6 combination course-ends, a quality not obtainable in many other methods.

Mr. Morris is quite wrong in stating that true originality is not attainable in compositions of Pudsey Surprise Major. Actually there is more scope for composers in this method than in many others, and since Mr. Barnett gave us his 5,184, many fine peals, on really original plans with excellent musical qualities, have been produced by many of our most brilliant composers.

I should also like to bring to your notice a point arising from the report of a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal, rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, and published in 'The Ringing World' of October 9th, 1959, page 579. Here the name of the composer is given as 'Nicholas Nickleby,' a fictitious character. A peal report should above all things be factual, and where a block of courses cannot be properly credited to any one composer it should be described as a 'traditional' composition, or else as an arrangement. The place for 'humour,' if indeed this sort of cheap clowning can be regarded as funny, is in Belfry Gossip not in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

'LOGICAL THINKING' v. 'LOYALTY'

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that the effect of the 'Opposition' is to make the Government think more deeply about new or revised legislation. Opposing the official Government policy, rebels marched to Aldermaston, causing terrific disturbances.

If Robin Leale had gone to an A.G.M. of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild he could have done nothing on his own because he would have been out-voted by the non-thinking masses who 'follow the leader.' I realise that, in general, support should be given to those we put in office, but when it comes to taxing ringers for the printing of reports they do not receive, loyalty must be overcome by logical thinking.

May I point out to the Rev. K. H. Felstead that Robin offered to pay any levy to the 'R.W.' which might be introduced.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. R. MAY.

Willesden Green, N.W.

BOY SCOUTS' BADGE

Dear Sir,—There must be many in the ringing world who have been or still are associated with the Boy Scout movement, and I would like to bring to their notice and to the Exercise generally that the proficiency tests of the B.S.A. have been revised this month. After a boy has obtained his 2nd class badge, these tests on individual matters are open to him. Among others, a bell-ringing badge is included for the first time.

The Girl Guides have had this for some time, and I once had the privilege of passing out a Guide who is now a very efficient ringer. I am not quite sure of the details, but I believe the work includes splicing a rope, raising and falling in rounds and ringing 120 changes of Bob or Grandsire Doubles on a working bell.

Here, I feel, is a great opportunity to get young intelligent people into our ranks and also to do a good turn to a great movement. I am sure that we in the ringing world would gain on the exchange. I hope the Exercise will co-operate and give its full support.—Yours truly,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Hunts.

CORRECTIONS TO 'DOVE'

Dear Sir,—While on a recent holiday in Wales the following errors in Dove's Guide were found:—

(1) Bodfean, Caernarvon, St. Buan (6, 5 cwt.). These bells are not hung for ringing but are hung 'dead' with an additional Sanctus bell. The dates of the bells are: Sanctus, 1774; treble, no date; 2nd, 1754; 3rd, 4th and tenor, 1893; 5th, 1894. The back four are by Mears and Stainbank; the founders of the other three are not shown.

(2) Llandinam, Montgomery, St. Llonio (6, 6 cwt. in B flat). There is no mention of this tower at all in 'Dove' and yet the bells have been rehung on ball-bearings by Taylors. The back five are by Warners, while the treble is a pre-Reformation bell. The wooden frame is in excellent condition although the bells are not rung very often.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.

'TICH' SYMONDS

Dear Sir,—Regarding the 'Stories of Old London Ringers,' 'Tich' Symonds was one of the Lavenham Symonds. I knew him quite well as we both went to the same school. His full name was Frederick George Symonds. 'Tich' rang 5-6 to my first 720 of Bob Minor on August 4th, 1902. Also I am the only one to ring a 720 with the Symonds family of three sons and two daughters. What memories to go back to!—Yours truly,

E. H. SIMPSON.

Shipley, Yorks.

MOST PEALS IN A TOWER

Dear Sir,—Having read in 'The Ringing World' that Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung peals in more towers in Kent, beating the record of Mr. Frank Bennett, I wonder who has rung the most peals in any one tower? Possible claimants for this honour are Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Mr. F. Cullum, of Erith, Mr. A. Walker and the Bailey brothers, of Leiston.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. BUTCHER.

Northfleet, Kent.

See 265 Peals in One Tower.

FIRST PEAL OF TRIPLES FOR CLERICAL GUILD

Dear Sir,—With regard to the claim made in 'The Ringing World,' of September 25th, that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Chittlehampton on September 7th, 1959, was the first of Triples for the Clerical Guild, I should like to draw your attention to the fact that the first peal ever by the Guild was rung at East Hagbourne, Berks, on May 15th, 1935, conducted by the Rev. Carew Cox.—Yours truly,

N. M. K. WARREN.

Culmstock, Devon.

265 PEALS IN ONE TOWER

By ringing a peal of Superlative on October 2nd at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Mr. F. J. Cullum brought his total number of peals on these bells to 265, which is thought to be the greatest number of peals rung in one tower by any ringer. Mr. Edwin Barnett, the father of the secretary of the Central Council, has rung 264 peals at Crayford. It would be interesting to know if these totals have been exceeded by any other ringer.

The churches at Crayford and Erith are noted for a long peal-ringing tradition, being the only churches where more than 500 peals have been rung. The most peals in any tower have, of course, been rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Mr. Cullum's achievement will be of interest to his many friends, especially those who, for so many years, have enjoyed the friendly welcome that so regularly awaits visitors to Erith. Himself an experienced conductor, especially of Stedman, he has always been happy to give opportunities and encouragement to others, and it was fitting that the 265th peal should have been conducted by Ian H. Oram, a young man with a brilliant ringing future before him.

Good luck, Fred, and here's to the next 265!

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OBITUARY

MR. CECIL VICTOR EBBERSON

The Norwich Association has lost a great friend and a loyal supporter with the passing of Cecil Ebberson, who died on October 1st at his home at Snettisham after a short illness.

The funeral service took place at Snettisham Church on October 7th, attended by a large gathering, which included ringers from Dersingham, Downham Market, Gaywood, Holme Hale, King's Lynn, North Creak, Norwich, Roydon, Shouldham and Terrington St. John. The Association was officially represented by the president, the chairman of the Western Branch (Rev. R. G. E. Dodson), the secretary and a committee member of the Western Branch and the chairman of the Northern Branch. In his address the Vicar of Snettisham referred to the devoted work of the deceased as a ringer and as an example of Christian witness. The Vicar of Dersingham read the lesson and the Rev. R. P. Pott, of Ingoldisthorpe, a friend of the family, said prayers at the interment. A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung over the grave.

Mr. Ebberson was born at Fakenham, Norfolk, on July 14th, 1891. On leaving school he was apprenticed to a local watchmaker and became a first-class craftsman with great enthusiasm for his work and a deep interest in the history of timepieces. He had, until wounded in the leg in the first world war, some reputation locally as an athlete, and became interested in ringing, an enthusiasm encouraged by the Cooke family. His first peal—one of Bob Major—was rung at Fakenham on Easter Monday, 1914.

After the war, during which he saw much active service in France, he worked in London for six years. He married in 1921 Miss Annie Adcock, of Wells, who, with their daughter Margaret, survives him. During this period he took part in a number of peals arranged by William Pye and J. Armiger Trollope, which included the then record peal of Surprise Royal (10,440 Cambridge at Walthamstow on Boxing Day, 1923) and the first peals of Edmonton, Marlborough and Winchester Bob Major.

Returning to Norfolk in 1926 to take over a watch repairing business at Snettisham, Mr. Ebberson found the bells there unringable and so joined the band at the neighbouring tower at Dersingham, ringing there Sunday by Sunday until recent weeks. Business at first prevented him from taking a very active part in the affairs of the Association, but in later years few have done more to foster interest and to encourage change-ringing in the diocese. As Ringing Master and a member of the standing committee for the Western Branch for many years, he travelled hundreds of miles to help struggling bands, teaching beginners and offering good advice in the conduct of affairs. His enthusiasm was infectious. He was the pleasantest of men with a kindly word for all and a fund of good humour. How we shall miss him!

In memoriam ringing took place at a number of centres, the young band Mr. Ebberson taught ringing Dersingham bells half-muffled on hearing of his death. Peals were rung at Dereham, Dersingham and Terrington St. John.

A member of the Norwich Diocesan, Ely Diocesan, Middlesex County, Kent County, London County, Hertfordshire, Surrey, Suffolk, Lincoln and Essex Guilds and the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Ebberson took part in 480 peals, 47 of which he conducted. The peals were made up as follows:—

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 1. Cinques.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 1. Royal.—Little Bob 2, Plain Bob 7, St. Clement's College Bob 1, Winton Court 1. Kent Treble Bob 9 (including one of the Granta variation), Cambridge Surprise 2. Caters.—Stedman 9, Grandsire 9.

Major.—Plain Bob 33, Double Norwich 45, St. Clement's 3, Double Bob 2, Crayford College 1, Edmonton Bob 1, Hereward Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Gainsborough Bob 1, Double Oxford 2, Oxford Bob 1, Painswick College 1, Pershore Bob 1, Marlborough Bob 1, Winchester Bob 1, Spiced Plain, 1 each 2, 3, 4 and 6 methods, Kent Treble Bob 32, Oxford Treble Bob 9, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Ilkeston variation) 1, Little Albion 1, Cambridge Surprise (including New Cambridge) 31, Ashted 1, Bristol 12, London 3, Painswick 1, Norfolk 2 and Superlative 17.

Triples.—Grandsire 19, Stedman 15, Oxford Bob 1. Minor.—1 to 18 methods 179. Doubles.—8. Two of the peals of Grandsire and one of Bob Major were on handbells: 248 peals were rung for the Norwich, 94 for the Ely and 86 for the Middlesex County Associations.

MR. S. SEALY WOODBURN

The funeral of Mr. Sidney Sealy Woodburn took place at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath, on October 10th, in the presence of a large congregation of some 150, including members of the family, friends and brother ringers from all over the diocese and West of England.

The service was conducted, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Rowe (chairman of the Bath Branch, who is on holiday in America), by the Rev. John Tunwell, assisted by Mr. A. A. H. Davis, lay reader, and Mr. Roger O. Fry, former general secretary of the Association, now studying at Salisbury Theological College, who read the lesson. The service was fully choral, the local choir turning up voluntarily to pay their last tributes to one who had been popular with all the members of the church in Weston. The interment was at Locksbrook Cemetery. The bells were rung fully-muffled following the service by the local band, by visiting ringers and by one band consisting of officers and former officers of the Association.

Among those present were Mr. David Hoare (general secretary, Bath and Wells Association), Mr. W. Marsh (secretary, Glaston Branch), Mr. R. D. Short (secretary, Bridgwater Branch), Mr. R. G. Beck (Ringing Master, Frome Branch) and ringers from many of the city churches and churches within the diocese. The 32 wreaths and floral tributes included many from local towers, from the Association committee and from the churchwardens, P.C.C. and sidesmen at All Saints' Church.

A tribute was paid to Mr. Woodburn's memory at Hensong on the following Sunday by the Rev. John Tunwell, and following the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by members of the local band and representatives of other city churches. Mrs. K. C. Brain (Weston) 1, R. O. Fry (Twerton) 2, H. L. Palfrey (Corston), 3, W. J. Prescott (Bath Abbey) 4, T. W. Harris (Keynsham) 5, G. J. Hawkins (St. Michael's, Bath) 6, T. J. Hayward (Weston, conductor) 7, K. C. Brain (Weston) 8.

Mr. Woodburn learned to ring in 1925 at Weston. He subsequently became tower master there in 1937 and taught many new ringers, until there was one of the strongest bands, numerically, in the Association. Through his drive and initiative the bells were retuned, rehung and augmented to eight in 1953. The only peal so far rung on them, by a largely local band in 1956, was Mr. Woodburn's last peal. Since no peal records have been found, no accurate details are available, but it is thought he rang about 50 altogether, on many local rings and on such rare bells as Queen Camel and Bath Abbey. Many of his peals were of Grandsire Doubles, for the benefit of youngsters starting to ring peals, and he called numerous quarter peals, hardly ever without a 'first' of some kind. His last quarter peal (recorded elsewhere in 'The Ringing World') was rung only

the Sunday previous to his death to enable four of his band to ring their first quarters. Apart from being tower master at Weston, Mr. Woodburn was also a member of the P.C.C. and a sidesman, and had also been acting as assistant churchwarden.

In January, 1940, Mr. Woodburn was elected Branch secretary and Ringing Master of the Bath Branch of the Association, a position which he held until his death. Under his guidance and powerful leadership the membership flourished, and quarterly meetings of 100 ringers and more were by no means uncommon. He was asked by the Association in 1945 to organise the setting up of a war memorial in Bath Abbey for those members of the Association who had fallen in the 1939-45 war. Many of the Association committee meetings and annual general meetings were enlivened by Mr. Woodburn's contributions to them, and he was ever a staunch champion of those who were struggling to make headway in ringing, as well as being a strong advocate of the needs of Sunday service ringing. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Daisy Woodburn, and a son, Mr. Mervyn Woodburn. R. O. F.

AN APPRECIATION

Sealy, as he was affectionately known to his fellow ringers at Weston, began ringing in 1920. He was tower master at Weston for 21 years, and it was mainly due to his untiring energy and initiative that in 1953 the six original Bilbie bells were rehung and augmented to eight by the addition of two new treble bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A board erected in the tower commemorates this. It was he who organised the annual ringers' outings, and in addition during 1956 and 1958 arranged a week's ringing tour of Devon, visiting some four or five different towers each day.

Mr. Woodburn was also the secretary, together with other posts including the Ringing Master, of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and in recognition of his services he was made an honorary member of the Association. His presence will be sadly missed in the other activities of the church, as besides being tower master he was deputy churchwarden, sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. In addition he was a member of various other committees set up to ensure the smooth running and advancement of the church. In fact it can be said that Mr. Woodburn was always in prominence where it was necessary for work to be done.

One of his greatest pleasures was the calling of the words 'That's all' after ringing and conducting a peal or quarter peal in which one of his learners had participated for the first time. On the Sunday afternoon prior to his death a quarter peal, conducted by Mr. Woodburn, had been rung on the bells of Weston in which four ringers had taken part for the first time. It can truly be stated that many of the younger ringers in Bath and the surrounding countryside have been taught or have benefited in some way by the patience and earnestness with which he encouraged people to ring church bells.

Any ringer who has visited All Saints' tower, Weston, will always remember the enthusiastic welcome which they received from Mr. Woodburn, and anyone, whether a brilliant ringer or a learner, was sure of true ringers' hospitality.

All who knew this great personality will hear of his passing with deep regret, and everybody who was associated with him in any way will appreciate with gratitude the example which he set us during his life. As we remember him the words which are borne on the tombstone of a famous ringer seem to apply:—

'Year by year the bells so softly,
O'er the graves shall music pour,
Where the dust of Saints is garner'd,
Till the Master comes once more.'

T. J. H.

OBITUARY—Continued

MR. ROBERT S. F. MURPHY, P.C.

It is with deep regret we announce that Mr. Robert S. F. Murphy, P.C., Master and librarian of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, passed peacefully away on October 9th, at the age of 86.

Mr. Murphy attended at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on the previous Sunday morning when he, as usual, met his friends the Cathedral ringers. Later that day he had a heart attack, which culminated in his death on October 9th.

The remains were received at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, October 10th, by the Dean, the Very Rev. J. W. Armstrong. One of the Cathedral bells was tolled as the cortege approached the edifice. The funeral took place at Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, where Gabriel Lindoff is buried, on October 12th, following a choral service in the Cathedral, which was conducted by the Dean.

Amongst the large attendance were the members of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society of Amateur Change-ringers, representatives of the executive council of the Irish Association and ringers of many of the local towers. Wreaths were also sent from the Cathedral bell-ringers and the Irish Association.

Bob Murphy made three requests immediately before he passed on, one of which was that a quarter peal would be rung at the Cathedral to his memory. This attempt was made with the bells half-muffled on October 13th and was a touch of 1,386 Grandsire Triples, the 86 to coincide with his age. As the remains left the Cathedral two courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by Percy W. Cave, were rung on the light eight bells, half-muffled.

Robert S. F. Murphy was born in Ballinakill, in what was then Queen's County, now Leix, on July 16th, 1873. His ringing career started in 1890, when the defunct Society of Bell-ringers at St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, was being revived.

In March, 1900, he left Kilkenny to take up a position in Dublin in the watchmaking and jewellery business of Hopkins and Hopkins. Nine years later he became managing director of that firm and remained so until his death. In fact he travelled daily to his business up to a week prior to his death. On his arrival in Dublin he joined the St. Patrick's Society, and it was on May 26th following that he scored his first peal after less than two months of practice, viz., 5,040 Grandsire Caters. In all he rang 25 peals for the Irish Association and two peals while on ringing tours in England.

Bob Murphy rang in the first peal composed entirely of Irish men, and one of his most memorable was the peal rung for the 94th birthday of his mother; the peal was 5,094 Grandsire Caters.

As a member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers from 1930 to 1947 he attended some meetings until age prevented his active interest, and was on one occasion charged by the Irish Association to be the first person to invite the Council to hold its meeting in Ireland.

He was three times president of the Irish Association, and presented a cup in 1933 for competition amongst the affiliated towers for good striking. He was appointed Ringing Master, which office he held until his death. He held also the position of librarian.

His greatest affection was for the Amateur Change Ringers' Society of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He had been president of that Society for 28 years, succeeding Mr. J. C. Cherry, F.R.C.S.I. He attended regularly every Sunday to see the ringers, even when he no longer could ascend the stairs to the ringing room. The annual dinner given by him in his private residence will be long remembered by those who had the privilege of being present.

When the Irish Free State was established, Mr. Murphy was appointed a Peace Commis-

sioner, and was one of the first persons so honoured. This title is the equivalent of the British Justice of the Peace.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and five daughters, to whom sympathy is extended.

MR. CECIL J. MATTHEWS

His many friends in the Exercise will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, for many years a member of the company at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and an ex-Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

He was a prominent member of the excellent band led between the wars by his father, the late John D. Matthews, at the twin Cumberland towers of St. Martin's and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Failing health in recent years had led him reluctantly to sever an association of some 30 years with St. Martin's, but his interest in ringing and ringers remained.

The Matthews family were fortunate in having such a great enthusiast as John D. at their head, and it is not surprising that Cecil's first peal was one of Bob Major 'in hand' with his father, sister Elsie and James Hunt, in March, 1915. Later in the same year the Matthews had the distinction of ringing the first peal of Bob Major 'in hand' by members of one family, brother Edgar taking over from James Hunt.

Cecil's introduction to peal ringing on tower bells was unique, his first two peals being Kent Maximus and Stedman Cinques. Indeed, he rang eight peals on the higher numbers before his first peal of Major in 1922. The ringer of the second in that peal was Miss Kitty Smith, who was to become Mrs. Kitty Matthews. Twenty-six years later Cecil and Kitty took part in the famous married couples' peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester Cathedral. They rang 46 peals together before Kitty's death in 1955.

Two other peals of which Cecil was very proud were the 'fathers and sons' peal at Shoreditch, and the peal of Bob Major 'in hand' rung on a railway train and covering the six counties of Middlesex, Bucks, Berks, Oxford, Wilts and Gloucester.

Cecil Matthews was not a prolific peal ringer; he rang a modest total of 118, including 12 'in hand' and 57 on 12 bells. He found his greatest satisfaction in his Sunday service ringing at St. Martin's and in his work for the Society. He will be remembered with gratitude.

He is survived by his second wife, whom he married in 1957.

A. R. L.

The funeral of Cecil J. Matthews took place at Putney Crematorium on October 14th. Among those present were Mr. T. H. Francis and Mr. T. Bevan, representing St. Martin's and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and Mr. J. Prior, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths. Many floral tributes were received, including those from his workmates at the 'Evening Standard,' the band at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

MR. A. RODEN

A member of St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, from childhood, and a ringer for over 50 years, Mr. A. Roden died at his home, Manor Road, Penn, on Sunday, October 4th, after a spate of arthritis lasting some 18 months.

His remains were interred at St. Bartholomew's Churchyard on October 7th.

Fellow ringers rang the bells fully-muffled whilst the cortege was brought to the church for the funeral service. The ringers proceeded to the graveside, where handbells were rung.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung the same evening half-muffled by E. Stith 1, C. Griffiths 2, C. F. W. Eyre 3, John A. Roden (son of deceased) 4, G. Smallwood 5, A. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (conductor) 7, G. Hill 8.

MR. WILLIAM SELDON

The death of Mr. William Seldon, a member of the local band, took place in the belfry of St. Michael's Church, Sowton, Devon, on Sunday, September 27th. While ringing the second bell in a touch of Grandsire Triples for harvest thanksgiving Evensong he collapsed and died. He was aged 74.

Before his retirement he had worked for 46 years as chauffeur to the Garratt family of Bishop's Court (Sowton), descendants of the donors of the ring of eight bells at Sowton. His ringing was almost entirely devoted to Sunday service. He rang only six peals but did a great deal of instruction work with the Cyst Honiton band after the ban on church bell ringing was lifted during the war.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. V. Christie), who is chairman of the Aylesbeare Branch, took place at Sowton on October 1st, followed by cremation at Torquay.

The bearers were two members from each of the Sowton and Cyst Honiton bands, A. Tapley and F. Willmington (Sowton) and E. E. Retter and G. E. Retter (Cyst Honiton). Other ringers present were Messrs. A. Gooding, W. D. Ashdown, W. Panter, H. G. Willmington and Mrs. G. E. Retter.

After the service 504 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on Sowton bells. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on Cyst Honiton bells by the following: Miss A. Christie 1, J. Salway 2, A. Tapley 3, D. Callard 4, G. E. Retter (conductor) 5, E. E. Retter 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. G. E. R.

EPPIING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. McClelland (cond.) 1, H. Coney (Jersey, C.I.) 2, C. Moore 3, M. Osborne 4, J. Aldridge 5, J. Statham 6. For harvest festival.

MR. G. F. HOAD

We regret to learn that Mr. George Frederick Hoad (82), who had been tower foreman at Reigate Parish Church for over 45 years, was knocked down by a car on Sunday evening on his way to ring at the Parish Church, and died in Redhill County Hospital on Monday.

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Last February, the third bell of the six at Lanchester was found to have a broken canon, and its use was suspended until further notice. This bell was cast in 1810 and had been rung with this flaw steadily developing for nearly 150 years. It proved impracticable to remove the canons so the Parochial Church Council decided to have the bell recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, the new bell was dedicated by the Rural Dean of Lanchester (Canon S. Val Green) before a good congregation representing local parishioners and ringers from surrounding belfries. The second lesson was read by the president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. K. Arthur. After the dedication the new bell was raised and the bells rung to rounds by the local band as the choir and clergy processed back to the chancel.

After the service the bells were rung to a touch of 240 Cambridge Surprise by a representative band from the Durham and Newcastle Association, conducted by the president: K. Ather (Lanchester) 1, S. Thompson (Whickham) 2, K. Arthur (Fenham) 3, C. N. Lea (S. Shields) 4, E. N. Harrison (Fenham) 5, J. A. Ainsworth (Fenham) 6. Afterwards the bells were sampled by most of the visitors, and the verdict was 'A good splice.'

The Lanchester ringers, having pounded away all summer with Doubles on 12456, are glad to have the full ring available again, and are now practising regularly on Wednesdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

MEMORABLE WEEK-END AT MELBOURNE

A memorable week-end took place in Melbourne by the visit of six Sydney and two Adelaide ringers.

Methods rung during the week were: Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire up to Caters, Kent T.B. up to Royal, Cambridge Surprise and Double Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Kent and Oxford (spliced) Major.

There was a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major, which is reported in our peal columns, and two quarter peals at St. Paul's Cathedral of Plain Bob Major and Plain Bob Maximus. The latter was the highlight of the week and is believed to be the first of Plain Bob Maximus outside Great Britain. It was rung at the first attempt.

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BIRTH

PEAKMAN.—To Arthur and Pat (née Hemming), of 10, Court Crescent, Kingswinford, Staffs, on October 11th, 1959, a daughter, Lesley. 5110

ENGAGEMENT

LING—CRITCHLOW.—The engagement is announced between Michael D. Ling, of 44, Finlay Road, Gloucester, and Olga L. Critchlow, of Andlers Ash Road, Liss, Hampshire. 5087

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MISCELLANEOUS

HARBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.—The recast ring of five bells, together with a new treble bell, will be dedicated on Monday, Oct. 26th, at 7.30 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Warwick. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. M. W. 5084

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Change of secretary.—Mr. T. C. Phillimore is now hon. District secretary of Canterbury District, Kent County Association of Change Ringers. Address: 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 5106

RAMBLING RINGERS' REUNION, Derby, Saturday, Dec. 12th. For details of dinner and ringing arrangements please contact Miss Carol Eustace, 26, Vicarage Road, Rugby. Peals arranged if sufficient interest shown. Friends welcome. 5100

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting, Queen Camel (6), Saturday, Oct. 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—Badman, 54, Brookleigh, Street. 5111

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5061

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Prestbury, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5105

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Seventy-fifth anniversary dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24th, Town Hall, St. Albans, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets (15s.) from B. C. Johnson, 26, College Road, St. Albans. Ringing at St. Michael's (8), St. Peter's (10) and St. Stephen's (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with Launton handbell recital. Address by Dean K. Matthews. St. Peter's and Cathedral bells 5 to 6.30 p.m.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5058

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 24th, St. Mary's, Liss (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Transport available (small charge) to SS. Peter and Paul's, Hawley (8), at 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5018

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Great Ryburgh, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) 2 to 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5077

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Lane End, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5068

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Great Wakering Parish Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Guild Office 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. 5081

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern and Eastern Divisions.—A combined meeting will be held at Southover on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 5017

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall 5 p.m. 5070

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Long Ashton (8), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4885

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—Dedication of completed tower with two trebles to make ring of ten, Saturday, Oct. 31st, 3 p.m. Quarter peal, 4 to 5. General ringing till 9 p.m. Tea provided.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Vicarage. 5090

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bentley, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. Sanderson, 109, Woodhouse Road, Wheatley, Doncaster. The bells will soon be going to the bell foundry. Mr. Sanderson would like as many to come as possible as this will be the last chance for quite a while. Next meeting, Arksey, on Saturday, Nov. 28th.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 5102

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, Gainford. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 28th E. P. Rock, Rosegarth, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe. 5108

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Winterbourne (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Notice for tea to F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 5089

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Saturday, Oct. 31st. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Oct. 29th to the Sacristan, Tewkesbury Abbey. 5094

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Farnborough (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5103

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Pulverbatch, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle. 5101

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Mary-at-Bow, Stratford, E. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in Vestry at 6.30 p.m., then ringing till 8 p.m. Trolleybuses pass door. Nearest station, Bow. Gentlemen cordially invited. 5067

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Lester, 9, Laton Road, Hastings, not later than previous Wednesday, please. All very welcome.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 5079

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Halliwell, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Free tea for those who send names by Wednesday, Oct. 28th, to Mr. J. F. Wood, 20, Moor-side Avenue, Bolton. Halliwell bells in the afternoon only: 'All Souls' in the evening. Look up Erin Triples.—Joe Thornley, Sec. 5076

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at the Church of St. Chad, Headingley, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 28th, to Mr. A. I. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds, 6. 5104

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Scunthorpe (8), on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 28th to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 5064

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barkston, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Monday, 26th, to Mrs. V. Gray, The Drift, Syston, near Grantham.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 5073

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 5091

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Evening practice, Stony Stratford, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31st.—F. Vickers. 5093

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, Grafton Underwood (5). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. G. Lowe, 43, Grafton Underwood, Kettering. Cranford bells (6) in evening.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec. 5095

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Cotgrave (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Please make own tea arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. All welcome. Let's make it a good meeting. 5048

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 4948

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Kirkheaton (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. and evening. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Monday previous, to Mr. R. Mitchell, 11, Hillside, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield. Good bus service. Everyone welcome. 5097

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hartland (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Usual arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Pearce, Sec. 5093

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5053

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild, East Farleigh, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 5096

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Café, High Street, Leicester, Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 7 for 7.15 p.m. Principal guest and speaker, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tickets (price 11s.) now available from undersigned. Last day for tickets, Wednesday, Nov. 4th. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 2 to 3.30; All Saints' (8), 3 to 5; St. Margaret's (12), 3 to 5 p.m. Visitors who desire peals in the morning please notify me.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Tel. Wigston 3244). 5098

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Nuthall, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify not later than Thursday, Nov. 5th, Mr. T. Harrison, 18, St. Patrick's Road, Nuthall, Nottingham.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 5109

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Debenham (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 5099

NORTH MUSKHAM OUTING (Or The Three Muskameers)

Ringling at North Muskham, Notts, is at a low ebb. Through people leaving the district this tower, which in 1953 boasted 14 useful ringers, now has only three ringers for six bells. Nothing daunted, these three stalwarts decided to hold their annual ringing outing as usual this year. So they hired a coach and sent invitations to their ringing friends in the district.

The result was that on August 22nd a merry band of ringers and 'supporters' set forth upon a day's adventure into North Lincolnshire. Gainsborough, with its lovely eight, was the first stop, and here we were met by Mr. C. H. Baker, who was persuaded to join the party for the rest of the day.

At Kirton-in-Lindsey we met a friendly Vicar and a treble without a rope. The bells were of good tone, but we agreed with the locals when they said they thought these should be rehung. At Brigg we found our old friend Mr. Richardson waiting to greet us. A good friend of ringers is Mr. Septimus Neave, of Goxhill. He spent a lot of time putting the bells and ropes in going order for us at Thornton Curtis, and then entertained us at his own lovely 6-bell tower.

We did not do justice to the splendid eight in Barrow-on-Humber, as by this time the temperature was well up in the 80's, but we were pleased to renew acquaintance with Mr. Crowder. Barton-on-Humber not only possesses two grand rings of eight, but an organisation which provides the most wonderful food, and a model for others to copy in Ringing Master-cum-host is Mr. A. W. Hoodless.

The six at Winterton were a joy to ring, and the eight at Burton-on-Stather were just the sort of bells we would have liked to put in a tower in our own district.

Thank you, North Lincolnshire, we hope to come again; and thank you, North Muskham, we hope new ringers may soon come your way.
F. W. M.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 11th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Dale 1, Brenda M. Bails 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, R. Preston 5, E. Piper 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the finger of 5, also his first quarter of Plain Bob.

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BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, M. Broadley 3, J. Meads 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, R. Broadley cover. For Evenson.

ELING, HANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ronda M. Purkess (first quarter) 1, W. G. Buchanan 2, Mavis P. Coffin 3, G. Buchanan 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, A. Reeve 3, J. Carrott 4, M. Bland 5, H. Smith 6, A. Grainger 7, L. S. Woods 8. For the patronal festival.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Cooper 1, Miss B. Humphries 2, R. Humphries 3, Miss C. Slater 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, S. Luckett 6, E. Southwick 7, H. Harris 8. For harvest festival.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. R. Gotham 1, P. Phillips 2, E. R. Gotham 3, M. Swift 4, G. E. Swift 5, F. Bedford 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, J. Ing, jun., 8. For morning service on Battle of Britain Sunday.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. W. Otley 4, M. Meyer 5, F. Mead 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, P. J. Hutchings 8. For harvest festival, and as a birthday compliment to J. A. Hales.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): F. Watson 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, P. Baldock 3, R. Russell 4, J. H. Cook 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Yolande Cave (a Sunday school teacher) to Mr. Alan Harris, of Braunstone; also a welcome to Father Manson, S.S.J.E.

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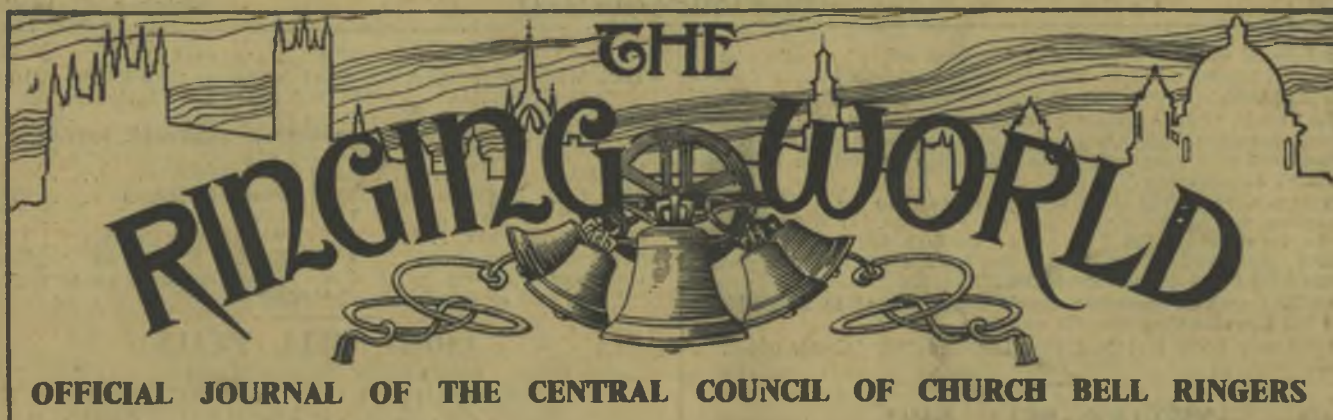
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THE PROFESSOR INVESTIGATES AN OLD MANUSCRIPT AND EVEN OLDER BOOK

By HAROLD CHANT

A FEW days ago I had occasion to call upon Professor Dodge, and found him in his cell studying a bundle of sheets of notepaper, which I could see were covered in figures neatly written in ink. He tossed them over to me, and asked: 'What do you make of these?'

On examination I discovered that each sheet contained 120 of Doubles and that the names of these extents were many and varied: Hudibras, Gogmagog, Antigog, Stamford Delight, Jack on Both Sides, The Dream, Readymoney, Fortune, and indeed many others.

Some of the methods were given in doggerel in lieu of figures, as is exemplified by the following example of 'Blunderbuss':—

'If you wish to ring Blunderbuss
I would have you to know
The peal it is Hudebrafs
The hunt is one two
All the difference is
I would have you to mind
The bells dodg before
When the hunts are behind.'

'Where did you get these?', I asked.

'Oh, they are a collection of old Doubles methods copied out by Mr. Pannell, of Darlington, from a notebook given to his father many years ago by an old ringer near Bourne, in Lincolnshire. Mr. Pannell dates the notebook as about 150 years old.'

I studied the papers again. They meant little to me, but seemed in many cases to be mere variations of Grandsire or Plain Bob Doubles. The names of some of them seemed however to be, in some odd way, familiar.

The Professor produced a battered and mutilated book, which he handed to me with great care and, what appeared to be, a touch of reverence.

'This,' he said solemnly, 'is a first edition of "Campanalogia or The Art of Ringing," by John Doleman and Charles Marsh, published in 1702. You will find many of the methods in here.'

'I have often wondered where this had gone to,' I exclaimed truthfully, if ungrammatically, recognising the book as my own property. (No wonder the names of the methods had looked familiar; I had often browsed through the pages of 'Campanalogia'.)

'I borrowed it and forgot all about it,' said the Professor, airily. 'But no doubt that is how you came by it?'

I ignored the last remark as unworthy of reply and asked if the Lincolnshire notebook was of value and worthy of preservation.

'Old notebooks and MSS. should *never* be destroyed,' declaimed Mr. Dodge, 'as quite frequently a meaningless collection of notes and figures can become, in the hands of an expert with a first-class brain (like mine), the key which unlocks the door to the secrets of the past.'

(Modesty, I might add, cannot be reckoned as one of the failings of the Professor.)

'And what particular door has the first-class brain discovered the key to this time?', I asked, with (what I hoped was) heavy sarcasm.

'This notebook,' continued the Professor, in his turn ignoring a remark by me, 'is probably similar to scores, perhaps hundreds, of others which existed about that time, and so is in no way unique. But I considered it worthy of investigation at least. It soon became obvious on perusing both "Campanalogia" and the MSS. that it was quite common at one time to have alteration of work at the lead-end without

a call being made, and indeed, in Mr. E. Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing" I found a footnote on page 45 which stated that: "In the early versions (of Doubles) 'bobs' were rung but not called."

'So you discovered nothing new after all?'

'Perhaps not, but many things of interest. Look at this extract from "Campanalogia":—

"'Tis called an *Extream Change*, . . . of which Change 'tis required Notice be given, as the Treble is going to lead, by him who rings the Half-hunt, in faying *Extream*. The Word *Extream*, we muft confels, is the moft proper Signification, in Regard to the Change; but there is now, and for fome Time has been, a Word call'd *Bob*, instead of *Extream*; upon What Account the word was changed, we know not; yet, neverthelefs, for Faffion's Sake, we advife every one to use it."

'This extract is in reference to Old Doubles. On the next page, "New Doubles," we find:—

"The *Extreams*, or (as we fhall henceforth call them) the *Bobs*, are the fame as in the former Peal of *Old Doubles*."

'This abandonment of the "Extream" went on Mr. Dodge, 'led the authors into deep water, as in "The Dream" a few pages later we find that two different types of work are labelled "Bob." It is interesting to compare "Campanalogia's" "Dream" with the one set down in the MSS. Although the two sets of figures are identical we find that in the latter there are only three calls as opposed to six in the former, a fact which further increases the number of "non-conducted" lead-ends. Moreover, these calls are labelled "Extream," showing either that the ringers of Lincolnshire had not adopted the "Campanalogia" "Bob" or that they had reverted to the old call.'

By this time the Professor had got thoroughly wound up, and there was now no holding him.

'A rather curious thing happens with some of these Extreams, which, so far as I know, has no modern equivalent.'

'And what is that?', I asked, obligingly supplying the Dr. Watson to his Sherlock Holmes.

'You will have noticed that they cause, in some cases, the method to be changed *after* the treble has led. [I hadn't noticed!] Seeing therefore that, as in "The Dream," an Extream is called to bring the bells round, the 120 starts off assuming that a call has just been made. This incongruous-looking start is present also in other methods such as Hudibras and Uffington in the MSS. The last is particularly interesting, for without the Extreams the method is St. Simon's, but the "delayed action" of the Extream starts it off with a 3rds place; practically the only resemblance between it and the Uffington in the present C.C. Collection.'

'Do you think,' I chipped in, 'that there are still some old Doubles ringers left who are familiar with some of these, now rejected, methods?'

'I shouldn't be a bit surprised,' he said. 'It would be interesting to hear their views on the subject.'

The Professor then gave lengthy explanations as to the construction of many of the methods, both in the book and the MSS.: pointed out that one method dispensed with calls altogether; wondered why, having got down to 3-lead courses the Methods Committee hadn't plumped also for two (e.g., St. Clement's), but gave his blessing (rather grudgingly I thought) to the Methods Committee nevertheless; bemoaned the fact that he was unable to obtain the publications preceding John Doleman's 'Campanalogia'; admitted (in reply to a query of mine) that there were probably many Doubles ringers with more information and greater knowledge on the subject than he himself had; hoped that they would

come forward (if that was so) with comments critical or otherwise; and finally, turning again to 'Campanalogia,' he said:—

'This method here, "Crambo," what do you think of it?'

'Yes,' I said, 'I have noticed it before. Stedman Doubles; the only difference being the "Single." I wonder why it was called "Crambo"? It must have been rung before this publication as Stedman Doubles for almost half-a-century.'

'Perhaps someone will write and tell us that we are a couple of ignoramuses for not knowing!' said the Professor. (I didn't much care for the plural.) 'But I am not an historian, just a mere mathematician. As I said to my students the other day: "I am a good grammarian but a poor arithmeticker!"'

I couldn't see the connection myself, but it seemed to amuse him and I left him chuckling over his own joke.

On my way home I realised that I had left my 'Campanalogia' behind!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

JOAN BERESFORD .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 3	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 9
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4	EDMUND MALIN .. 10
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 11
MICHAEL ELSON .. 6	PETER BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	DAVID ROBINSON .. 6
MARION J. SKINNER .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE .. 7
*SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 8
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	DENNIS KNOX .. 9
ANTHONY E. COX .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by J. PYE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	*HARRY RICHARDSON .. 6
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 2	*ARTHUR H. IDLE .. 7
*DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	ARTHUR GIBBS .. 8
CAROL EUSTACE .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 9
*MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 5	ALAN J. FROST .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Canon H. G. L. Roberts, on completing 25 years in the Ministry.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	DAVID FRIEND .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 8
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. 9
ROGER BARKER .. 5	GEORGE DEAN .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

Rung for harvest festival. Also for the 30th anniversary of the first peal on the recast bells (October 14th, 1929), the ringer of the sixth ringing the same bell on both occasions.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MICHAEL J. BEST .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. 3	*LEWIS F. COBB .. 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 9
JAMES E. DANIELS .. 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 LOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
LEONARD B. SCOOT .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 4	C. MICHAEL ORME .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

First peal of Louth Surprise Major in England.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. M. Salisbury and Miss K. P. Hutton, married at Baldock on August 15th, 1959.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

FRANCES NEWMAN .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE .. 5
ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 2	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 6
WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 7
ARTHUR JOPP .. 4	LEONARD MILLS .. Tenor

Composed by E. F. P. BRYANT.

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

First peal of Triples in the method by all the band, and on the bells. 25th peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Killamarsh variation, being 2,592 Kent and 2,496 Oxford.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	PETER J. HAWCOCK .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOHN V. TEMPLE .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by C. SEVERN.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the variation by all the band, and for the Guild.

A 21st birthday compliment to Brian J. Woodruffe.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN .. 7
BARRIE HENDRY .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

With compliments to James R. Taylor, on his coming-of-age.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

FRED SCOTT .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	JOHN D. ROCK .. 6
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER .. 3	MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

Rung to commemorate the millennium of the accession of Eadgar, first King of England.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5008 CLUN IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN 3	GEOFFREY PARTING 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C. No. 20, Double Oxford).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 228).

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*GEOFFREY TEMBY .. Treble	*TERENCE G. JONES .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER J. HERBERT .. 2	*STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 6
GRAHAM MCKAY 3	*JAMES BUTTERFIELD .. 7
ROGER W. DANIELS .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the re-opening of the church, after restoration, by the Bishop of Carlisle on October 1st.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.
ANTHONY W. AGER .. Treble	RODERICK J. LEES .. 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE 6
ALAN A. ELSMORE 3	DEREK J. TRANTER 7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 4	HARRY GRIFFITHS Tenor

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

A tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holden, of Coseley.

ESHER, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*MARGARET A. WESTCOTT Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	FRANK OAKSHOTT 6
*JOHN F. M. MAYBREW .. 3	†ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 7
*CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 4	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob Major.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	DEREK TAYLOR 5
*CAROL FEARNLEY 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 6
IVOR JENKINS 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

KENNETH LAWSON .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK .. 5
ERIC N. HARRISON 2	ROLAND PARK 6
CHARLES N. LEA 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
*GEORGE S. DEAS 4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. † 100th of Surprise.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.
JOE E. G. ROAST .. Treble	WALTER ARNOLD .. 5
ALAN R. SYDER 2	HARRY J. MILLATT .. 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 7
PETER J. EVES 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. Tenor

Rung silent. Umpire: LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Ringers of 2 and 4 had not previously called a peal of Cambridge Major.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

MICHAEL BLORE .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 6
IAN M. HOLLAND 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
ROGER BALDWIN 4	DAVID H. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JOHN S. DEAN 4	GEOFFREY PARTING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 5
*JOAN GRAY 2	*DON C. EXELL 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 7
*D. JOHN HUNT 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. No. 20).

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol as conductor.

In memoriam Sealy S. Woodburn.

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MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

PERCY G. CROWE Treble	DERICK W. PARDON 5
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON .. 3	WALTER C. MEDLER 7
HANBURY F. CARTER 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Composed by PAUL CASHMORE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
 A compliment to the Rector, who 'completes the circle' with this peal, and a farewell tribute to him, with all good wishes for his ministry in his new parishes.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 480 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN A. ANDERSON Treble	PETER BORDER 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
MICHAEL ELSON 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7
JOHN McDONALD 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*FRANK R. MORTON Treble	JOHN E. BROUGH 5
GEORGE A. PACKER 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
FREDK. S. SUTTON 3	BERNARD J. ONGLEY 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
 * First peal of Surprise.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Syston District.)

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

H. Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

CHARLES LOWE Treble	*HUGH MATTHEWMAN .. 5
*DEREK M. SAWYER 2	*ROYSTON WILMORE .. 6
ERNEST F. PAYNE 3	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7
ROGER A. BREWIN 4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Bob Triples. † 75th peal together.
 A 12th birthday compliment to Christine Hart and Gillian Waite, ringers at this church.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6
STANLEY W. GAIL 3	BERT GOOLE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Cecil V. Ebberson.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 HUDDERSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
JOHN HILL 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
 First peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 169).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASHCHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

*LEONARD MILLS Treble	HAROLD E. RAXTER 4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE 2	*PETER WARREN 5
ROBERT W. COLE 3	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY J. BRAZIER.

* First peal of Minor in five methods. First as conductor.

ULCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 4
*ELIZABETH ROGERS 2	RALPH BIRD 5
ANDREW M. MACVE 3	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods.

COLN ST. DENYS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), 14 of April Day (three callings), 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

HARRY EDWARDS Treble	A. C. MERVYN DAY 3
PETER W. BARTLETT 2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 4

WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

*AUDREY M. HALES Treble	ALAN J. FROST 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 2	ARTHUR GIBBS 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung in 1958.

A compliment to Miss Eunice Morley and Mr. Bryan Cope on their wedding on September 26th, 1959.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4
JOYCE GOOD 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
KEITH GOOD 3	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD Tenor

Conducted by AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.

First peal as conductor in seven methods.

Rung in thanksgiving for the opening of the new church school building at Nash Mills on this day.

DALWOOD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY 2	PHILIP N. TUBBS 5
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Selway.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

ALEX E. NURSE Treble	JOHN V. TEMPLE 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
TONY OWEN 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cecil V. Ebberson, captain of this tower and Ringing Master of the Western Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

DYMOK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	ERNEST W. PENN 4
CHARLES PHILLIPS 2	RICHARD G. CHEW 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	FREDERICK T. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

A birthday compliment to Miss Lloyd, who was 101 on September 24th, 1959.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*GARTH MUNTON Treble	*ROSAMUND M. BULL .. 4
†DEBORAH WILSON 2	‡JOHN F. MURFIN 5
†MOREEN P. WICKHAM .. 3	‡DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, and a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for service with H.M. Forces.

GREAT CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

VIOLET I. E. ROLF Treble	RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 4
ROSEMARY E. GOWER .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
PETER JARVIS 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

Rung to celebrate the restoration of the bells, rededicated by the Bishop of Dover on September 24th.

LOCKERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

M. D. GEORGE NORTHWAY Treble	*ALEC W. FRY 4
*AUDREY J. KNIGHT 2	*CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE 5
MRS. R. T. JONES 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 12 six-scores Doubles (four callings) and 30 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. Treble	†LEONARD SMITH 4
JOY SMITH 2	JOHN J. WEBB 5
*JOHN ARNALL 3	*THOMAS GAZEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

* First peal. † First in two methods.

A peal of welcome to the Rev. Paul Goodwin-Young, who was instituted to the living on October 9th; also to his wife and family.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Childwall and St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HAROLD F. GIBSON .. Treble	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung for the harvest festival.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Court and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MARSH .. 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 2	EDGAR A. COLE 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble	MICHAEL D. S. HOOD .. 4
GEORGE THODAY 2	*D. WILLIAM NEWMAN .. 5
ALFRED MYNOTT 3	JOHN G. GIPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*DAVID MAKINGS .. Treble	KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 4
JOHN COATES 2	HARRY BARNES 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal at first attempt.

A farewell peal to the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, Rector of Gamston for 24 years, who has retired to reside at Saffron Walden.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	JOHN VERNON 7—8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major on handbells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*GRAHAM T. BALL 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 3—4
†MICHAEL VERNON 5—6	

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' † First of Treble Bob Minor 'in hand.'

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown, of Sapcote.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Gwyneth R. Paine 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, V. F. Gough 3, I. Forrest 4, D. H. Paine 5, R. D. Brown (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Paine on their marriage (August 26th). Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Brown 1, C. D. Linington 2, Maureen L. Cherrymann (first 'inside') 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Menham 6. For harvest festival.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Winter 1, R. Larkey 2, J. Lunham 3, A. Abraham 4, B. Tattersall (cond.) 5, A. Mawdsley 6. Rung for the Rector's (the Rev. Jerald Jones), 50 years in the Ministry.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,374 Plain Bob Major: M. Hopkins (first of Major) 1, P. Salisbury 2, D. Salisbury 3, L. Hughes 4, P. Flack 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: June Dear 1, L. Scott 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, C. Harwood (cond.) 4, E. Buck 5, W. Collins (first in method) 6, J. Dear 7, R. Castledine 8.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Godwin (first quarter) 1, B. S. Payne 2, J. B. Lowe (first of Grandsire) 3, R. A. Brewin 4, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. R. Perkins 6. For harvest festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Skinner (first quarter) 1, M. F. Pole 2, O. Castleman 3, R. W. Swann 4, J. P. Kesterton 5, N. O. Abell 6, C. D. Lynch (cond.) 7, R. Barrow 8.

BOOTLE, LANCS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): G. H. Pullin 1, T. Fitzgerald 2, W. E. Court 3, F. Anderton 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, F. H. Hayes 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 6. For the 93rd anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clues (first of Minor) 1, D. J. Marshall 2, H. M. Johnson 3, R. I. Danby 4, M. J. Bailey 5, J. E. Goddard (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on July 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, D. J. Hunt 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, Molly P. Smith 4, F. Skidmore 5, A. C. Baker 6, V. E. Lucas 7, B. A. Shackleton 8. Also on Sept. 19th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Gillian M. Hussey (first of Major) 1, C. J. Richards (first of Major) 2, J. F. Pedler 3, J. H. Gilbert 4, P. J. Bird 5, D. J. Purnell 6, F. D. Mack 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. Also at the Church of Emmanuel, Clifton, on Oct. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. M. E. Horseman 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 2, B. A. Shackleton (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. G. Exell 5, M. J. Horseman 6, R. G. Hooper (first of Surprise as cond.) 7, J. Brain 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Y. Coel 1, Stella M. Knight (cond.) 2, Susan J. Beresford 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight 5, A. Brown 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For harvest festival.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Hackney 1, C. H. Newell 2, A. Sansom 3, H. Willis 4, D. Perkins 5, D. James (cond.) 6. A farewell gesture to the conductor, returning to the University next day.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, R. E. Beck 2, E. C. Wadman 3, E. J. Chivers 4, D. Targett 5, D. Hoare 6. In memoriam Mr. S. S. Woodburn.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Llewellyn 1, W. G. Turk 2, Beatrice Boyle 3, D. F. Yates 4, L. Walters 5, E. C. Shepherd 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, A. Smallridge 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 4. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd.

CROSS STONE, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Hodgson 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss B. G. Schofield 3, Miss R. M. Jowett (first 'inside') 4, J. H. Fielden 5, G. Cheetham 6, H. B. Schofield 7, P. Schofield (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 17th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Kefford (first of Triples) 1, H. S. Hobden 2, F. H. Hicks 3, J. Curryer (first of Triples 'inside') 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, Mrs. Betty Percy (cond.) 6, R. W. R. Percy 7, G. Beeny 8. Rung in connection with the centenary of the church.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, Miss C. Lawrence 2, Mrs. E. J. Coope (cond.) 3, J. Sims 4, E. J. Coope 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, P. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Sydney Lewis, for many year a chorister.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, Margaret Howard 2, Margaret Slack 3, Gladys Anderson 4, J. E. Beams 5, A. S. Besant 6, D. Spittle (cond.) 7, C. W. Munday 8. A farewell to the Rev. J. M. Wilmot Brooke (curate) on his retirement and journey to the Diocese of Jamaica.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, F. Pack 2, S. A. Wooding 3, F. Farnsworth 4, R. R. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, N. Tumber 8. For harvest festival.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine R. Dainty 1, Mary Prophet 2, K. Arthur 3, N. H. Hewett 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the 25 years' ministry of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet), ordained September 30th, 1934, in Chelmsford Cathedral.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Doreen Fairhead 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, G. W. Barnes 3, R. Preston 4, D. Wheat 5, W. J. Brunt 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, F. G. Oliver 8. First in the method for all except the conductor. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the ringer of 5 on the birth of a son, Robert William (Little Bob).

HOLT, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Samanor (first quarter) 1, P. Gaisford 2, J. Lucas 3, F. Box 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6. First in three methods for all except 3.

LONDON.—At St. Anne's Church, Highgate, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Hull 1, T. Bevan 2, Angela J. Martin 3, P. G. Foote 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, M. W. Lewis 6, R. Newman 7, J. T. O'Dell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cecil J. Matthews.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. G. Brown (first quarter) 1, H. N. Evans (first quarter) 2, B. K. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, M. Jefferies 5, E. Cooksley 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. A. Whewell 1, J. R. White (aged 12) 8, Carol Eustace 3, W. C. Budd 4, H. White 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie P. Colegrove 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, B. L. Cook (first quarter) 6. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong, also the 21st birthday of the conductor and birthdays of Miss Joan Cheney and Miss Wendy Griffith.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. W. Barnes 1, Evelyn Cansdale 2, W. J. Brunt 3, H. Stacey 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Arranged for Mr. Harry Stacey, of Stratton, Cornwall.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Cox 1, Miss J. Burford (first 'inside') 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, F. Tranter 4, C. Wixey 5, C. Leighton 6.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, at St. Laurence-in-Thane, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Miles (first quarter) 1, J. Webb (first of Triples) 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, P. J. Page 4, S. J. Gee 5, C. C. Durham 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, T. W. Edwards 8. To celebrate the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jarman, and a birthday compliment to 6.

STAINES, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. E. Williams 1, E. T. Skipsey 2, J. D. Tomkinson 3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 6, W. A. Peck 7, C. B. Fynes 8. For the wedding of Miss E. Sainsbury and Mr. J. M. Taylor, at one time local ringers.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Heard 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, W. G. Lavers 7, F. Pearce 8. In honour of a late secretary's daughter's wedding.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Willson 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 3, N. W. Attaway 4, H. J. Dakin 5, B. J. Hodetts 6, G. H. Peers 7, G. H. Peers, jun., 8. For harvest festival.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mary Meynell 1, Violet I. E. Relf 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Marshall 4, W. Tickner 5, P. Barnes 6, A. Gorham 7, A. Stanger 8. For harvest festival.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Miss J. M. Price 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, H. Price 4, L. Dovey 5, A. F. Davies 6. A compliment to Alan F. Davies and Judith M. Price on their engagement, and also to Judith on her 21st birthday.

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QUARTER PEALS

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Keighley 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, P. M. Dawson 4, W. Lee 5, R. J. Lumley 6, J. Rhodes (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. For harvest festival morning service. Also 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. J. Lumley 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, J. Rhodes 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. For harvest festival evening service.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: E. Woolgrove 1, Hazel White 2, R. W. Rex 3, Cherry White 4, B. Mills 5, O. G. Smart 6, R. F. Crook 7, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 8. First quarter on eight for 1, 2 and 4.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Bell (first quarter) 1, G. P. T. Peters 2, A. H. Winch (cond.) 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, Rev. C. B. Marshall 6, A. H. Smith 7, R. E. Burfit 8. For harvest festival.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Darlaston Bob Triples: Mrs. B. Hartley 1, T. H. Bent 2, A. Hartley 3, G. Olliffe 4, J. Adams 5, C. P. Walker 6, E. Morris (cond.) 7, K. Mason 8. First in method by all except conductor. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith (first quarter) 1, P. Chilton 2, R. Pratt 3, K. Townsend 4, S. Harrison 5, V. Pratt (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Minor (Childwall and St. Clement's): P. Ellis 1, Miss A. Barr 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, J. B. Webb 4, C. M. Smith 5, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob): H. J. Shuck 1, Mrs. E. W. Colley 2, J. B. Dinenage 3, E. W. Colley 4, A. J. Strathdee 5, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Lt.-Col. F. M. Slater, warden of this church.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Scrutton 1, J. Tomsett 2, C. H. Rogers 3, G. M. Harvey 4, J. Mudd 5, L. W. Bullock 6, F. Ranson 7, H. W. Rogers 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, Miss E. Palmer 10. For morning service.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Taylor 1, Miss B. J. Stevens 2, Miss P. M. Stevens 3, G. Sparkes 4, C. J. Stevens 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. For the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Mary Cridland, who voted at the election.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. G. Williamson 1, Miss S. Wallace 2, J. R. Gliden 3, Mrs. B. Harris 4, Miss C. Fernley 5, Miss E. M. Fearn 6, B. Jones 7, L. Bournemouth (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): N. Deam 1, A. Gammon 2, Miss C. Woodward (cond.) 3, R. Jones 4, D. Woodward 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Baugh 1, R. D. Herebury 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis (jun.) (cond.) 5, V. Nash (first quarter) 6. First in two methods for 1 and 2. Average age of band 16 years. For Evensong.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Juns 1, Miss J. I. Frost (first 'inside') 2, W. Hammons 3, B. E. Frost (cond.) 4, S. Ruddlesden 5. For harvest festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 College Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worboys 2, W. Smith 3, W. Ellis 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, G. Sandwell 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles: D. M. Hibbert 1, Wendy M. Hatchett 2, Susan J. Glade 3, D. C. Bartholomew 4, M. Hatchett (cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Shaw 1, Beryl Park 2, J. T. Clark (first 'inside') 3, Judy Robinson (cond.) 4, R. E. D. Henebury 5, C. D. Baugh 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Joan Gray 1, Edith Brocklehurst 2, R. Brocklehurst 3, J. Laver 4th, M. Hill 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. A farewell to the curate (the Rev. B. H. V. Brown), and a welcome to his successor (the Rev. Wilfred Farmer) from India.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Scott 1, F. J. Cook 2, I. Knox 3, Mrs. J. Sinfield 4, P. Pratt (first in method) 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6, W. Sear (covering) 7. For harvest festival.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, Ann George (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. K. S. Hohl 3, Margaret A. Ladd 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, R. D. Dival 6, K. S. Hohl 7, A. E. Richardson 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

TUTBURY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Miss N. Wickham 1, E. H. Willows 2, Miss R. Bull 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, R. J. Stretton 5, B. Dawson 6.

WEST HUNTSPELL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Kent 1, M. Stone 2, K. Prime 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short (first in method as cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First in method 1 and 3. A Bridgewater branch quarter.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. T. Olliffe 1, Marilyn Bird (first of Major) 2, E. J. Hill 3, B. Coggins 4, E. J. Townsend 5, P. Beedie 6, B. J. Coggins 7, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 8. For harvest festival; also a 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to treble ringer.

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A unique silent peal of
Cambridge Surprise Major
was rung at Halstead on
October 10th, in which the ringers drew for
their bells. Next to last to draw was Joe Roast,
who took out two tickets. Without looking, he
replaced one, leaving the last for Miss Hilda
Snowden, the organiser, which happened to be
the tenor. The band are indebted to Mr. Lewis
Wiffen, who inspired the peal, and called 'Off'
and also 'Stand'; otherwise not a word was
spoken. Has a not pre-arranged peal been rung
previously silently on tower bells? Messrs.
Syder and Eves are to be congratulated as they
had not previously called Cambridge Surprise
Major.

By ringing the third at Darley Dale to a peal
of Yorkshire, Mr. Ron Bullen has now 'com-
pleted the circle.'

At the ladies' meeting at Oakham on October
17th, the lady ringing the second bell called:
'Look to, treble's going,' to encourage the
others. No one seemed amazed except the
treble ringer—she was ringing solo!

At the sixth attempt in the last 2½ years has
been rung the third post-war peal on the fine
bells at Gosforth, Northumberland. The sup-
port of Canon J. W. Turnbull, the Vicar, in
permitting these attempts is much appreciated
by the ringers, as the church is situated in a
residential area and with a nursing home only
30 yards from the tower.

The peal at Lutterworth, Leics (page 617),
was rung to welcome the Rector (Rev. H. D.
Anderson) four years after his induction! Mr.
T. C. Belton writes: 'This brings to mind the
true story of the captain of a village tower who
was asked by his band if he intended to ring a
welcome peal for the new rector. His reply
was: "We'll wait and see if we like him." The
peal was never rung.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

The 75th anniversary of the
Hertford County Association
was a very happy occasion at
St. Albans last Saturday, conspicuous by the
handbell ringing of the Launton ringers (con-
ducted by Mr. F. Sharpe), both at the service
in the Abbey and at the dinner held in the
historic Town Hall.

Who is the well-known ringer who is think-
ing of offering himself as a guinea pig for
snoring? Will the 10 minutes' exercise each
night reduce his weight?

In aid of their Bell Restoration Fund, the
Irish Association are promoting a quiz compe-
tition. Details from Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow
Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath.

The quarter peal rung at Bourne, Lincs, on
May 31st, was conducted by Mr. C. Wade and
was rung as a golden wedding compliment to
Mr. and Mrs. P. Stokes.

The in memoriam quarter peal at St. Anne's,
Highgate, on October 15th, to Mr. Cecil J.
Matthews, was rung by Highgate and Hamp-
stead ringers. It was on these bells that Mr.
Matthews rang his first tower bell peal.

The peal of Doubles at Hose, Leicestershire,
was arranged specially for Mr. Ernest Morris,
who rang a peal in this tower in 1927. It was
conducted by the local captain, Mr. William
Sharpe. All the bells were recast in 1928, so
this is Ernest's 'first' on them.

An inspection by the bell-hangers of the bells
of St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, has revealed that
the old wooden frame is very loose and un-
supported on one side, causing some damage to
the tower. Because of the condition ringing
was suspended three weeks ago. The Church
Council is now awaiting an estimate for the
bells to be rehung in a metal frame.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD'S DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

DINNERS of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild are not annual affairs. The Diamond Jubilee, like the Golden Jubilee, was an occasion that merited such an assembly. And this was duly celebrated at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Lincoln, on October 17th. There was only one disappointment. The new Bishop of Lincoln (the Right Rev. Kenneth Riches) had unfortunately slipped a disc and was that day being plastered by surgeons and could not be present.

The Dean, the Right Rev. Colin Dunlip, who is president of the Guild, was a witty chairman. With him was the Guild's Ringing Master and Master of the Ringers of Lincoln Cathedral, Mr. J. A. Freeman, a veteran beloved throughout the Exercise. The felicitations of the great family of ringers were brought by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the president of the Central Council, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sharpe. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett. Prominent on the top table was 'Black Jack,' the leather jug of Lincoln Cathedral Ringers, which was once pawned for 13s. 6d. by the ringers.

In a speech that displayed his love of Lincoln and Lincolnshire, Mr. J. A. Freeman proposed the toast of 'The Diocese of Lincoln.' He recalled the early diocese that stretched from the Thames to the Humber, and how the early Bishops were important figures in the State. To-day the diocese coincided with the boundaries of the county—a county in which agriculture was its main industry, but there was that great steel industry at Scunthorpe and other important industries at Lincoln, Boston and other towns.

A GREAT HERITAGE

Lincolnshire had a great heritage in its churches and its Cathedral, said Mr. Freeman, was the finest in England, and Heckington had the most superb village church in the land. The majority of those present that evening were members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and many of them took an interest in the life of the community and a pride in its achievements, but they would all agree that unless God played His part they could achieve nothing. 'Unless the Lord build the house their labour was in vain.'

The Archdeacon of Lindsay (the Ven. E. L. Manden) said they were proud to administer a diocese in which bellringing was so highly developed and practised. He was initiated into ringing a bell by the late Richard Mackman, of Spalding, and the Rev. H. Law James, a character if ever there was one. Mackman was a typical Lincolnshire man and Law James was typical of Wales—he was told he had a leg of mutton sent to him each week from North Wales. 'The Lincoln Guild,' concluded the Archdeacon, 'is a corps d'élite of bell-ringers and I want you to be proud of them.'

Proposing the toast of 'The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' Mr. Frederick Sharpe also spoke of the early connection between Oxfordshire and Lincoln and added that centuries later the last Bishop of Dorchester had become Bishop of Lincoln. He had had correspondence with the Dean concerning the memorial to Bishop Grosteste in Launton Church, and the Dean now told him that he had traced two other memorials to this Bishop.

'To-day we are keeping your 60th anniversary but, of course, Lincolnshire ringing did not begin 60 years ago. Some might say it began with the monks of Croyland. Those bells, however, were not hung like theirs, but they were then considered to be the best ring of bells in England. Then in the Middle

Ages you had some of the finest mediæval bells in the country for tone and casting, and certainly for decoration, for there was nothing to equal the old bells of the Cathedral. On October 18th, 1612, was drawn up the ordinances of St. Hugh's Society at the Cathedral and throughout the centuries you have been noted for your bells and ringing.'

PROGRESS IN SERVICE RINGING

He would like to pay a tribute to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for what it had done in regard to Sunday service ringing. In North's 'Bells of Lincolnshire' of about 1888, only three per cent. of the bells were rung for Sunday services. The recent Sunday Service Survey had shown that there was some Sunday service ringing in 70 per cent. of the towers in the diocese and that had been due to the work of the Diocesan Guild.

'A good many people got pessimistic over the statistics for Sunday service ringing. I am not. I think we are progressing and progressing in the right direction. There is plenty of enthusiasm among young people and with the right guidance there is no doubt that we can reach 95 per cent. I do not think we shall ever get 100 per cent for a variety of reasons.'

Throughout the 60 years they had had only three Masters. The Rev. H. Law James was a live wire and did much to further the art of spliced ringing. If they looked at their annual reports they would see that he went to many remote country parishes and many of the peal notes stated that it was the first in the method by all except him.

His successor, Mr. Rupert Richardson, was a great character. It was said of him that he knew every band in the whole diocese and his influence did not remain in Lincolnshire but extended to other parts of the British Isles. He also took part in the tour in Australia. Mr. Sharpe said his own Rector at Launton, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, was the son of the Precentor of Melbourne Cathedral, who welcomed the English visitors on that memorable tour.

To their present Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, they owed a great deal, not only in the Lincoln Diocese but throughout the county. He was not only Master of the Guild but Master of the Cathedral Company. He had done much in regard to not only advanced ringing but towards advancing ringing throughout the diocese. They were also fortunate in their secretaries, and in particular in the present holder of the office, Mr. Bray.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Concluding, the president referred to 'The Ringing World.' As the result of the printing strike, he said, they were faced with an increase of cost, and he appealed to all present to do their best to increase the circulation, particularly in regard to postal subscribers.

'We cannot do without "The Ringing World"; we would lose touch with one another.' This is a little softening-up to prepare you for a blow that the price of the paper might be increased. If everybody made a big effort to increase the sale of the paper the blow might not be so heavy.'

Mr. J. Bray, the Guild's honorary secretary, in reply, said many of them must have thought how much credit could they, of this generation, claim for what the Guild was and what it stood for. He had had the opportunity of looking through old minute books and Guild reports. The earliest minutes they had were of 60 years ago and he thought what a grand thing it would have been if there was a tape recorder at that meeting and they could play it back that evening. Mention had been made

of Mr. Law James—he could well remember him expressing himself in the way that only Mr. Law James could.

The Guild started from a number of Associations combining to form the Diocesan Guild. They were all small, thriving Guilds and through Mr. James' leadership, and, he thought, Mr. James' alone, the first meeting was convened to bring all these small Guilds together to form the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

600-700 MEMBERSHIP

The early membership was only a matter of 20 or 30 but over the years the membership was built up to between 600 and 700 and for the past 25 years the membership had fluctuated very little. Two world wars played havoc with their members but after each war the membership had been built up to 600-700 mark. Their last dinner was ten years ago, and he hoped that those responsible for the Guild's affairs in 1969 would arrange a dinner similar to that that evening.

They had had in the Guild many lady ringers—distinguished lady ringers—and he felt they had elevated the tone of the belfries. The first rule the Guild made was 'The Guild shall be for the promotion of change ringing and belfry reform.' He was certain that as far as change ringing was concerned those men of 60 years ago would be satisfied that it had progressed in Lincolnshire, and he would say it was above the average for the country.

As to belfry reform, they agreed ten years ago that it was out of date. They felt that the object had been more or less achieved. They knew that there were still a number of towers in their county where there were no ringers, or very few, and there was a tremendous lot of work to be done, but there was not to-day that need as 60 years ago for belfry reform. If one looked around on their towers they would find clergy who were accomplished ringers, lay-readers, churchwardens and church workers of every type of activity and that was a thing they could be proud of.

In looking forward to 1969 they should certainly not be complacent; they would continue to work and try to improve the standard, particularly of service ringing. They would encourage the young ringers in their art and he hoped they would be able to present a satisfactory report of the Guild.

FOUNDER MEMBERS

Mr. Bray said he had received a letter from Mr. John Cragg, of Caythorpe, who was one of their founder members, regretting his absence, and asking if there were any founder members present. Mr. J. B. Halifax, of Fleet, stood up and received the hearty applause of the company.

The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by Mr. John Freeman. He expressed the pleasure of the company in having with them the president of the Central Council and Mrs. Sharpe and also Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis. Mr. Walter Ave, he felt, could not be regarded as a visitor as his photograph was in Gainsborough tower. Mr. Jim Rathby and Mr. Bill Exton, Mr. and Mrs. George Fearn (St. Martin's Guild), Mr. Peter Bond, Mr. T. W. White and Mr. Dennis Townhill were also welcomed. Mr. Freeman coupled with the toast the name of Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, who, he reminded the gathering, was elected to his office at Lincoln. All who supported him knew he was a good man for the office and that had been fully justified. He also welcomed Mrs. Barnett.

Thanking the Guild for their hospitality and congratulating them on their 60th anniversary (Continued on next page)

LINCOLN GUILD DINNER—Cont.

niversary dinner, Mr. Barnett said he was elected secretary of the Council there 7½ years ago and he had good cause for the very pleasant memories of Lincoln and Lincolnshire. It was a fact they had always received grand hospitality in Lincolnshire.

FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

His father-in-law was a member of the opening-up party at Cranwell and got to know Mr. Rupert Richardson at Surfleet. He and his mother-in-law were frequent visitors to that Mecca of pre-war ringers and he and his wife had also enjoyed their hospitality.

The Archdeacon, in his speech, mentioned Mr. Mackman; it might interest the company to know that Mr. James R. Mackman taught his father-in-law to ring. He was sorry that Mr. John Cragg was unable to be present. When the Central Council met at Dublin his wife and himself had the pleasure of being entertained by Mr. 'Billy' Pratt, the president of the Irish Association, who was a Lincolnshire man and a great friend of Mr. Cragg.

The entertainment was of a high standard and the songs of Mr. Sidney Smith, who was accompanied by Mr. Dennis Townhill, were much appreciated. The handbell ringing was in accord with the best Lincoln Guild tradition. A touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray, Mr. John Freeman and Mr. G. E. Feirn, and later came a touch of Surprise Royal in three methods by the Rev. Michael Freeman 1-2, Mr. G. E. Feirn 3-4, Mr. R. Heppenstall 5-6, Mr. F. Lord 7-8, and Mr. Aubrey Harrison 9-10.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The meeting at Longparish of the Andover District proved very popular, judging from the number of cars parked outside the church. The Winchester District were also meeting at Barton Stacey, three miles away, and many of the ringers took the chance of visiting this tower before the service. This was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Agg-Page); the Andover quartet sang an anthem to the enjoyment of the congregation of nearly 400. Tea was followed by a short business meeting. For a practice meeting on November 7th, Tangle and Andover were selected, and Highclere for the quarterly meeting on December 19th.

Longparish bells were then available until 7 p.m., when the company adjourned to Hurstbourne Priors. The highlight of the day was a course of London Minor on these bells, which are considered by some to be unringable.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association was held in Dundee on October 17th, the closing day of this year's Mod of An Comunn Gaidhealach, which had been held in the city during the week.

Ringling under the direction of the Master, Mr. Harry Sargent, began at St. Paul's Cathedral at 2 p.m. and finished after 7 p.m. at the Old Steeple. Members were present from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee. Ringling varied from rounds to Cambridge Major.

Members were sorry to learn that the president, Mr. E. Stafford, was indisposed and all wished him a speedy and complete recovery.

A LEICESTER CATHEDRAL WEDDING

[Photo by permission of 'Leicester Mercury']

On September 11th the wedding of Miss Peta Cole and Mr. S. Anthony Jesson took place at Leicester Cathedral. The bride, who wore a white two-piece suit of figured brocade, is at present learning to ring at the Cathedral, where her husband has been a ringer for nine years. 'Tooy', who is also a Roving Ringer, is well known 'down under' (the cider counties!).

This was the first wedding ceremony that the new Provost, the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston, had solemnised since his induction at the Cathedral in November, 1958.

Owing to the illness of the bride's father the wedding was a very quiet occasion, the parents of the couple being the only guests.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A joint meeting of the Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall Districts was held at Mildenhall on October 3rd, when some 20 ringers were present from 12 different towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. S. Atkins), who at the commencement dedicated a memorial board recording a quarter peal rung half-muffled for the late Percy Fordham. Miss Anthea Greaves accompanied the singing at the piano.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided and extended a welcome to everybody, and particularly to Miss Anthea Greaves, who had come to Rougham, where her father was recently inducted rector. It was proposed that the next practice should be at Bury St. Edmunds on November 14th.

The officers for the newly-formed District, to be known as North West Suffolk, were elected as follows: Mr. R. Rose, Ringing Master; Mr. A. Ballam, hon. secretary and treasurer; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Y. Parker; chairman, the Rev. Paul Greaves. It was agreed that the new District should meet the second Saturday in each month.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on Oct. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mary H. Hall 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, R. J. Bowden 3, D. Heighton 4, F. D. Mack 5, P. J. Bird 6, R. G. Hooper 7, T. P. Edwards 8. Members took turns in conducting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLAIN BOB CATERS NO MUSICAL VIRTUE

Dear Sir,—It is possibly not without significance that the peal of Plain Bob Caters rung at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on Saturday, September 26th, was the first of Plain Bob Caters rung for the Guild.

I listened to this peal for over an hour. It was very well rung indeed but was quite lacking in any musical virtue at all. Indeed, now that I know what Bob Caters sounds like, I would never wish to be in a band that rang even a short touch. To inflict a whole town to three hours of such sounds can only be calculated to do church bell ringing more harm than good.

The modern urge to ring something just because it has not been rung before needs very careful consideration before the undertaking thereof. Possibly the reason that it has not been rung is because it has not been considered worth ringing.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

CLERICAL PEALS

Dear Sir,—The Rev. W. M. K. Warren has overlooked the fact that the Clerical Guild was not formed until 1938 at St. Albans, and the peal at Chittlehampton on September 7th last stands therefore as the first of Grandshire Triples for the Guild.

The peal at East Hagbourne on May 15th, 1935, was the first Clerical peal of Grandshire Triples and was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Eleven Clerical peals in various methods had been rung for other Guilds before the Clerical Guild came into being.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW-COX.

Bridport, Dorset.

YOUNG RINGERS' PROTEST

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of the young ringers who visited the West Country this summer for our annual ringing tour, say how little 'The Ringing World' does to encourage the younger generation. A great deal of work by those responsible for writing the reports on the 14-day tour was represented by less than half a column resembling little more than a day outing. I am sure the editor would not think of reducing Mr. Williams' tour or Mr. Cotton's annual tour.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. DOWSE.

Marple, Cheshire.

Note.—The Editor, as previously stated, regrets curtailment. Some tours have not even been published and both Mr. Williams' and Mr. Cotton's tour reports were cut. The list of peals on their tour made very impressive reading, but we hope that the letter of Canon C. C. Cox, the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, relating to the ringing of one of the peals, will not go unanswered.—Ed.

ARE PEALS OF MINIMUS RECOGNISED?

Dear Sir,—I have been informed by Mr. Alan Pink that the methods rung in the peal of Minimus at Newtown and named by us as Newtown Place and Canterbury Place are, in fact, Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas.

He points out that they extend naturally to the five-bell methods of the same name; in working them out I had overlooked this point, and as they are natural extensions we forfeit our right to name them.

Incidentally, in forwarding this peal for publication, I did so as a peal and not a performance, and until the Peals Analysis Committee have reached a decision regarding it, it retains the right of being called a peal.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

PEAL TOURS & 'TOWER SNATCHING'

Dear Sir,—One eagerly anticipates his 'Ringing World' on Fridays, only to be disappointed occasionally with its contents, such as those in the issue of October 23rd. On the front cover the Editor is lamenting lack of space to print well-written accounts of tours. Opening the journal one is confronted by almost two whole pages of peals rung on peal tours by bands of expert ringers in Devon, and in Lancashire and Cheshire.

A perusal of these performances makes one wonder what useful purpose, if any, they serve. In the footnotes to the Devon tour one finds only one peal with a 'first' in it—and that in eight Surprise methods! Apart from the last peal, all 12 were 'presented' to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, which will, no doubt, have to bear the cost of publishing them in its report. Looking over the names of the participants, and the advanced methods rung in a part of the country where change-ringing is in its infancy, it would seem that Guild members resident locally got precious little from this tour, either in help or prestige.

The other tour tells much the same story. Three people who can ring anything rang their first peal of Grandshire Triples! One ringer did score his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major—but he only stood in two attempts!

For achieving next to nothing two pages of the 'R.W.' have been lost, many peals will have to be paid for in Guild reports, the 'R.W.' probably received little financial assistance and the clock has been put back 200 years to the bad old days when change-ringing was purely a sport. No doubt those who rang in these peals got some personal pleasure and satisfaction from them or they would not have participated, but one wonders whether this is the best, or proper, use of church bells. Is it not time that the Central Council, or one of the Associations for whom such a spate of peals has been rung by ringers from some distant part of the country, publicly deplored this custom which seems, unhappily, to be on the increase?

A similar deplorable practice is the 'tower-snatch' pure and simple. Far too many such outings rush from tower to tower, leaving no time for anyone to look over the church where one is ringing. Again one wonders what interest these people have in either their Church or their churches, and whether whoever recruited them chose the best type of recruit.

Slough, Bucks.

W. BIRMINGHAM.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. W. EVERETT

The completion of 60 years as tower captain by Mr. C. W. Everett at Ashford, Kent, was the occasion for the annual District meeting being held at that tower on October 3rd.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon N. M. G. Sharp. Mr. H. J. Field was the organist, and the lesson was read by the Rev. J. Pownall. In his address of welcome Canon Sharp paid special tribute to Mr. Everett's long and devoted record of service to the beautiful Parish Church and its noble ring of bells.

The Vicar and church officials joined about 50 visitors at the tea, which was generously given by the Ashford ringers and friends and served by members of the Mothers' Union.

In his report the secretary said that 21 towers have so far subscribed, totalling 120 practising members, about the same as last year. Over half these members come from four towers, whereas seven towers have only one member each. Saltwood, Stone-in-Oxney and Great Chart have rejoined the Association. Willesborough still leads in quality and quantity of service ringing, but only ten peals were rung during the year, four of them being at Little Chart. The bells at Sellindge and Great Chart have been restored and rededicated, but Pluckley's are now out of action.

The motion submitted by the Rochester District—'that a levy of 6d. per person (juniors excluded) be imposed on all peals rung for the Association, all moneys so raised to be entirely devoted to the Belfry Repair Fund'—was then raised, but found no supporters. Three members spoke against it and it was decided that the District representatives report the feeling of the gathering at the next committee meeting.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year and two new members joined the Association.

The meeting closed on a note of thanks to all those concerned in making it such a happy one.

Following a peal of Stedman Triples in the tower on Tuesday, rung in honour of Mr. Everett, a plaque commemorating his services was dedicated in the ringing chamber on October 4th, on which occasion he was presented with an inscribed gold pocket watch from the Church Council, congregation and ringers of Ashford.

C. T. H.

PANGBOURNE RINGERS' OUTING

Pangbourne, Berks. and Whitchurch, Oxon. ringers combined for their first outing on Saturday, September 5th, and were ably augmented by ringers from Reading and Reigate.

The towers visited, all in or near the Berkshire downland, were Chieveley, Peasemore (best of the day), Brightwalton (Kent and Oxford spliced—round the font!) and Childrey (a tight squeeze past the organ!). An excellent tea was partaken of at Wantage; then Farnborough (highest village in Berkshire), East Hendred (6, tenor 22 cwt.) and finally the odd-toned light six at Milton.

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RECORD ATTENDANCE AT WORCESTER DINNER

SINCE 1947, when by kind permission of successive Mayors of Worcester, the Association has been able to hold its annual dinners in the noble setting of the Guildhall, the function has been advertised as 'still having room for more.' But the 22nd annual dinner, held on October 10th, almost taxed the hall to its capacity—short of arranging the seating in a less attractive form—for a large gathering of 210 was present—easily a record.

The president (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester) was in the chair, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Milburn and supported by the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-chairman), Bishop C. E. and Mrs. Stuart, the Rev. D. J. and Mrs. Walters, the Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, the Revs. A. Webb, R. M. W. Powell, H. L. Davies and Mrs. Davies, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson. Unfortunately the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was prevented from attending by another engagement, and an apology was also received from Mr. G. L. Lewis. Invariably making the journey year after year, there were the usual faithful visitors from Bristol, Wrington, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick, Claverley and Birmingham. The problem of getting the company seated was admirably handled by the three stewards, Messrs. F. Hyde, T. W. Lewis and J. J. Stanier.

Following the lines of recent years—the toast list was reduced to a minimum. After the Loyal Toast and the National Anthem the Rev. D. J. Walters (Rector of All Saints', Worcester) proposed a comprehensive toast, 'The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations.' He himself could not lay claim to any knowledge of ringing and did not understand their language. Of his own three futile attempts to ring, the last one at All Saints' produced complete silence, so he had every admiration for anyone who could get something to happen when he pulled the rope.

NEAREST TO HEAVEN

As he listened to the Cathedral bells from his house in College Yard, they might be ringing a hundred, a thousand or a million changes for all he knew, but it was Charles Lamb who described bells as 'the music bordering nearest to heaven.' The bells did speak with their own tongues and he, personally, appreciated the efforts and work done by the ringers and the Associations.

The Rev. A. Webb, of Kidderminster (clerical vice-president), replied. There were, he said, still a few of the clergy with no interest in their ringers but this did not apply to Mr. Walters and All Saints', where they had every facility and the church and the belfry had been at their disposal at the Easter Monday meetings for many years. The bells proclaimed the Glory of God and were the best publicity agents for the Church.

Referring to the attendance that evening, with every part of the Diocese represented, he said it was evidence of ringing activity. But there were some silent areas, or—such as the one to which he had just moved, and not his church—with recording installations. This he described as a misrepresentation, crude and a deception and devoid of all element of personal service. The remedy lay largely in their own hands—they should infuse enthusiasm and influence public opinion. Publicity was important, and the future lay in the hands of the young people.

Mr. J. S. Johnson, proposing the toast of 'The Chairman,' said they were fully conscious of and appreciated how the presence of the Dean gave added dignity and prestige to their gatherings. He referred to the number of clergy present and gave a special welcome to Mrs. Milburn.

SUPPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The Dean, in reply, said it was with pride that he presided over 'the largest gathering of men, women and young persons in the history of the Association,' and he was particularly pleased to see so many young people there—a good augury for the future. Of mechanised bells, we were apt to-day to rely too much on machines to do our work for us, a thing no ringer dare to do. Ringing was a craft giving gratification. They were a band of brothers and sisters with a devotion to something well worth while, and 'to me,' he concluded, 'it gives particular pride, satisfaction and joy.'

A first-class musical entertainment was provided by Henry Hall and his party; two courses of Stedman Triples were rung 'in hand' by Miss V. Barnes Mrs. J. Thomas, Messrs. D. J. Marshall and J. D. Johnson; and a course of Grandsire Caters with the addition of Mrs. P. Harris; the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought another enjoyable evening to a close.

The Guildhall has been provisionally booked for Saturday, October 8th, 1960, and to quote from the finale on the menu cards:—

'Better lo'ed ye canna be
Will ye no' come back again?'

J. D. J.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Despite the rain, the autumn meeting of the South West Branch held at Newton Ferrers on October 17th was very successful, between 30 and 40 members being present, and visitors included Mr. Cochrane, of Hatfield, who was on holiday at Plymouth.

Mr. T. G. Myers, hon. secretary, mentioned that it was not realised when the original date of the meeting had to be altered, the date would clash with two other meetings. He expressed his regret and hoped it would not occur again.

The chairman, Mr. H. W. Thomas, welcomed two new members—Master Gordon Gilley, of Plympton St. Maurice and Mr. Horace Hicks, of Launceston (unattached). He also thanked the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Grimes) for conducting the service, the organist, Mr. West (captain of local ringers) and the ladies of the church for the excellent tea. Ringing was at Newton Ferrers and Revelstoke.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Cawthorne on October 10th coincided with the centenary of the bells and the Vicar, who presided at the business meeting attended by representatives from 19 towers, gave in his welcome to the Society a short history of the bells.

The Misses E. and S. Peace, of Shelley, were elected members, and Royston was selected for the next meeting on November 14th. The local company and their friends, who provided the free tea, were warmly thanked by Mr. James Thorley, and upon the suggestion of Mr. Edwin Atkinson a collection was made for the Roof Repair Fund of the church, for which £2,000 is needed. This amounted to £3 8s.

The local company was thanked by Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Harold Chant for their excellent arrangements for the meeting, and Mr. Noel F. Moxon gave a timely reminder of the Society's annual dinner. Further ringing followed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

Over 120 members of the Canterbury District attended the District annual meeting at Canterbury on October 10th and at the conclusion of the business meeting sang 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' followed by three rousing cheers, for Mr. Bert Luck, who was retiring from the office of hon. secretary. In a tribute, Mr. John Willis, vice-president, said Mr. Luck had set an example to all honorary secretaries and had made the District the happiest he had known. Mr. Willis then moved 'That this meeting records its profound and sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Bertram J. Luck as hon. District secretary to the Canterbury District, K.C.A., 1936-1959.' This and the report were carried unanimously.

Mr. Luck, in his last annual report, regretted that membership was down 21 to 325. At meetings during the year collections amounting to over £11 were given to church funds.

The following officers were re-elected:—Chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell; Ringing Master, Mr. D. A. Chapman; District representatives, Mr. D. C. Chatfield and Mr. E. T. Eades, Mr. T. C. Phillimore, who had been Mr. Luck's assistant during the past year, was elected hon. secretary. Six new members were also elected.

The meeting, on the proposition of Mr. W. S. Palin, seconded by Mr. D. A. Chapman, rejected the motion of the Rochester District that a levy of 6d. per person (excluding juniors) be imposed on all peals rung for the Association, the money so raised to be devoted to the Belfry Repair Fund. This motion was to replace the peal booking fee. St. Peter's-in-Thane was chosen for the next quarterly meeting.

The service was held at St. Dunstan's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler, and the address given by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. A. Sargent). Ringers supplemented the choir and the collection amounted to £3 2s. 10d. The ladies provided a 'very ample tea' in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall and they and the clergy of Canterbury were thanked at the meeting by Mr. J. A. Russell, who presided.

Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tunbridge Wells on October 3rd, when the usual ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Hurst, who has been newly appointed to St. Peter's. Mrs. W. Dobbie accompanied the singing.

Tea was held in the Parish Hall and provided by ringers and friends of St. Peter's. At the annual meeting which followed, Mr. B. V. Collison was elected chairman. Miss D. Colgate was re-elected secretary but pointed out that she will not stand for election next year. Mr. B. V. Collison and Mr. W. Dobbie were re-elected District representatives and Mr. S. Jenner Ringing Master.

Mr. B. Jeffrey gave a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service and to Mr. B. V. Collison and friends for the tea.

A good variety of methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Moore 1, F. Attewell 2, B. Johnson 3, F. Crow 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Baker 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Moore.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

PERHAPS the most notable feature of this year's tour was one which, in this age when the English language is enlarging the meaning of its words to accommodate the expressions of our American friends, might be described as 'commutation.' The reason for this was a strictly geographical one: The Ripon Diocesan Retreat House, where we stayed, was fully one and a half miles from the nearest hostelry, the Shoulder of Mutton.

The week should have begun with a peal at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, August 22nd. The band met one short for Yorkshire Maximus, however. One member, in order to make up 12, was therefore detailed to detach our worthy organiser from his lately-acquired fiancée, both of whom had luckily not left the churchyard, and another, to learn a peal of Stedman. Both tasks were accomplished in rather less than five minutes and the attempt for Cinques was begun. After an hour's mediocre ringing in an increasingly stuffy atmosphere, a shift, which the conductor fortunately noticed soon afterwards, enabled the band to stand and spend a pleasant hour drinking tea before finding their way to the Retreat House at Barrowby.

The Retreat House proved to be delightfully situated and, when everyone had met their charming hostess and investigated the accommodation, the first commutation began—in a short while the house was deserted.

SPICED SURPRISE PATTERN

On Sunday morning the party joined the local band at Wetherby to ring for service and here Henry Fielden set the pattern of Spiced Surprise calling for the week, when he brought five-spliced round in 381 changes. Everyone afterwards attended Matins.

A lazy afternoon was followed by the journey to Sharow, where Spiced was once more brought round in an odd number of changes. Pots of Indian tea at a Chinese cafe in Ripon provided welcome refreshment before we rang for Evensong on the fine ten at the Cathedral.

Next morning the main party rang at Thorne and Sherburn-in-Elmet, while the day's peal, of London, was being diligently rung at Escrick. The peal band arrived late at York Minster to hear those lovely bells going well to Stedman Caters. A course of London on the back eight went fairly smoothly but a half-course of Cambridge Maximus had to be stood up and the final touch of Stedman Cinques suffered a similar fate because time was running short.

YORKSHIRE TAIL-ENDS

Many of us made our first acquaintance with Yorkshire tail-ends on Tuesday at Otley and, later in the morning, at Ilkley. These tail-ends are most comfortable for large-handed folk but trying for those not so plentifully endowed in this respect.

Nor could we get away from them after lunch at both Addingham and Kildwick. Here the morning's peal band joined us, having rung Plain Bob Major at Guiseley, and soon those who should still have been ringing a peal of Bristol at Skipton followed their example. The tenors had apparently crossed after an hour's ringing, much to the discomfiture of the conductor, who had not noticed this as soon as he might have done.

At the evening tower, Collingham (8), Peter Hodson's handsome tape-recorder was in evidence for the first time. After much ado, it was eventually plugged into a churchyard lamp, the bulb of which had been removed, and was soon busily recording not only the bells but also the facetious repartee with which Frank Haynes and Chris Woolley punctuated the ringing. This recording was played back

later at Peter's home, where we had been kindly invited by his parents, and a lively post mortem ensued.

Wednesday began with Corporate Communion, celebrated by the president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth. After a long drive the party arrived at Ossett, an excellent ring of ten, where the good ringing was spoiled by an abysmal tower, during which all ten bells fired perfectly round after round. There followed the pleasant eight at Drighlington, after which the peal band went to Bradford, where they rang a good peal of Stedman Caters.

LUNCHEON DIFFICULTIES

The remainder made their way to Pudsey, where they expected, not unreasonably, to find lunching facilities. In this quest only four were successful. The lovely eight at St. Lawrence provided temporary compensation for the hungry ones, who were perhaps deluded into thinking that, in any event, there must be a cafe somewhere in Headingley, the next stopping place. Having rung at St. Michael's, Headingley, a general interrogation of the local populace was therefore begun but this revealed only that the cafes were open every afternoon except Wednesday. Loth to admit defeat, one member disappeared and was next seen flagrantly displaying a bottle of 'Tizer.' He was avidly seized upon and, soon after, several members could have been seen basking in the sun outside St. Chad's, Headingley, despatching biscuits and 'pop' with obvious relish. An hour's ringing on the fine eight was then completed and the party, eager for supper, returned to Barrowby.

A most interesting hour was spent at Tadcaster, first tower on Thursday morning. Here drainpipe-like structures descend into the ringing chamber, enclosing the ropes and terminating so as to leave just enough rope free for manipulation.

We were greeted at Selby Abbey by a bevy of young ladies as well as the tower captain. This confirmed our impression that the Yorkshire Association is, happily, an emancipated one. The ringing was good and a course of Grandsire Caters, in which these young ladies took part, deserves mention.

Lunch was taken at Selby before moving on to Beverley, where most people spent half an hour observing the architectural splendour of the Minster. The band who had rung a peal of Grandsire Triples at

Howden joined the rest of the party here. The ringing was, unfortunately, poor, a sad fact to record in view of the magnificence of the bells. A better performance followed on another fine ring of ten at St. Mary's, Beverley.

The business meeting was held in the evening. Owing to the efficient manner in which it was conducted, there remained time for another enjoyable visit to the Shoulder.

IN THE WEST RIDING

A selection of towers in the West Riding remained for the final day of the tour. At All Souls', Halifax, two courses of Surprise were rung before the treble rope broke. An hour at Sowerby completed the morning's ringing, after which a band set off for Hepstonstall to attempt a peal of four-spliced. A misunderstanding resulted in the start being delayed for nearly an hour. Then, after 40 minutes' excellent ringing, the tenor man negligently allowed his rope to slip wheel, and that was that.

This band joined the main party at Northowram, thus missing Elland, their first afternoon tower. Here the last touch of five-spliced was brought round, suitably, in the same number of changes as the first had been, this time by Frances Secker.

After ringing on the pleasant 12 at the Parish Church, some, having said their good-byes, departed, but the majority returned to Barrowby. Here, after a farewell visit to the Shoulder, Brian Price discovered that the sections of his collapsible tent pole formed a not unmusical five when dropped in descending order of size on to the marble floor of the hall, whereupon an entertaining performance of Stedman Doubles ensued.

Most people then engaged upon a prolonged poker session, which lasted well into the small hours, while a splinter group investigated the whole gamut of remarkable effects into which the Hodson tape-recorder obligingly converted their voices.

Next morning members bade each other farewell and embarked on their separate journeys, save for a band of eight, who employed some little time in losing a peal of Cambridge at Birstwith.

The Guild thanks Peter Windley and Henry Fielden for arranging such a balanced programme and, in addition, the incumbents and local ringers who made the tour possible.

F. B. B.

R.A.F., Halton, Apprentices' Tour

At 12.30 hours on October 10th, a motley crew, including friends from places as far apart as Swindon, Stanmore and Lincoln, assembled at R.A.F., Halton and Wendover, and departed to terrorise the inhabitants of selected places in Bucks, Beds and Herts.

Wing, having a heavy Warner six, was treated with respect, but no good striking was to be had. After a pleasant ring at Linslade (8), the party passed on to Totterhoe (8), where the two light trebles caused some consternation among the learners. The six at Hamstead proved very enjoyable, but the band was not experienced enough at 8-bell ringing to do justice to the beautiful octave at Northchurch. Much to their amazement, two members of the party were mistaken for a married couple! Their honeymoon, unfortunately, was curtailed to a very short spell on the back seat of the coach!

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, St. Clement's, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and rounds for the less experienced.

Thanks are extended to incumbents and local ringers, and to the organisers for another very enjoyable half-day tour.

S.

Gloucester Branch Outing

Saturday, September 12th, was promising to be another fine day as the Gloucester Branch set off promptly on their outing through Wiltshire. Devizes was reached in time for the party to have coffee before meeting at St. John's at 10.30 a.m., where the day started off well with Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and rounds and call-changes.

From there we proceeded to Salisbury for lunch, followed by ringing at St. Paul's, Amesbury was reached in the middle of the afternoon, and a very pleasant hour was spent on the lovely eight at SS. Mary and Melorus.

The best ringing of the day, however, was at Marlborough on the beautiful heavy six of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, where a very enjoyable day's ringing was ended with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Thanks are due to the organisers for a well-planned trip, and the party are to be congratulated on their punctuality and fine ringing.

J. N. B.

OBITUARY

MR. G. F. HOAD

It is impossible to assess how much change-ringing owes to Mr. George Francis Hoad. A ringer of outstanding merit and ability, he had infinite patience, particularly with those learning the art of campanology. His unassuming, steadfast and dependable character endeared him to all those with whom he came in contact.

Born in 1877, the third son of Francis T. Hoad, he, his father and five brothers have rung at Reigate Parish Church for over 95 years. During the period of over 70 years 'George,' as he was known to all ringers, had rung in over 200 peals, many of which he conducted. His exceptional knowledge was amply demonstrated by his compositions.

He was elected captain of the Reigate Society of Change Ringers in 1909, was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a member of the Surrey Association, of which he was elected Master on several occasions.

During the 1914-18 war he served with the Royal Engineers both in France and Germany. In 1908 he married Miss Flora Missenden, and their only child, Frederick, died in 1930 at the age of nine years. For 53 years he was in business on his own account as builder and decorator. For many years he was a sidesman at Reigate Parish Church, a member of the P.C.C. and also the Ruri-Decanal Conference.

He died in hospital on October 19th, following injuries received in a road accident on the previous evening while on his way to church to ring for the Sunday evening service. His passing will be mourned by a much larger circle of friends than those with whom he was associated in change-ringing.

MR. A. W. OSBORNE

Another stalwart of the Reading ringers at the turn of the century has passed on, viz., Mr. Ambrose W. Osborne, who died in Battle Hospital at the ripe old age of 86. A genial, kindly personality, a patient and efficient teacher, he could not tolerate bad striking, bad handlers of ropes or lazy ringers.

Originally a member of St. Mary's band, he transferred his energies to St. Giles' in 1903, where he built up a band whose Sunday service ringing was second to none. Stedman was his favourite method. A strong and active supporter of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he was secretary of the Reading Branch for a number of years.

He was a great believer in routine and regularity, and after cycling (push bike) 40 or 50 miles on his day's journey (he was a country commercial traveller) would often forgo his evening meal so as to be at the tower on time. Practice night was a real gathering of the clans, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, R. T. Hibbert, W. R. Newall, C. C. Mayne and many other well-known ringers of that time.

It was a terrible blow to him when he was no longer able to climb the tower steps, owing to infirmity in his legs, but he never lost interest in ringers or ringing, and read the 'R.W.' from end to end.

G. R. G.

MRS. A. W. ROLFE

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends has been extended to Mr. A. W. Rolfe, of Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Millie Rolfe, on October 4th, aged 75. The funeral service at the Whepstead Baptist Church was attended by many ringers, and at the graveside in Whepstead Cemetery a course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' by A. E. Moore, W. Stannard, A. E. Austin and R. Heath.

MR. ALBERT H. SMITH

A victim of arthritis, which brought his ringing days to a close, Mr. Albert H. Smith, of Crophorne, Worcs. died in hospital on October 7th, aged 57.

'His life,' writes Harold E. Raxter, 'could be summarised in one short phrase: "He was a regular ringer." I cannot remember any occasion when he failed to attend for a practice night, or on Sunday, when he had promised to attend. To do this he often cycled several miles in all weathers.

'For many years Albert rang at Crophorne, where 120 Grandsire Doubles was the limit of change-ringing. When the eight bells were installed at Hampton he came to that church, and his progress at change-ringing became rapid. If he had had the benefit of a Hampton instructor and band at an earlier age Albert would have been among the great technical exponents of the art.

The large congregation at the funeral service at Crophorne on October 10th was a sign of the respect and affection with which he was held. To his widow and family all local ringers extend their sympathy.

MR. THOMAS TOWNSEND

Mr. Thomas Townsend passed away in St. Margaret's Hospital, Stratton St. Margaret, after a long illness, on September 28th, at the age of 60. He was a native of St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, where he learnt to ring. He moved to Swindon in 1923, when he became a member of the band at Christ Church, Swindon. He was not a great peal ringer, but will be well remembered for his conducting of Stedman, particularly Caters.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. W. Thomas), took place at Christ Church on October 2nd. Handbells were rung in church as the cortege moved out into the churchyard. The ringers were Mrs. Sutton 1-2, E. Sutton 3-4, W. B. Kynaston 5-6, W. W. T. Daniell 7-8. Due to Christ Church bells being temporarily silent, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled at St. Mark's Church.

JOINT MEETING AT BEDDINGTON

The first heavy rain for weeks marked the holding of the Northern District of the Surrey Association's annual joint meeting with the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association. Nevertheless, those who braved the rain, which included a Kent party, under the leadership of their Master, Mr. I Oram, were rewarded with a pleasant afternoon and evening.

Ringing, under the direction of Mr. Gordon Peters, preceded Evensong at St. Mary's, Beddington, taken by the Rector, and was followed by an excellent tea in the Village Hall. This had been prepared by the ladies of the St. Mary's Society, all with practical experience of ringers' appetites. After tea and the usual thanks, apologies for absence from Mr. Collins and Mr. E. A. Barnett were announced, both of whom were engaged on ringing business elsewhere. Ringing at St. Mary's concluded a very pleasant occasion.

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. E. Roger Martin, of Preston, died early on Saturday morning.

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DEATH

RANZETTA.—The death occurred on October 17th, 1959, of Henry Joseph Ranzetta, after a short illness, at Whipps Cross Hospital, London, aged 67. For many years a member of the College Youths, he was well known throughout the country. 5114

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The home address of John G. Pusey is now St. Peter's Vicarage, Cowleigh, Malvern, Worcs.; also, in term time, New College, Oxford. 5140

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Change of secretary. The style and address of the new District secretary is Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, Kent. Phone: Crayford 23071. 5134

STAMFORD HILL.—Sunday ringing at St. Ann's 10.15 a.m. only. ALL other ringing by arrangement. Enquiries to the Rev. F. J. Finch, The Vicarage, South Grove, N.15. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* 5152

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MEETINGS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—Dedication of completed tower with two trebles to make ring of ten, Saturday, Oct. 31st, 3 p.m. Quarter peal, 4 to 5. General ringing till 9 p.m. Tea provided.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Vicarage. 5090

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Farnborough (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5103

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Mary-at-Bow, Stratford, E. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in Vestry at 6.30 p.m., then ringing till 8 p.m. Trolleybuses pass door. Nearest station, Bow. Gentlemen cordially invited. 5067

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, Benefield, Northants. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. E. Amor. 5139

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 5091

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Cotgrave (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Please make own tea arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. All welcome. Let's make it a good meeting. 5048

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 2nd, 7 p.m. 5116

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 5151

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3 to 4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5129

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Cople, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to R. L. Piron, 8, Bowhill, Bedford (Tel. 61835). 5154

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 5117

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—South District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 7th, Napton-on-the-Hill. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 (collection). Tea, 5 p.m., provided without charge by members of Napton Church. Southam bells available evening. Your support, please. All welcome. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 5138

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hartland (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Usual arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Pearce, Sec. 5093

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, Nov. 7th, with Association committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. in the Vestry. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 4th, to Miss Carol Hall, 13, Grange Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3. 5136

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5155

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5053

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Farnham (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5143

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Nov. 7th, Stoke Bishop (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church House, 5 p.m.—A. Bennett. 5121

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Cranleigh (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 3rd, to O. L. Warner, Fairmead, Park-house Green.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 5128

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Mathon, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 5126

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Cornwall Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd essential to Mrs. Hatchet, Vicarage Flat, Church Street, Rickmansworth.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild, East Farleigh, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 5096

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. Please attend—important business.—John Pilkington, Acting Branch Sec. 5119

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bentham, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Downham, 3, Bank Houses, Bentham.—P. Handley, Sec. 5123

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Rainford, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Nov. 4th Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford, St. Helens.—M. E. Ridyard. 5147

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Café, High Street, Leicester, Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 7 for 7.15 p.m. Principal guest and speaker, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tickets (price 11s.) now available from undersigned. Last day for tickets, Wednesday, Nov. 4th. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 2 to 3.30; All Saints' (8), 3 to 5; St. Margaret's (12), 3 to 5 p.m. Visitors who desire peals in the morning please notify me.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Tel. Wigston 3244). 5098

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 4th, to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent. Annual committee meeting 3.30 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 5124

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Holt, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 5127

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Treeton, Saturday, Nov. 7th, starting 3 p.m. Tea available, names not necessary.—J. Seager, Sec. 5146

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Nuthall, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify not later than Thursday, Nov. 5th, Mr. T. Harrison, 18, St. Patrick's Road, Nuthall, Nottingham.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 5109

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 5132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec., 4, St. Swithen's Crescent, Yarmouth, I.W. 5133

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Tangley (5), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, and tea for those who notify by Nov. 3rd the Rev. J. P. Walton, Hatherden Vicarage, Andover. Andover (8) from 6.30 p.m. onwards. 5118

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Breamore (four tower bells and 12 handbells), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Fordingbridge bells available in the evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 4th, to Mr. Jack Mussell, The Shallows, Breamore, near Fordingbridge, Hants. 5125

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Hartlebury, Worcestershire: rededication of the bells at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7th. All welcome 5153

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Matlock (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2.45 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea arranged for 5 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5120

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenhams, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenhams. 5142

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Great Berkhamstead, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 10th, to Mr. H. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamstead.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5112

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury; latest date, Nov. 11th. 5137

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Essex Association at St. Dunstan and All Saints', Stepney, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea, Evening ringing at St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 6.30 to 8 p.m. 5135

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daverney Branch.—Meeting, Kisingbury, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. M. Bennett, 25, South View, Kisingbury, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 5141

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Smith, 19, Gitten Street, Oswestry, Salop. No names no tea.—F. Catell, Hon. Sec. 5145

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Debenham (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 5099

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting joint with Tonbridge District of KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION at Limsfield Chart (6) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limsfield. 5148

CITY OF BRISTOL FESTIVAL OF RINGING, May 14th, 1960. Cathedral service, social evening, etc. Details from A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5. 5122

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen L. Cherryman 1, Katharine T. Gorvin 2, Ann E. Sharpe (first 'inside') 3, C. D. Linington 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, V. F. Gough 6. A farewell to Miss Pamela R. Gough, who has left the band to continue her studies at Goldsmith's College, London.

CROPTHORNE, WORCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Newman 1, R. W. Cole 2, G. Brown 3, L. Mills 4, W. J. Newman 5, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 6. A tribute to and in grateful memory of the life and work of Albert H. Smith, rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. K. Walklate (cond.) 1, Miss D. Wilson 2, Miss N. Wickham 3, Miss R. Bull 4, B. Dawson 5, D. W. Brunning 6.

HAMPTON, WORCS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Newman 1, Miss J. Roberts (first on eight) 2, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 3, J. Smith 4, G. Brown 5, L. Mills 6, W. J. Newman 7, B. Hunt 8. For harvest festival.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Foster (first quarter) 1, Janet L. Adamson 2, H. Oglesby 3, B. T. Lister 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, D. Livingston 6. Mr. Foster is the first member of this 'call change' tower to ring a quarter.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Oct. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. R. Ward 1, J. Scott 2, D. Ellisdon 3, J. Thorley 4, T. O. Piercy 5, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 5, and for the King's College Guild of Change Ringers.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Cooke 1, M. Foster 2, R. Lucas 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Woodley (first quarter) 1, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 2, Meriel B. Bloyce 3, B. E. Gibbons 4, D. E. Culham 5, D. W. Webber 6.

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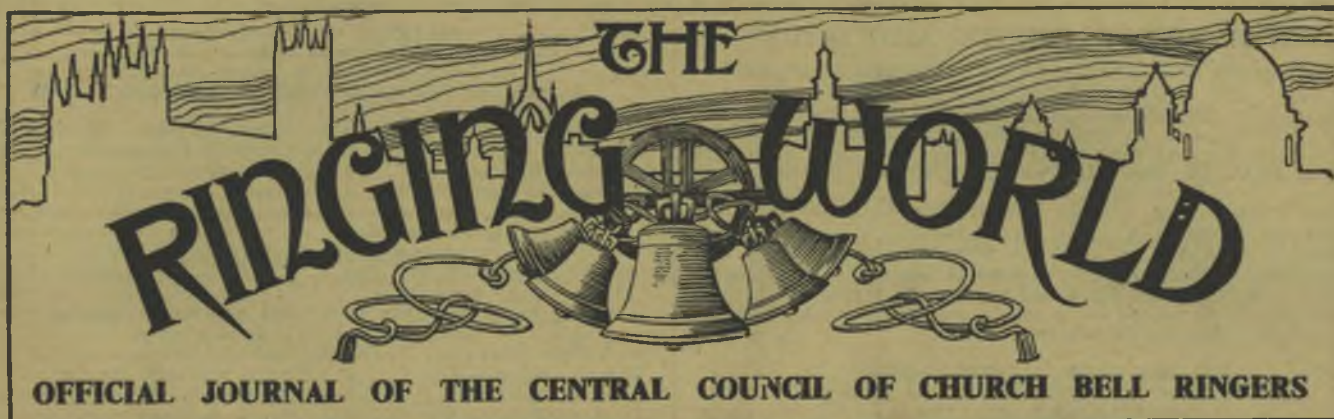
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SOUTH HAMS SORTIE

AN outing in the country, you might think, is much more of a treat for townspeople than it is for country folk. After all, the latter *live* in the country; they wouldn't find anything new in it. But you'd be wrong. Whether it be a treat or no, country people get far more interest out of a country outing than do they of the cities. The townsmen, passing the first herd of cows, looks out of the window and says, 'Look, Eth, cows'—and from then on he's *seen* cows, and so (if she wasn't too deep in the paper) has Eth. But to a country outing every field of cattle or sheep contains material for a good twenty minutes' conversation; likewise acres of grass and expanses of bare earth, to the townsman mere 'scenery,' are full of interest to his country cousin. What is more, wet weather can ruin a trip for the townsman, but when the Clawton ringers set off through the driving rain of autumn's first big gale their thoughts were of all that lovely water trickling into dry wells and empty water-butts at home.

Our road led to the South Hams, the rich, deep-valleyed country of the huge 'Red Ruby' cattle, but our first stop was by the way, at the foot of the climb to the Moor, at Meavy. Here we left our cars under the justly famous Meavy Oak—perhaps a thousand years old, propped and strutted and riven asunder, but still green and still carpeting the ground with acorns—and found a delightful granite church with a very handy six of about our own weight. Then up over Dartmoor, at its least hospitable and most typical, with the wind whistling in the heather and rain driving horizontally under cloud which covered the tops, and the black Galloways huddled sodden under the hedges, and down by Ivybridge to the 'in-country,' past Ermington's twisted spire, and almost to the sea at Holbeton. Here the Vicar met us, admirably, with beer, and we went in to the very fine church to ring on an excellent six (about 15 cwt.) among peal-boards of the Rev. E. S. Powell's day. The captain of ringers welcomed us in the tower; he has been ringing for 67 years, and looks remarkably well on it.

For lunch we went to Modbury, where the 'Exeter' gave us a wonderful spread and made us feel very much at home. It took us some little time, after such a feed, to climb the hill to the church, but we'd have skipped like rams had we known what lay in store. I rang once here nine years ago, and had wondered ever since whether Modbury was the finest six in Devon. I have still to ring on many, but I can hardly believe that anything could be finer than this wonderful Bilbie peal. The best of Bilbie's bells have a nobility, an authority, of tone that very few can match, and these, with a tenor of 20 cwt., are among his very best. They remind me of the organ-builder who, hearing a famous concert-hall organ, said, 'That instrument's good for nothing but music.' 'Well,' asked his companion, 'what do you build your organs for?' 'My organs,' said the other, 'are meant to bring a man to his knees.' So Modbury bells, shouting exultantly above the thrashing of the sou'wester, filled us with awe and astonishment that we and Thomas Bilbie together could create from hard, cold metal such true and fluent music. What is more, these bells are very well hung so that they have a natural rhythm which only positive mishandling can break.

It was reluctantly that we moved away for Brixton, and this six we found rather a rough lot, but perhaps it wasn't fair to come to them from Modbury. We didn't stay long before crossing the ridge to Plympton St. Maurice and a little eight-bell ringing for a change. Here we were most hospitably met by the young Mr. Farnham, who had stayed away from a Guild meeting to be there, and nobly recovered from the shock of finding that we rang call-changes. We don't shine on eight; we tend to keep them too far down and rush them, for the techniques of call-change ringing on six and on eight are quite distinct and we get little eight-bell practice. Still, we enjoyed ourselves fully and are much indebted to the St. Maurice band for making us feel at home.

So homewards, by way of Plymouth (for supper) and Tavistock (for beer), by roads covered with gale-broken foliage but fortified not only by some good ringing on fine bells and the contributions of Plymouth and Tavistock, but also by the prospect that in an unfamiliarly sodden Clawton there might be that rich luxury—a bath.

J. G. M. S.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The following peals were rung for the Association in connection with the 75th anniversary of its foundation.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5088 BENINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	JOHN HILL 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band except the treble ringer.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 WILLESSEN DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE 5
DENNIS LAUD 3	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

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*100th peal together. First in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PAUL ATKINSON Treble	*ALLISON MACFARLANE .. 4
*CHRISTINE RIMMER 2	GERALD PENNEY 5
MICHAEL D. FROST 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL D. FROST.

*First peal. First on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MARGARET PREECE Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	C. MICHAEL ORME 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN 3	A. REX AGG 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

*First peal.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JENNIFER GAMBLING Treble	ROBERT A. COCHRANE .. 4
AUDREY M. BAILEY 2	ERIC EDMONDSON 5
DAVID S. HARRIS 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY BIRD Treble	SIDNEY F. CARTER 5
REGINALD D. HAYDEN .. 2	JOHN TOWERS 6
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. 4	EDWARD ROCHESTER .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of fifth and tenor.

Rung by members of the Eastern District.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE E. THODAY .. Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK 5
K. PATRICIA SALISBURY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
LEONARD B. SCOOT 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
*DONALD M. SALISBURY .. 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

*First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle,

A PEAL OF 5056 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

H. GEORGE HART Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
VERNON GREEN 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
ELSIE K. HART 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR DAY Treble	JOHN G. CULL 5
DESMOND PAINTER 2	GEORGE HAWKINS 6
PATRICIA DOORN 3	FRED C. JACKLIN 7
AMY COBURN 4	STANLEY HUCKLE Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	PETER J. COLES 6
JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
*BERNARD L. MARKS 4	PATRICIA M. BOURN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

*First peal of Major.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	†ROBERT E. DAY 4
*JUNE I. DEAR 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
†LEONARD B. SCOOT 3	EDWIN G. BUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 7
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 8
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 4	JOHN A. SMITH 10
†JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	S. ANTHONY JESSON 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM ROOT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

*First peal on 12 bells. †First of Maximus 'inside.'

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith on the birth of a son (Kevin John).

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TEN BELL PEALS

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble		*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2		GEORGE H. RANGLES 7	
JOHN FREEMAN 3		JOHN WALDEN 8	
*PETER A. SHARPE 4		GEOFFREY PAUL 9	
†GEORGE E. FEIRN 5		JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor	

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of London Royal. † First of London Royal 'inside.'

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	GERALD HEMMING 6
JOHN WORTH 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
BASIL JONES 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
GEOFFREY HEMMING 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5200 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Liversedge variation.		Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
ERNEST MORRIS Treble		BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6	
JOHN M. JELLEY 2		PETER J. HAWCOCK 7	
JOHN V. TEMPLE 3		JOHN A. ACRES 8	
ROBERT B. SMITH 4		ERNEST J. JELLEY 9	
SAMUEL J. HAINES 5		G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY

First peal of Royal in the variation.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Version No. 3.		Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.	
FRANK E. DARBY Treble		STEWART F. KIMBER 6	
DAVID E. PARSONS 2		RALPH BIRD 7	
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 3		MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 8	
JOAN BERESFORD 4		MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 9	
ALAN ROGERS 5		JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Tenor	

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

Rung to celebrate the marriage between H. Michael Williamson and Doreen F. Crowe at Immanuel Church, Streatham, this day.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

LEWIS F. COBB Treble	GWILYM SALMON 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS 7
JAMES E. DANIELS 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 8
MICHAEL J. BEST 4	DAVID HOARE 9
FRANK L. HARRIS 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for all except ringers of 6 and 9.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Treble		TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5	
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2		ERNEST STITCH 6	
ALBERT J. PITMAN 3		GWYN I. LEWIS 7	
DONALD WYATT 4		EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

Rung for the centenary of the present church, dedicated October 19th, 1859.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*E. MARION KEY Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
B. G. KEY 2	*DAVID W. FRIEND 6
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the seventh anniversary of the rededication of the bells. Also to mark 50 years' Sunday service ringing by Mr. J. L. Stanier, local captain.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
JOHN WORTH 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSBY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JACK BRAY Treble	JACK MILLHOUSE 5
RONALD CHAFER 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
PETER A. SHARP 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Treble	*GRAHAM T. BALL 5
ANN BARR 2	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* 50th peal. First of Surprise on the bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

HILDA OAKSHETT .. Treble	RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 5
R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 2	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 6
*COLIN F. MCGILL 3	JOHN W. SMITH 7
*ANDREW M. MACVE 4	PERCY J. SPICE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

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

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MICHAEL H. PAULSON .. Treble	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 5
ELSIE CHADDOCK 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung in honour of St. Luke's Day.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5072 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
TOM CHAPMAN .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

J. ARTHUR HOARE .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN .. 2	EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 7
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 4	JOHN I. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Rung in memoriam Mr. F. Killick, late secretary of the ringers at Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PETTY .. Treble	JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2	D. WALFORD DAVIES .. 6
ROBERT E. COLES .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 7
*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4	†ERNEST STITCH .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 50th peal of Grandsire, 125th peal on the bells. † 'Completes the circle' for the eighth time, with 80 peals on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Composer's Twelve-part, No. 16 in the method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE .. 5
STANLEY W. GALE .. 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 7
DOROTHY PEARCE .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*TONY ALLMAN .. Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON .. 5
ERIC B. ALLMAN .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 3	IVOR NICHOLLS .. 7
†MICHAEL ALLMAN .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3	J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 7
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

First peal in the method by the Guild.

Rung to welcome David Graham Forbes Chalk, son of Dr. P. A. F. Chalk.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF 5088 OVERLEIGH IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN PARSONAGE .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN .. 3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY .. 4	GEOFFREY PARTING .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 212).

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

MICHAEL R. ROSE .. Treble	†ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 5
*E. JANE LANGTON .. 2	*MARCUS P. BARTON .. 6
MIKAELA ERIK .. 3	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 7
†JUDITH K. ESSEN .. 4	†DEREK E. SIBSON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

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

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 6
LEONARD J. MINNS .. 3	HARRY B. FULLER .. 7
CÉCIL A. THOMPSON .. 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 2	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. St. J. Garniss, Vicar of Hawkley since 1954, and a good friend of the ringers.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 BAMBOROUGH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

*ALBERT J. DAVEY .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
JOHN V. TEMPLE .. 3	†DEREK E. SIBSON .. 6
	†MARTYN HAWKES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MARILYN M. MARCH .. Treble	HOWARD COLLINGS .. 4
JOAN GRAY .. 2	MICHAEL ROSE .. 5
†MARCUS P. BARTON .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal. † First 'inside'.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Dennis Beresford and Mary Ward, who were married on September 5th.

OXFORD, OXON.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 UNDERSHAFT DOUBLES

Being 42 plain courses.

C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY .. 4
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 3	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. 5
	JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. Tenor

First peal in the principle.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Treble	Tenor 10½ cwt.
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	DAVID C. URQUHART .. 4
ADRIAN WILLS .. 3	ROY W. SPENCER .. 5
	AUBREY B. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

A late birthday compliment to the conductor, and to congratulate the treble ringer and his wife on the birth of a son, Timothy.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	JOHN L. GIRT .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 5
	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

NEWICK, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 5 cwt. 27 lb.

MARTIN L. HOWE .. Treble	GEORGE FRY .. 4
*†EDNA M. EVEREST .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
†HARRY W. BROWN .. 3	†STANLEY W. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY W. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Surprise. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung in honour of the christening of Valerie Margaret, daughter of the conductor, at Hurstpierpoint the previous Sunday.

CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of College Exercise, London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JAMES W. BUXTON .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt.
*HERMAN RUSBY .. 2	TREVOR TARBATT .. 4
FRED COWLING .. 3	GRAHAM SMITH .. 5
	*NOEL F. MOXON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* 25th peal together.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the bells, which were fully-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Godfrey Crompton, who was accidentally killed on October 4th.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

HENRY WARNS .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
EDWARD GREENACRE .. 3	GEORGE A. COOKE .. 5
	TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung half-muffled by members of the Western Branch to the memory of Cecil V. Ebberson, Ringing Master of this Branch.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

*JUDY MOIR .. Treble	DONALD LAWSON .. 4
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE 2	KENNETH BONEHILL .. 5
*BETTY FAUNCH .. 3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE Tenor

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss J. Moir.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently.

JAMES B. MORLEY .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt.
*MARGARET E. NEWBY .. 2	WALTER D. BAILEY .. 4
BARBARA MATTHEW .. 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal.

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HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Stedman, Place Bob, Winchendon, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.
ERNEST MORRIS... .. Treble | ALFRED E. HINMAN 3
J. HARRY COOK 2 | GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT 4

ROLAND H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung for the Festival of St. Luke.

MORETON-CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: 480 each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.
ROBERT BARRATT... .. Treble | BERNARD I. ONGLEY 4
LEONARD COPNALL 2 | ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3 | GEORGE FORRESTER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

First peal in nine methods by all the band.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings: C.C.C. Nos. 58, 59, 67, 68 and 69). Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. Treble | J. MARTIN THORLEY 4
THOMAS H. CHARLTON 2 | C. HAROLD WHITTON 5
JOHN G. AMES 3 | CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung to mark the diamond jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

BENFIELDSIDE, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Double Court Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.
THOMAS PIERCY (King's) Treble | CHRIS. J. HERBERT (S. John's) 4
BRUCE PIPER (St. John's) .. 2 | NICHOLAS WEBB (King's) 5
JOHN THORLEY (King's) .. 3 | BRYAN PATTISON (Bede) .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

First peal for the Society.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. E. H. Fenwick, who has just completed 21 years as Vicar of Benfieldside.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

MRS. J. W. HAW Treble | JAMES W. HAW 4
*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN 2 | EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
*MRS. R. C. NOON 3 | RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. HAW (extents 1 and 2), EDWIN T. CHAPMAN (3 and 4) and RONALD C. NOON (5, 6 and 7).

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt.
JACK PILGRIM Treble | †ERNEST G. PEARCE 4
*JAMES B. MORLEY 2 | PETER S. BEDFORD 5
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3 | *LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MOLLIE R. COSGROVE .. Treble | J. IGGLESDEN 4
*H. IGGLESDEN 2 | R. SHERLOCK 5
*R. WATERHOUSE 3 | J. O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by J. O. WELLER.

* First peal. First on the bells.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B. (no bobs), (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Court, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. J. R. RENDER Treble | EDWARD M. BRADLEY 4
ALAN EVANS 2 | JOHN POTTS 5
ALAN SHEPPARD 3 | KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

First peal in ten methods for all except the fourth ringer. First as conductor on tower bells.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Terence Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Sissons.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 20 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale; (2) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Durham and York; (3) Cambridge and Primrose; (4) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Beverley and Surfleet; (6) Carlisle, Munden and Chester; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 97 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

BRUCE WAKEFIELD Treble | VICTOR GRIFFIN 4
LESLEY J. HAWES 2 | ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
RONALD A. WRIGHT 3 | BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal in 20 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
CHARLES J. COPP Treble | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2 | WILLIAM L. EXTON 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3 | HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTEBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

*SERGE ZVEGINTZOV Treble | *NICHOLAS J. MARTIN 3
ALEC GAMMON 2 | ROY H. JONES 4
†EDWARD VENN Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

* First peal. † First in the method. 32nd peal on the bells.

Rung for United Nations Day.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1—2 | †GEORGE E. FEIRN 5—6
*JOHN FREEMAN 3—4 | †JACK BRAY 7—8
Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First of Oxford Treble Bob 'in hand.'

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 202)

The following schedule of first performances of regular Plain Major methods will expand the table given in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods. Since its publication in 1952, there have been many more of these methods rung to peals and named, and unless the table is brought up to date there will inevitably arise some confusion as to which methods have been named and which have not. Therefore the following details will include the number of the method in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major, 1952. (In using the tables in the Collection, take care not to confuse with the number in Driver's Collection.)

Plain Bob Major.—The earliest known peal is 5,040 at St. Bride's, London, on April 26th, 1725, by the College Youths. But there may have been earlier peals by the College Youths and the London Scholars. C.C. No. 1.

Double Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, on January 14th, 1727, by the College Youths. (1726 old style calendar.) Details on page 253, 1958, are incorrect. C.C. No. 3.

Reverse Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 22nd, 1751, by the College Youths. (The peal at Harrietsham on March 23rd, 1751, by the Lenham Society, was *Double Bob Major*.) C.C. No. 2.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Michael's, Coslany, on March 9th, 1741, by the Norwich Scholars. C.C. No. 12.

Double Oxford Bob Major.—6,000 at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832, by the Norwich Scholars. C.C. No. 15.

Single Oxford Bob Major.—5,040 at Warnham on January 10th, 1889, by the Sussex County Association. (1899 is incorrect.) C.C. No. 20.

Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Brading, I.O.W., on September 8th, 1911, by the Cambridge University Guild. C.C. No. 74.

St. Clement's College Bob Major.—5,040 at Eccleston on December 28th, 1911, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 38.

Dublin Court Major.—5,056 at Gosforth on September 27th, 1913, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 53.

Hereward Bob Major.—5,040 at Reddish on August 20th, 1914, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 13.

Victoria Little Court Major.—5,064 at Gillingham on July 12th, 1919, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 78.

Crayford College Major.—5,024 at Deptford St. John on December 20th, 1919, by the Kent County Association. The peal given in 'History and Art' at Crayford should be deleted. C.C. No. 37.

St. Lawrence Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Guildford on February 10th, 1920, by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 75.

Cambridge Court Major.—5,088 at Nuneaton on July 19th, 1923, by the Warwickshire Guild. Previously rung on handbells at Surfleet on September 12th, 1922, by the Cambridge University Guild. C.C. No. 33.

Edmonton Bob Major.—5,008 at Willesden on April 18th, 1924, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 9.

Marlborough Bob Major.—5,008 at Willesden on October 14th, 1924, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 7.

Winchester Bob Major.—5,008 at Willesden on December 9th, 1924, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 5.

Crayford Little Court Major.—5,040 at Crayford on January 16th, 1926, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 73.

Pershore Bob Major.—5,056 at Pershore on August 20th, 1927, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association. C.C. No. 14.

Gainsborough Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Tickhill on July 21st, 1928, by the Yorkshire County Association. C.C. No. 77.

Loughborough Bob Major.—5,056 at Liscard on May 18th, 1929, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 34.

Wellington Little Court Major.—5,040 at Hemel Hempstead on June 27th, 1929, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 76.

Shipway's Court Major.—On handbells at Leverstock Green on January 17th, 1934, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 4.

Chesterfield Bob Major.—5,088 at Pulham on January 23rd, 1935, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 11.

Richmond Bob Major.—On handbells at Bushey on February 2nd, 1935, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 32.

Little Oxford Bob Major.—5,040 at King's Langley on February 22nd, 1936, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 79.

Wymondham Bob Major.—5,184 at Walsby on June 6th, 1937, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 51.

Painswick College Bob Major.—5,056 at Crayford on July 16th, 1937, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 44.

Pulford College Bob Major.—5,184 at Crayford on September 24th, 1937, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 40.

Single Norwich Court Major.—5,216 at Alburgh on November 20th, 1937, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. Previously rung on handbells at Cambridge on January 10th, 1922, by the Cambridge University Guild. C.C. No. 19.

Ashbourne College Bob Major.—5,056 at Staines on July 6th, 1938, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 42.

Double Coslany Court Major.—5,056 at Twickenham on May 13th, 1939, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 21.

Cheltenham Bob Major.—5,056 at Crayford on June 16th, 1939, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 17.

Fulbeck Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at East Dereham on June 24th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 124.

Gonville Bob Major.—5,008 at Handbridge on August 5th, 1939, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 36.

Avalon Court Major.—On handbells at Bushey on July 15th, 1941, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 39.

Lavenham Court Major.—On handbells at Bushey on July 17th, 1941, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 8.

Highbury Bob Major.—On handbells at Bushey on July 25th, 1941, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 6.

Kidlington College Court Major.—On handbells at Oxford on June 6th, 1944, by the Oxford University Society. C.C. No. 43.

Norfolk Imperial Major.—5,184 at Coslany on December 21st, 1946, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 307.

Double Mancroft Bob Major.—5,056 at Frodsham on March 17th, 1947, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 22.

Maidstone Bob Major.—5,184 at Kingham on June 7th, 1947, by the Oxford University Society. Previously rung on handbells at Oxford on June 16th, 1944, by the Oxford University Society. C.C. No. 10.

Tiverton Little Bob.—5,040 at Buckley on October 18th, 1947, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 81.

Hethersett Imperial Major.—5,120 at Hethersett on December 19th, 1947, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 106.

Sawston Imperial Major.—5,088 at St. Giles', Norwich, on December 27th, 1947, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 48.

Longney Bob Major.—5,040 at Kirtlington on January 3rd, 1948, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 55.

New London Court Major.—5,088 at Hethersett on August 27th, 1948, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. Previously rung on handbells at Canterbury on August 10th, 1946, by the Oxford University Society. C.C. No. 31.

Spalding College Major.—5,184 at Clifford on April 25th, 1949, by the Herefordshire Diocesan Guild. Previously rung on handbells at Oxford on May 12th, 1944, by the Oxford University Society. C.C. No. 41.

Norwich Little Bob Major.—5,000 at Kenninghall on May 7th, 1949, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 195.

Trinity Court Major.—5,184 at Hethersett on April 11th, 1950, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 35.

Truro Court Major.—5,056 at Hethersett on Oct. 27th, 1950, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 49.

Leamington Bob Major.—5,152 at Hethersett on April 30th, 1951, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 16.

St. Lawrence Bob Major.—5,040 at Frodsham on February 2nd, 1951, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 162.

Colville Bob Major.—5,280 at Witton on May 17th, 1952, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 46.

Saxlingham Imperial Major.—5,184 at Saxlingham Nethergate on September 15th, 1952, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 202.

Coslany Imperial Major.—5,056 at Coslany on October 6th, 1952, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 242.

Owens College Bob Major.—5,056 at Stretford on October 18th, 1952, by the Manchester University Guild. C.C. No. 222.

Buckley Imperial Bob Major.—5,088 at Buckley on November 8th, 1952, by the North Wales Association. C.C. No. 250.

Daresbury Imperial Bob Major.—5,120 at Daresbury on November 15th, 1952, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 218.

Aldeburgh Court Major.—5,184 at Saxlingham Nethergate on November 19th, 1952, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 121.

Grosvenor Imperial Bob Major.—5,120 at Pulford on November 22nd, 1952, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 366.

Liscard Imperial Bob Major.—5,088 at Liscard on January 10th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 220.

Westminster Imperial Bob Major.—5,088 at Pulford on January 24th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 203.

St. Valentine's Imperial Bob Major.—5,120 at Daresbury on February 14th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 248.

Malpas Imperial Bob Major.—5,040 at Malpas on February 28th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 276.

Bebington Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at Bebington on March 14th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 224.

Hingham Little Imperial Bob Major.—5,000 at Hingham on April 19th, 1953, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Sedbergh Court Major.—5,056 at Hethersett on April 27th, 1953, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 120.

Cholmondeley Bob Major.—5,152 at Malpas on June 13th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 52A.

Poulton Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at Pulford on October 17th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 364.

Christleton Bob Major.—5,152 at Christleton on December 5th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 108.

HALF PEAL

SUTTON BENDER, WILTS.—On Oct. 17th, 2,640 Doubles (1,680 Reverse Canterbury, 600 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): Rita M. Webb 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, T. J. Milsom 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5. Believed to be the longest length on the bells.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Worrall 1, J. Riley (first 'inside') 2, R. Cartledge 3, V. Stonier 4, B. Corbishley 5, R. Worrall (cond.) 6. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Bush 1, C. A. S. Harwood 2, G. Thoday 3, L. Scott 4, P. Flack (first in method) 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. For the 75th anniversary of the Hertford County Association.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Winsrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, J. Camp (first of Cambridge Major) 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, F. Reed 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Winsrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Ann Shields 3, R. Broadley 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Winsrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Gwen Reeves 3, Audrey Green (first 'inside') 4, M. Broadley 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, R. Broadley 8. For Evensong on St. Luke's Day.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, W. Moreley 4, I. Harris 5, J. Benfield 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, S. Hitchcox 8.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill N. Richardson 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, G. C. Jackson 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6. For harvest festival.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Purnell (cond.) 1, C. Lansley 2, A. Bartlett 3, C. Howlett 4, P. Gaisford 5, F. Box 6. **BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, H. Preece 6, E. M. Smith 7, D. W. Davies 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hiddins; also a 2nd birthday compliment to the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davies.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. North 1, W. A. Riddington 2, A. W. Bond 3, L. Batting 4, F. Cruttenden 5, F. Page 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, G. North 8. For Evensong.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Checksfield, a ringer at Burmarsh for 60 years.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Unwin 1, P. Newing 2, S. G. White 3, S. Walter 4, M. J. Holness 5, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 6, T. C. Phillimore 7, D. M. Holness (first of Triples) 8.

CARLTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,440 Minimus (New Little Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, Original): Mrs. S. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Franklin 2, A. Franklin 3, P. Wakeman (cond.) 4. A farewell to the Rev. A. V. Ledbury, who is leaving the parish.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline A. Farlow 1, J. Hanley 2, W. S. Crawford 3, R. Evans 4, A. S. Bayley 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, B. L. Jones 7, A. Lloyd 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the centenary of the first peal on the bells (October 7th, 1859) after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters the previous day.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, J. Higgs 2, S. Hill 3, M. Harrison 4, D. Armstrong 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sheila P. Miller 1, M. P. Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, Patricia M. Howard 4, Evelyn D. Wallis 5, R. H. Peters 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, G. F. Tizzard 8. First of Triples by 1, 2 and 5. First of Bob Triples by all. Rung by the local band for harvest festival Evensong.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, A. Higginbottom 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, H. Mitson 5, H. Ivings 6, J. E. Ivings 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FISHTOFT, Lincs.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Gilbert 1, L. H. Tavior 2, J. Bailey 3, F. Leggett 4, A. H. Flatters 5, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. F. J. Coveney.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): Jackie Underwood 1, A. J. Davey 2, P. E. Wells 3, J. Storey (first 'inside') 4, C. L. Goodzer 5, L. Ransom (cond.) 6, J. A. Witney 7, G. W. Henson 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,272 Minor (720 Netherseale and 552 Norwich Surprise): Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. Cherry 1, Jean Croft (first 'inside') 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 5, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on April 19th, 1,440 Norfolk Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 3rd, 1,440 Westminster Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 17th, 1,440 Annabes London Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Heyhoe 1, Frieda A. M. Frost 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, W. J. Bailey (first quarter) 4, P. Woodcock (cond.) 5, H. J. Larwood 6. As a token of respect to Cecil V. Ebersson.

HOLME PIERREFONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, R. Mills 2, J. Meredith 3, D. Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For evening service.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Union, St. Simon's, Stedman, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Blake 1, Mary Powell 2, T. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORTH CREEKE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. T. Owen (first quarter) 1, T. Owen (cond.) 2, R. Owen 3, R. Allcock 4, J. E. Couzens 5, D. Allcock 6. Rung by the local band in memoriam Cecil V. Ebersson.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pamela M. Turner 1, R. G. Morris 2, M. C. Hughes 3, R. E. Tallis, jun. 4, R. E. Tallis (cond.) 5, V. Nash 6. For Matins. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Judith M. Gwilt 3, R. E. Tallis 4, M. C. Hughes 5, V. R. Tallis 6. For Matins. Also 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pamela M. Turner (25th quarter) 1, R. D. Herbury 2, C. J. A. Goy 3, R. E. Tallis, jun. 4, M. C. Hughes 5, V. Nash 6. Callings conducted alternately by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Dr. C. Guy Roworth (first of Caters in method) 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, D. W. Townsend 3, Mavis Wright 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, R. G. Townsend 6, B. Bladon 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Arranged to enable A. G. Wells to ring a quarter on the bells.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Sumner 1, A. Pickles 2, R. Price 3, J. Bailey 4, F. Howarth 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. Roger Martin, of Preston, who was interred this day.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Cherry 1, L. Runnacles 2, B. W. Lake 3, S. H. Ashton (cond.) 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung for a memorial service to Horace Roberts, 60 years verged and ringer at this church.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Stapleford 1, D. J. Barnett 2, C. Barrable 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley Robinson 1, R. Raven 2, Susan Sherwood 3, Susan Alexander 4, Cynthia Smewin (first as cond.) 5, Sonia Allen 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. A. Cross, churchwarden; also the 15th birthdays of 1 and 5, and the 17th birthday of 4.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. L. Coward 1, A. Streeter 2, G. Olliver 3, W. Parrott 4, F. E. Roberts 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, A. R. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled by officers of the Surrey Association in memory of George F. Hoad, who funeral took place earlier in the day.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Oct. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Westcott 1, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 2, M. Hill Brown 3, Gillian Neal Smith 4, Jill Barron 5, J. D. Rock 6, C. M. Bloomer 7, R. G. Leale (cond.) 8. Rung by a band from the Daughter Church of St. Matthias (which has no bells) to welcome the new Vicar of Richmond (the Rev. D. Landreth, M.A.).

RISE, YORKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire—Pitman's and Morris's): J. Lum 1, H. Rodmell 2, R. Carliil 3, C. Gray-Nicholson 4, J. Holmes (cond.) 5. First quarter by all the band and believed to be the first on the bells, installed 1904.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Pointer (first quarter) 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, R. C. B. Smallman (first of Triples) 8. For the patronal festival.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, H. Collin 3, H. Grocock 4, J. Musson 5, T. Needham (first quarter) 6.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, L. G. Gates (first 'inside') 2, H. Miller 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. Wainwright 5, R. Newman 6, H. J. Hazell 7, J. Wallman (cond.) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Warner 1, M. Stanley (first 'inside') 2, M. Wriath 3, T. R. Collins 4, R. G. Townsend 5, A. T. Collins 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Townsend 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, W. B. Kvnaston 3, Miss M. Wright 4, R. G. Townsend 5, F. Wilton 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Townsend, a member of Christ Church for 36 years, passed away September 28th.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Witten 1, A. C. Clarke 2, D. C. Uruhart 3, A. E. Briggs 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Tessa Lovell.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. M. Boum 1, Mrs. B. D. Williamson 2, S. Petter 3, Miss B. Mayers 4, K. Newman 5, C. A. Slyfield 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, R. W. Jordan 8. For harvest festival. **WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Evans 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, M. Morley 3, O. Mills 4, B. Cooper 5, P. Mills 6, B. K. Lewis 7, D. Ashton 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: E. Woolgrove 1, Miss H. White 2, R. W. Rex 3, Miss C. White 4, B. Mills 5, O. G. Smart 6, R. F. Crook 7, G. W. Dodd (cond.) 8. First on eight for 1, 2 and 4.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Margaret Lucas (first quarter) 1, B. A. Matthews 2, P. Langton 3, Jane Langton 4, S. A. Paice 5, J. Smith 6, D. R. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. A farewell to the ringers of 3 and 4, who are leaving the district; also for dedication festival.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Richardson (first of Minor) 1, A. W. Childs 2, B. L. Marks 3, C. A. Critchley 4, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 5, P. M. Bourn 6.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss W. Hale (first quarter) 1, D. Neville 2, Miss G. Martin (first quarter) 3, D. Elliott 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Cowdry 6. For harvest festival.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Sansom 1, Miss M. White (first of Triples) 2, Mrs. R. T. Jones 3, Miss D. Smith 4, C. Pound 5, K. Tipper 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, N. H. Bassett 8. For Evensong.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, P. Ruth Hosken 2, Marv Carveth 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, A. F. Burley 5, S. A. Read 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood 8. Rung in honour of the recent engagement of Cyril A. Wratten (Cheltenham) to Margery A. Birch (Kenwyn); also to celebrate the birth of a son (David Glanville) to Jennifer (nee Hosken) and Roger Egans, of Constantine.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The Society held its autumn meeting at St. Augustine's Church at Rugeley. The weather, unfortunately, was poor, but even so, more than 60 members and friends from all parts of the Archdeaconry made their way through the pouring rain to this pleasant little town on the edge of Cannock Chase. They were well rewarded with the hospitality of the Rugeley ringers and helpers who provided an excellent tea. During the afternoon and evening the six bells were put to very good use, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin, and his assistant, Mr. J. Dineneage. Methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rev. L. H. Townshend, who in his address said how much the clergy appreciated the work done by ringers. Tea followed in the Parish Hall where, as mentioned before, an excellent spread had been prepared by Mrs. Joyner and her lady helpers. In the evening the bells of Colwich and Blithfield were made available to ringers searching for fresh towers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

It was disappointing that only 30 members (eight from Kelvedon) attended the Northern District meeting at Great Bardfield on Oct. 17th, but those who were there had a very happy and enjoyable afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. O. Masheder, and Mr. Webb was at the organ. The tea and meeting were held in the café.

Mr. Jennings and the local band welcomed the ringers. Various methods were rung, some of which were recorded. It is hoped to hold the annual meeting at Earls Colne on January 16th.

UNDERSHAFT DOUBLES

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Plain course of 120 changes; no bobs or singles required.

First peal in the principle rung at St. Mary Magdalene's, Oxford, October 10th, 1959.

The band which rang the first peal on the new bells at Biggin Hill wish to record their appreciation of two local ringers, Miss Barbara Howard and Mr. Nadon, who met them prior to the commencement of the attempt, remained outside throughout the peal and provided refreshments at its conclusion.

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The first peal of Undershaft Doubles has been rung at Oxford. The band resisted the temptation to submit this peal as Jeremy Salter's first as conductor, though he did shout 'Go, Undershaft,' and 'That's all,' and also had the arduous task of counting 42.

With the peal at Heene on October 21st, Messrs. H. C. Weaver and Raymond P. Wood have now 'circled the tower.'

Mr. Peter N. Bond was not present at the Lincoln Guild dinner, as erroneously stated in our last issue, but was at home in Kent.

Among the votes of thanks at the Oxford Diocesan Guild autumn meeting at Banbury was one to two young ladies who inadvertently not only washed the Church House floor but also themselves when they turned a tap the wrong way.

Two bands of ringers rang for the induction of the Rev. Derek Landreth to the living of Richmond, Surrey. For the first half-hour the band from St. Matthias' (a daughter church without bells) rang 672 Plain Bob Major, conducted by Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, and the band of the Parish Church took over for the second half-hour. Both choirs also sang for the service. A week later the St. Matthias' band rang a quarter peal to welcome the new Vicar (conductor, Mr. R. G. Leale).

With the peal of Whitwick Surprise Royal at Loughborough Bell Foundry, Ernest Morris has now rung 250 peals on these bells, being the first to reach this total. Included in these peals he has conducted Plain Bob Major, 7,008 (twice), 9,600 (400 singles) and 13,440 (extent of tenors together). Also 9,120 Ilkeston T.B. (extent), 6,720 Little Bob (extent tenors together); also taken part in 9,600 Worcester T.B. (extent) and rang the tenor to 10,976 Bristol Surprise. The peals include Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Appreciation was not lacking at the annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the K.C.A. on October 24th, when the resignation was received of Mr. A. G. Hill, after 35 years of loyal and devoted service. He was presented with a cheque as a small thankoffering from past and present members of the District.

The Crosthwaite (Keswick) Handbell Ringers are appearing on B.B.C. Television on Wednesday, November 11th, at about 10.45 p.m.

For those who like real drama, read James W. Gibbon's playlet, 'The Ringer's Dilemma,' where the heroine is tied to the clapper of the tenor and the hero has to raise the bell. This thriller appears in the October issue of the quarterly 'The Ringers' Magazine.' P. A. C. should find 'Bells in Philately' interesting: perhaps with his wide knowledge of the subject he could add to the collection.

Four schoolboys who were members of a party who had a day's ringing in North Staffordshire on Tuesday, October 6th, spent their spare time thinking of excuses to give at school next morning. Perhaps one of our schoolmaster ringers, or even the great Professor Dodge, can think out an appropriate punishment. Learning a method for each tower visited might be more appropriate than a few cuts from a rope end!

Finding the belfry door locked, an outing party went in search of the Vicar, who was found cleaning out his chicken run. He mistook the visitors as canvassers for the Tory party. Although an octogenarian, he sportingly came to watch the ringing, which included London, Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire. This tower-grab party saw more than the belfry—they admired the window to the memory of Isaac Walton, which contains a picture of St. Mary's Church, Stafford; and the church is at Madeley.

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HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION LOOKS BACK 75 YEARS

THE early 18th century Town Hall of St. Albans, with its portraits of Stuart monarchs, made a fitting setting for the 75th anniversary dinner of the Hertford County Association on October 24th. Mr. G. W. Debenham, the Association's president, who was accompanied by Miss Debenham, presided over a company of 150. A strong musical programme, which included a recital by the Launton Handbell Ringers and singing by the North Mymms Women's Institute choir, conducted by Mrs. Kathleen Lock, was interspersed between the speeches.

The company present included the Dean of St. Albans (Very Rev. A. K. Mathews), the president of the Central Council and Mrs. F. Sharpe, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Miss Steel (president of the Bedfordshire Association), Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Plummer, Mr. E. G. Buck, Mr. J. Watkins (head verger of St. Albans Cathedral), Mr. T. J. Lock (secretary of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Lock, the Rev. Hart Synnot (Vicar of St. Stephen's), the Rev. C. P. Sherwood (Rector of Launton), Mr. B. C. Johnson, Mr. T. J. Southam, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Critchley.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Church and State,' submitted by the president, who took as his theme the influence of the State on the Book of Common Prayer. He quoted in particular the controversy over the Revised Prayer Book of 1928, as showing the deep interest the people, as represented by the House of Commons, took in the English Church.

RINGERS' DUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

As individuals, he said, they were members of the State and Church, and lastly ringers. The vast majority of bell-ringing was in ecclesiastical buildings, and it was only right that those bells should be rung conscientiously Sunday by Sunday and on occasions of State. If they carried out those two duties they would be fulfilling their duties to Church and State and to the Supreme Being.

The Dean of St. Albans referred in his reply to his service to the State as a chaplain in the Royal Navy in the last war, in which he saw service in the Battle of the Bismarck and the Battle of the North Cape.

In the association between the Church and State he hoped the State would do everything in its power to make life good and fair, and if the Church in its way could help the State steering on that course, and keep ever before it the standards of God, he believed that association would mean much to England and, pray God, under such circumstances it would grow stronger, finer and ever closer.

The toast of 'The Hertfordshire County Association of Change Ringers' was proposed by Mr. R. C. Heazel. He called to mind the formation of the Association 75 years ago, when travel and life were very different. The Articles of the Association framed then still stood—to raise the standard of change-ringing, to do their duty to the Church and to be recognised by the Church.

Since then they had passed through two great wars, and people had changed. There was not now the same civility. Seventy-five years ago they had to go very humbly to their employers if they wished to get a Saturday afternoon off for ringing.

LIFE TODAY

Look at the picture today. Visualise a little village in the county on a Saturday afternoon, filled with an air of expectancy. At last there would be heard the snorting of a car which would draw up in front of the church, and

from it would be disgorged examples of masculinity and femininity. The car would be followed by motor-cycles, mopeds and bicycles. When they were assembled, someone would say: 'Don't you think we ought to go and have a pull?' They would sort themselves out and catch hold of the ropes. The reason he gave that picture was because that was the way the life of the Association was being carried on. All the time they could encourage these young people they would have no fear that the Association would die. He asked them to drink to the founder members, officials and members of the Association.

The Master, in acknowledging the toast, regretted the absence of the Lord Bishop and also the Master of the Middlesex Association. The members of their Association were a team; people were anxious to join it, feel they were members and leave something behind them that was permanent. He thanked Mrs. Dodds for presenting to them Peal Book No. 3 in a beautiful leather case, which they would find in St. Peter's Church.

It was probably true that their Association had made good the ravages due to the war, when for three years there was no ringing and some did none for five years. They probably had not the brilliant Surprise band who rang a new Surprise method each week, under Mr. Cashmore, or the handbell band of 25 years ago, and he was certain it would be many years before they looked on their like again.

They had heard of those men who met at the Deanery at St. Albans and started the Association, and it was the present members' job to ensure that they handed on the Association at least no worse than when they entered.

He would like to tell them of the debt of gratitude they owed to some of the old London ringers who were mentioned in a recent article in 'The Ringing World.' Many of those men came out and rang peals with the Hertfordshire Association or as College Youths. They were what they would now call characters, and were the product of the highly-competitive age in which they lived. No one then would dream of ringing with one hand or be asked which bell would they ring—they would be told which one. Many of the stories told about them were apocryphal. One, it was said, put in for the job of hangman at Newgate, and his name appeared on peal boards in their county.

A PRESENTATION

At the conclusion of the toast Mr. Debenham was presented by the Dean with a silver tankard, inscribed: 'Presented to George W. Debenham, president July 1875–October, 1959, Hertford County Association Change Ringers.'

Thanking the Association for this gift, Mr. Debenham said he spent a considerable time in hospital, and the thing that struck him was the number of letters and visitors he had. 'What I did to deserve this I don't know, but I can assure you it will be put to very good use.' [Applause.]

Proposing the toast of 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers,' Mr. R. G. Bell said on Easter Tuesday, 1890, there was a gathering of ringers, and the convener was a man whose name became a household word among ringers—Arthur Percival Heywood, later Sir Arthur. The object of the meeting was to discuss things of interest to ringers, and among the things discussed was the desirability of holding these meetings yearly. A year later, on Easter Tuesday, 1891, the first meeting proper of the Council was held.

It was interesting to note that at that first meeting the Hertfordshire Association was represented by Leonard Proctor, the famous squire of Bennington. He had a Surprise Major band among his workers. He was succeeded in

1894 by Edward Percy Debenham, of St. Albans, a much-loved man and well known to some present that evening.

Many famous ringers had passed through the Council since then. He would, that evening, like to pay tribute to two—Edwin H. Lewis, who graced the presidential chair for so many years, and George Fletcher, who carried out the duties of secretary for practically the same period.

WISDOM BACKED BY EXPERIENCE

The work of the Council was too well known for him to elaborate. Through its committees it endeavoured to guide the ringing Exercise by wisdom backed by experience. The committees were composed of hard-working people who gave freely of their time for a single purpose—to further the art of change-ringing. They looked back with gratitude on all that people had done during the years. The Council was not without its critics, and criticism ranged from the highly intellectual to the mundane. The latest undertaking of the Council was the Sunday Service Ringing Survey. They could take it as a great challenge to all of them.

Stating that this was the first time he had to reply to the toast, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the president of the Council, said change-ringing did not start in Hertfordshire 75 years ago, because they knew that in All Saints', Hertford, a peal of 5,040 Triples was rung in 1724, and also shortly afterwards in St. Albans, on the then new bells of St. Peter's, they rang 'a complete peal of Bob Major.' Later, in 1779, there was a peal of over 12,000 changes. Long before that there was ringing at their Abbey. They knew that in 1077 they had bells given to the Abbey, and there was a long and interesting history; throughout the ages the ringers and clergy of Hertfordshire had an interest in bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

The achievements of the Hertfordshire Association were many, but first he would place Sunday service ringing. When Stahlschmidt wrote 'The Church Bells of Hertfordshire' they would find only 5 per cent. of the towers rang for Sunday services. The remainder were merely chimed with the tenor as sermon bell. The Survey had shown that bells were rung in 68 per cent. of the towers of the county, due to the good work of the Diocesan Guilds and County Associations. That represented a great advance in the art of change-ringing, which used to be only the pleasure of the few. That result in their area was due to the activities and spade work of the members of their Guild. To their officers, past and present, he would like to say a word of congratulation.

A tremendous amount of work went on behind the scenes in the Central Council. One example was 'The Beginner's Handbook,' which had sold out an edition of 5,000 in under a year, and they were now in the process of re-printing. It had been an outstanding success and he hoped to see many good results from it. He brought to them, as president, the good wishes of the organised ringing Societies in this country and overseas on this their 75th anniversary, and may the good work they had done in the past continue and flourish.

GUESTS

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. Walter Ayre, who said they had with them that evening representatives of the Essex and Bedfordshire Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had rung many peals with Essex people, and it was a great happiness to him to hear the Master of that Association propose a toast, because he liked the Essex drawl.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER—Cont.

They were also delighted to have with them Miss Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association. His first acquaintance with Miss Steel was at Rammore, at a Sheffield District and old East Derbyshire Association meeting, when they were both proposed members of that Association the same day.

In the old days they had to watch their step; there used to be enmity between the Associations. He would not then dare to fix up a peal for his Association in the territory of another Association. He suggested that courtesy should still exist and permission be sought.

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied.

The concluding toast was 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. E. G. Buck and responded to by the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Rector of Launton.

Apart from the musical programme mentioned above, there was conjuring by Mr. F. W. Ellis. The excellent arrangements for the dinner were made by a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. G. W. Debenham, with Mr. H. V. Frost as secretary.

THE SERVICE

The service in the afternoon in the Cathedral was conducted by the Dean, assisted by Canon Hudson and the Rev. C. E. Wigg. Evensong was followed by a recital by the Launton Handbell Ringers, introduced by Mr. F. Sharpe, the band being Mrs. J. G. Steeples, Mrs. C. P. Sherwood, Miss S. Gilpin, Miss E. Sharpe, Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Mr. P. Allan and Mr. F. Sharpe. An address was given by the Dean.

Ringling during the afternoon was at the Abbey, St. Stephen's, St. Peter's and St. Michael's.

AN ABERAVON CENTENARY

The old Norman church at Aberavon, Glam. was dismantled in 1857, and a large modern one, built in its place, was dedicated on October 19th, 1859. At the suggestion of the Vicar, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to mark the centenary. Mr. Ernest Stinch, of Wolverhampton, and Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Leamington, who had rung together at this tower for nearly 40 years, returned and took part.

Both also stood in a peal on the new Swansea bells the following day, with the result that four who took part in the last peal on the old bells in 1938, before the blitz, also rang in this one. Then on the following Wednesday a peal was rung at Bridgend, enabling Mr. Stinch to ring his 80th peal on them and to 'circle the tower' for the eighth time. It is ten years since he rang his last peal at this tower.

T. M. R.

A CORRECTION TO DEVON TOUR

Dear Sir.—There should be a small correction regarding the recent Devon tour. The peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Honiton Clyst was the first of Spliced Surprise on the bells, but not the first of Surprise on the bells because a peal of Cambridge Major was rung on them a few years ago.—Yours sincerely,

AUBREY L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh.

OXFORD GUILD'S GIFT TO 'THE RINGING WORLD'

There was a very full discussion on 'The Ringing World' at the autumn general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Banbury on October 3rd, with the deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) in the chair. The attendance numbered 150.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) moved 'That this Guild contribute £10 per annum towards the cost of production of "The Ringing World," commencing 1959.'

He said that as a result of the printing dispute 'The Ringing World' Committee was faced with a lot of extra expenditure, and as a result the cost might go up to 9d. Their Guild had always taken the initiative in matters and he hoped that it would once again give a lead to other Guilds and Associations.

The motion was seconded by Miss M. R. Cross.

Mr. Cave (Banbury) felt that 'The Ringing World' was uninteresting. He suggested that advertising material concerning the journal should be sent to the towers.

Mr. A. Diserens suggested that the way to get an improvement was to write to the Editor.

The chairman stated that the Editor welcomed leading articles. 'The Ringing World' was the ringers' own paper. It would be a major catastrophe if it failed. The increased cost of £1,000 must be met by increased sales or charges.

Mr. G. Edmans also felt that the paper had become uninteresting. The hon. librarian agreed with this view and suggested the Central Bucks Branch should send in material so that the Editor had a choice.

Mr. A. D. Barker commented that the reports of meetings were all the same and that was one reason why they were not put in.

Mr. J. Diserens, while in favour of saving 'The Ringing World,' complained that interesting reports were drastically cut.

To this the chairman replied that the Editor hated doing this but sometimes it was necessary.

Mr. A. K. Pink said there was scope for improvement in 'The Ringing World,' but he realised that it had gone through a very difficult situation. He therefore proposed as an amendment that a grant of £20 be made for 1959 and that the matter be reviewed each year. As a result he hoped 'The Ringing World' Committee would be 'gingered up.'

This was seconded by Mr. A. Diserens and carried.

THE SURVEY

The hon. general secretary (Miss Cross) reported that the Sunday Service Ringing Survey had been well received by the clergy, who were now showing a keener interest. The Bishops of Oxford, Dorchester and Buckingham, and the Archdeacon of Buckingham, were all taking a keener interest in the work of the Guild. It was therefore up to the members of the Guild to do everything in their power to improve the situation.

Mr. W. Parker thought it was a question of leadership. Where there were no leaders there was trouble.

Mr. H. L. Roper's proposition of the general secretary calling a meeting of Branch secretaries so that something concrete might be done was accepted by the meeting.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

On the question of a week-end course of instruction the hon. general secretary reported that Big Wood, Radley, was willing to hold a course at 25s. per head per day.

The hon. treasurer said he had opened up negotiations with the Diocesan Retreat House at Stoke Poges but had received no definite offer.

The chairman announced that both the Yorkshire Association and the Suffolk Guild were holding week-end courses.

Mr. W. Butler said that his Branch had held a lecture on learning methods, which had proved very successful, and he felt that such a course should be held.

The hon. librarian considered that much of the Dillington House course had been over the students' heads. He felt that the Guild must decide on a higher or lower course or both run conjointly.

The chairman stated that some of the Dillington House course was over his head, but he felt that everyone who had attended had learnt something.

The meeting agreed that a committee of the officers of the Guild should be set up to make the necessary arrangements.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

A motion by Mr. W. Birmingham that the annual committee meeting be held after the agenda for the Central Council had been published, so that some guidance might be given to the Central Council representatives should the Guild deem it necessary, was carried.

The service in St. Mary's Church, Banbury, followed the business meeting. This was conducted by the Vicar, and the address was given by the Archdeacon of Buckingham. A very large congregation nearly filled the church. A buffet tea was served in St. Mary's Church House to over 210 ringers and friends. Ringing was available in no fewer than 14 churches.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

Representatives from the farthest points of South and West Wales were among the 18 towers attending the South Wales District quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Swansea, on October 3rd.

Canon H. C. Williams, in his fine address given at the service, mentioned that he was the man who had made the most noise in Swansea during this century. He had been responsible for the restoration of Sketty's eight bells and for the installation of the new ring of eight at St. Mary's, Swansea. An excellent tea was served in the new Church Room adjoining Trinity Chapel afterwards. Mr. J. Alsop thanked Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers. Miss Dorothy Atwell (vice-president) thanked Canon Williams for his warm welcome to Swansea and for his interest in the Guild.

At the business meeting four new members were elected—the Misses Hazel Everett and Diana Johnson (Llandaff), Maureen Hawkins and Elaine Thomas (Cowbridge). Whitchurch, Cardiff, was chosen for the next meeting, possibly on November 21st.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL TOURS AND GUILD FINANCES

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. W. Birmingham, which appeared in last week's issue, prompts me to question the accuracy of several of his statements. But first let me make it quite clear at the outset that I am concerned only with his references to the Cheshire ringers' peal week, having no personal interest in the other two points raised.

Mr. Birmingham appears to base his remarks on three precepts: (1) That this tour served little or no useful purpose; (2) That the ringing of these peals was a financial burden to the Guilds concerned; and (3) That peal weeks reduce the whole status of change-ringing to the level of a sport.

Mr. Birmingham is clearly unaware that in most Cheshire ringers' peals it is the normal practice to omit superfluous footnotes, and that if these had been inserted he would then have seen that three of the ringers taking part rang in their first peal of Surprise Major, and that nine of them rang in their first in a new method or methods. In fact, one person rang in six peals to which this particular footnote might have been applied, and another person in three. The ringer who 'stood in only two attempts' had been on holiday during most of the week and did, in fact, ring in all peals for which he was available. It would seem that this peal week was, even by Mr. Birmingham's standards, of real benefit to at least 12 of the 18 ringers who took part.

Secondly, it must be remembered that both the Chester Guild and the Lancashire Association charge a peal-booking fee of 6d. per rope which, in the case of the former, provides 26 per cent. of the cost of the annual report. Add to this the subscriptions from the 150 members who ring in peals, and the cost of the 40 per cent. of the space devoted to peals in the report is adequately covered. So a peal week is certainly not the financial handicap to the Guild which Mr. Birmingham would have us believe. I might also add, whilst on the subject of finance, that *everyone* in the peal week is a regular subscriber to the 'R.W.'

If, by doing something we enjoy, we turn ringing into a sport, a suggestion with which I disagree entirely, I must remind Mr. Birmingham that the same thing could be said of a cathedral organist who gives recitals in other churches. Is he a sportsman, too? I think not!—Yours faithfully,

NEIL BENNETT.

Aberystwyth.

PEAL TOURS

Dear Sir.—Since writing my letter, which appeared in the last issue, I am informed that the Devonshire Guild has a peal levy, so the cost of the peals will have been met. However, many Guilds, like my own, would have had to bear their cost, had they been credited to them. I am not attacking the bands concerned but the general practice of peal tours by bands of experts, the success of whose attempts are almost a foregone conclusion, as they have all rung the methods to peals countless times before.—Yours, etc.,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I send the following figures of a composition of Spliced Surprise Major in the four methods in which is given more work of London and Cambridge than is usual in 3-lead course peals.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Leamington Spa.

5,056 SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR

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6 3 2 5 4	2	—	—	L L L C X L
4 5 2 3 6	—	—	—	L X L
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Repeat twice as from 34256, omit last two bobs Home in third part and the lead of Bristol. X Cambridge or Superlative.

A GOOD RECAP

Dear Sir,—Having read the report, 'A Good 50 Years,' in a recent issue of the 'R.W.', I was surprised to see the following in 'The Ringing World' of March 28th, 1913:—

'To THE WEST

'On October 11th a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung for evening service at Charing Church by H. Willard 1, C. F. Good 2, C. L. Prior 3, W. C. Good 4, H. E. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6. An attempt for a peal of 5,040 had to be abandoned owing to the indisposition of one of the band. This was arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. C. F. Good, who has since left for Canada. On Tuesday, the 18th inst., he was the recipient of two valuable purse belts, subscribed by the Charing ringers.

'The Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Fotheringham), in making the presentation, said he hoped for the day when the ring of six at Charing would be increased to eight. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, the following contributing to the programme: Messrs. J. Colbreay, C. L. Prior, W. and H. E. Good and T. Ifield, jun., with Mrs. Walker at the piano.

'The Charing band are about to start on Bob Minor, and if any gentlemen in the district would volunteer to assist they would be heartily welcomed on Tuesday evening at 7.30, or any other evening by arrangement.

Mr. H. E. Good still rings—can he still sing?—Yours, etc.,

P. M. TOWN.

Linton, Kent.

P.S.—I'm often in the Charing district. If Mr. Good would like to know of old friends I might be able to help and would be pleased to do so.—P. M. T.

SOUTH AFRICA IS IN THE RINGING WORLD

Dear Sir,—I can only hope that Mr. Phil Corby has been misreported in the account of the Kent dinner (page 587). I refer to the words 'Except for Australia, the United States and Canada, . . . the art was *not* practised outside these islands.' No doubt South Africa lags behind North America in many ways, but to anyone who reads his 'Ringing World' our record of activity does not merit this relegation to the limbo of silent towers.

I know that some of those present were in a position to correct this impression, and I would like to think that they did so.—Yours truly,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Cape Town.

CHANGE RINGING AT DURBAN

Dear Sir,—On page 553 of issue dated September 25th you published news from Durban. In this Mr. Chambers says that in August the first touches of Grandsire Triples for 20 years were rung in Durban. I would like to say that in June, 1943, Grandsire Triples were being rung. The occasion that springs to my mind was the dedication in that month of a chancel screen or rail by Dr. Fisher, Bishop of Natal. There was in the band Alan Pink, then a naval lieutenant, a naval petty officer who rang at Hereford Cathedral, and myself, a naval rating. Others were soldiers and airmen who were stationed in camp at Wentworth, just outside Durban. If memory serves me correctly, the captain of the band at that time was a Mr. Westley or Westlake, who was the manager of a large newspaper and stationer's shop nearby.

May I send my best wishes to the band at Durban, and especially to Mr. Chambers, whom I had the pleasure of meeting at Carlisle in September, 1956.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN LISTER.

St. Mary's, Slough.

DEVON PEAL TOUR

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the peal of London rung at Exminster during the recent peal tour of Devon was not the first of Major on the bells. Double Norwich was rung there on November 10th, 1951, conducted by G. Stedman Morris. It was also incorrect to claim the first peal of Surprise at Withycombe Raleigh, as Superlative was rung there in 1949.

Would it not save trouble and printing space to ensure that information regarding peals is authoritative before placing such records in the printers' hands?

Whilst on the subject of visiting bands, it is apparent that peal tours are becoming more popular, especially in areas such as the West Country. Might I mention that a little courtesy, such as leaving the ropes the same length as they were found and perhaps a few shillings to the local bell repair fund after a peal, does make things more pleasant when future bands wish to visit the towers, especially when the local band is 'call-change' and does not appreciate our change-ringing peculiarities.

My remarks are not intended to be offensive but merely constructive criticism based on occurrences which have taken place during this year in Devon.—Yours faithfully,

D. MALLETT.

Exeter, Devon.

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MR. G. E. FEARN'S PEAL TOUR OF DEVON

THE bright, sunny morning of September 26th found four cars travelling south-westwards along the winding roads of Somerset and Devon, heading for Buckfast Abbey, where was to be attempted the first of 13 peals arranged for our party of ringers from Birmingham, Lincoln, London, Brierley Hill and Taunton, amid the beautiful county of glorious Devon.

Before the peal attempt we lunched in Buckfastleigh at the King's Arms Hotel, which was to be our headquarters for the week and where we met Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, who had undertaken all the ringing arrangements. At the Abbey we were welcomed by the Rev. Father Oswald Mowan, who took us up to the belfry. The bells were raised, band placed and ropes adjusted, and we prepared to settle down to four hours of Cambridge Maximus. But this was not to be, for after three courses a slight mix-up on the front necessitated the conductor to call 'Stand.'

Sunday morning was crisp and clear, and for morning service ringing we visited St. Andrew's, Plymouth, where Mr. T. G. Myers was very pleased to welcome us. A course of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Grandsire Caters were unfortunately all that time allowed. Mr. Myers then took us up on Plymouth Hoe and round the Old Harbour before we had to say goodbye and make our way back to Buckfastleigh for lunch. There was a peal arranged for us in the afternoon at Wolborough, and here we got off the mark with a good peal of Bristol.

FIRST FULL DAY

Monday was our first full day, and we scored two peals—London at St. Thomas', Exeter, and Lincolnshire at Thorverton. At St. Thomas', Exeter, we were met by Mr. E. W. Biffen and Mr. Norman Mallett, who took a tape-recording of the first ten minutes, and before the peal started the Vicar (Rev. J. P. Hinton) kindly said a prayer in the belfry. Thorverton, a neat little village nestling in the Exe Valley about six miles north of Exeter, contained a fair octave, which the local ringers wanted rehanging, although general opinion was that they were not exceptionally rough-going. A visiting ringer here stated most emphatically that the tenor ringer in the peal was the worst he'd ever heard, and when there was a sudden trip stormed off in disgust! Obviously he'd never heard a tenor 'turned in' before.

Honiton Cyst, with its quaint little church, possesses a good eight, though they are a ground floor ring with a very wide circle. It was here that we came first on Tuesday to be met by Mrs. G. E. Retter. Albert Pitman's 4-Spliced composition was duly rung. In the afternoon, a lovely ride through part of the wooded Yeo River valley brought us to Newton St. Cyres, where Mr. George Luxton was waiting for us, and the first peal of Surprise on the bells was marked by a peal of Rutland.

PUBLICAN'S APPRECIATION

A 'Halt' sign and a policeman caused one of our drivers a little delay on Wednesday morning, but he arrived at Paignton in time to call a peal of London, which turned out to be the first of Major on the bells. Afterwards a nearby publican treated us to drinks all round for the excellent ringing, the local ringers, including Mr. C. F. Austin, also being pleased at the high standard of striking. We kept up our Major record at Berry Pomeroy that afternoon, although there were three false starts, due to the third slipping wheel: the band then changed round and all went well for two-and-a-half hours, until one ringer suddenly found himself ringing 5ths place bell in Bristol without a rope! The conductor, however, kept everything well under control for the few mishaps, and we successfully brought round 6-Spliced. It certainly wasn't the Master's day!

The mist on Thursday morning gradually rose as we set off along the now-familiar route round the southern edge of Dartmoor and over the Haldon Hills to drop down on to the estuary of the Exe, making for Exminster, where the Rev. M. F. Judd and Mr. Way were awaiting us. These bells were Aubrey's surprise of the week, and are certainly a grand ring, sounding heavier than the 18 cwt. they are; we hope we did justice to them with another good peal of London. For the afternoon peal attempt we were privileged to visit Broadclyst where, quite appropriately, Bristol was rung. Two members of the party, who had already rung a peal there earlier in the year, stood out, and both agreed afterwards that the ringing was first-class.

Mr. C. Gatter met us next morning at Littleham, near Exmouth, the bells here being quite a contrast to Broadclyst's. Here was a good light eight, similar to Shirley, Birmingham, though about 1 cwt. heavier; and thoughts of a 'quickie' passed through our minds, but this was not entirely fulfilled, probably due to the long draught, as we took 2 hours 33 minutes over another peal of London.

The afternoon tower was only about a mile away at Withycombe Raleigh, so we were able to take lunch a little less hurriedly than usual. Quite a number of rope adjustments had to be made here before we could start, but eventually we set off and, despite several ropes jumping the wheel and bells running dry, we rang what is believed to be the first peal of 8-Spliced in Devon. Then came a dash back to Buckfastleigh for the evening meal, at which we were pleased to have Mr. Bennett with us.

THANKS AND A PRESENTATION

Afterwards we heartily expressed our thanks to Mr. A. L. Bennett for all the work he had put in to make the tour run so smoothly with his impeccable arrangements, and as a token of our gratitude Mr. G. E. Fearn presented him with a Parker fountain pen, together with a card containing all our signatures.

Early next morning we sadly bade farewell to Aubrey and departed for home, calling at Henbury, Bristol, to ring another peal which, of course, was London.

Lastly, we must thank all the incumbents and ringers who met us and allowed us the use of their bells and, by no means least of all, Mr. George Fearn, for arranging what was a most enjoyable and successful week.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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WOOLTON, LANCs.—On Oct. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. C. Hughes 1, Hilary Simmons 2, G. H. Pullin 3, Gwen Howlett 4, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5, F. Anderton 6, P. S. Bennett (first in method as cond.) 7, E. C. Birkett 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AT DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild maintained its popularity, and the large gathering present on October 10th at Bollands, Chester, had an enjoyable evening.

The toast of 'The Queen' having been honoured in the traditional way, the proceedings opened with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

The toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild' was most ably proposed by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. T. Clarke), who seemed not only to have inherited his predecessor's huge fund of stories but also to have added to it. The theme of the Archdeacon's speech was the importance of ringers to the church and the great value which he placed upon their services.

The Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke), in thanking the Archdeacon, said he would like to take the opportunity to pay tribute to the officials of the Guild for all their work. It had always been the Guild's good fortune to possess good officers.

In proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. C. W. Lawton spoke in appreciation of the quality of leadership given by the Archdeacon. The ringers should let their parson know when he did something particularly worth while. As members of the Church, ringers should let people know that they were Christians, and set an example in the materialistic world.

The Rev. E. Mercer, in reply, said that he had been told many years ago not to waste time on ringers, but he was proud of the witness which ringers gave. They told the people that the Church was doing its job, and people who hated bells did so because they offended their consciences. They remind the hearer that the Church is doing its job, and posed the question 'What are you doing about it?'

The rich fund of stories told in the speeches will enliven meetings in the next few months. The musical programme included items from Messrs. Taylor and Boyer, handbell tune ringing from the Wirral Handbell Ringers and the Macclesfield Handbell Ringers. C. K. L.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END AT WRINGTON

The third week-end in October is normally the week-end nearest to the anniversary of the death of Major John H. B. Hesse, of Wrington, and a well-known ringer all over the country. Once again, 'in memoriam' peal attempts were arranged during this week-end, at Yatton on the Friday evening and as usual at Wrington on Saturday, but unfortunately neither the Bob Major at Yatton nor Stedman Caters at Wrington were successful. After the Wrington attempt Mrs. Hesse again kindly entertained the ringers to tea—an ample spread which was much appreciated.

The company was especially pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pink and Major Freeborn, of Oxford, were able to be with them on this occasion. Major Freeborn thanked Mrs. Hesse on behalf of the company for her hospitality, and said that it was 12 years since he had last rung on Wrington bells. Mrs. Hesse made a suitable reply, and Mr. H. W. Knight added his thanks to all for coming along.

The company were the Rev. B. Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott, A. Pink and H. Knight, Mrs. Joan Gray, and Messrs. E. Chivers, L. Derrick, J. Freeborn, D. Hoare, M. Horseman, E. Naylor, G. Prescott, A. Sanger, H. Sanger and S. Smith.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): G. H. Pullin 1, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 2, M. C. Hughes 3, F. H. Hayes 4, F. Anderton 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5.

BELLS AND RINGERS IN STAINED GLASS

By ERNEST MORRIS

MR. T. J. LOCK ('R.W.', October 9th, page 588) mentions my name in connection with this subject, and quotes that in Ripon Cathedral belfry is a stained glass window recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung on August 28th, 1886, to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the town's civic charter. Also that there is another 'ringers' window, executed by the same craftsman, in the nearby church at Sharrow. A more recent one is to be seen at St. Peter's, St. Albans—the work of Martin Webb, one of the ringers there—and shows ringers below with the swinging bells above. It records a 'victory' peal of Bob Major rung on August 16th, 1945, conducted by W. Ayre.

In one of the narrow openings in the wall of the spiral stairway leading to the belfry at St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey, may be seen a unique stained glass window depicting the figure of a man in full priestly robes, pulling a bell-rope. On his richly-embroidered robe are several golden bells, while at the head of the window on the left side are two bells with ropes suspended. In the corresponding right-hand corner—as it were through a window—may be seen in the far distance the towers and spires of the City churches. This bell-ringer, who calls upon all and sundry within the sound of his bell to 'watch and pray,' and invites all who can to come, represents the priestly office of the ringer. Higher up the same stairway is a second window, and this shows a man with a lantern at his feet ringing the curfew, one of the ancient customs con-



SAINT CAMPANIA

nected with church bells in this country. Above him is the great bell with its wheel, and through the windows of his belfry may be seen the City buildings far below.

A modern stained glass window depicting bells in every position is at Ilkley, Yorkshire. It was erected in 1887 to the memory of 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, historian and expositor of Change Ringing. Died November 16th, 1885, aged 41.' Snowdon was the son of the Vicar of Ilkley, and distinguished himself by his great abilities in our art, not only in the tower but as a writer of many articles and books on the subject.

The most famous of all such windows is the second one from the west in the north aisle of York Minster. Its distinguishing feature is the large number of bells represented in it, mostly coloured yellow. It was set up in memory of—or by—Richard Tunnoc, and may be described as a white-pattern window enriched with two horizontal bands of coloured pictures and ornaments. The three lights—each 20 feet high by 3 feet wide—are divided into five compartments. On the left is shown the mode of forming the mould of the bell, called the 'core.' One figure is turning it with a handle like a grindstone, and another with a long, crooked tool is moulding the clay into the proper form. On the floor of this compartment two bells are shown between the legs of the trestles on which the mould is being turned. The compartment on the right hand depicts three figures busily engaged running the molten metal. The furnace is of ecclesiastical type, in which the metal is kept heated up by two pairs of bellows worked by a boy who holds a handle in each hand. Another boy is helping him. Another figure represents the chief workman who having tapped the furnace is watching the molten metal running into the mould below. In the centre compartment is a suppliant figure with uplifted hands, kneeling before the archbishop, who is nimbed, seated on a rich, cushioned throne, fully vested with mitre, pallium, embroidered sandals, etc., holding a crosier in his left hand. There issues from between the uplifted hands of the suppliant a scroll, inscribed 'Richard Tunnoc.' This represents the founder presenting a bell to the patron saint of the Minster. Richard Tunnoc was one of the bailiffs of the city, and a Member of Parliament. He died in 1330.



THE 'PRIESTLY' BELLRINGER
(Window of belfry stairway,
Beddington, Surrey)

Reorganisation In The Suffolk Guild

SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT

A joint meeting of the Beccles, Halesworth and Saxmundham Districts was held at Halesworth on October 10th, attended by about 30 ringers, including visitors from Essex and Norfolk.

The object of the business meeting was to elect officers for 1960 for the new North East Suffolk District, which will replace the three existing Districts from January 1st. With this in mind, Mr. J. W. Blythe (general secretary of the Guild) occupied the chair. The officers elected were: Mr. P. S. Bedford (District chairman), Mr. J. M. Bailey (Ringing Master), Mr. A. R. Bridges (secretary) and Messrs. C. J. Gibson and R. Bickers (District committee members).

Mr. Blythe said he voiced the thanks of all to the outgoing officers, and wished the new officers every success. The first meeting of the new District will be held at Leiston on January 16th.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. J. Button), who was thanked, together with the organist (Mr. C. A. Muttitt).

The first meeting of the newly-formed South West District of the Suffolk Guild (the old Sudbury and Hadleigh Districts) was held at Stoke-by-Nayland on October 3rd, and was well supported by ringers from Suffolk and Essex. Ringing varied from rounds and call-changes to London Surprise Major.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon C. V. Clibbon), and a collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 2s. After the service, over 50 people sat down to tea, which was given by the local ringers in the Village Hall.

Officers elected for the new District were: Chairman, Mr. S. J. Twitchett (Clare); Ringing Master, Mr. A. W. Cansdale (Bures); secretary and treasurer, Miss R. J. Seabrook (Clare); committee, Messrs. M. S. Webb (Haverhill), R. Thorpe (Stoke-by-Nayland), M. T. Symonds (Lavenham), H. Clarke (Hawkedon), F. Willis-Betts (Hadleigh), W. G. Perry (Clare) and Miss E. R. M. Cansdale (Bures).

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New members elected were: Canon Clibbon (honorary member), Maurice E. Downs, of Maidstone (life member), P. Robertson, of Assington, Commander C. J. W. Simpson, Messrs. R. A. Jerrold and R. M. King, of Stoke-by-Nayland, and Miss Janet Rawlings, of Sudbury (ringing members).

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Lavenham on January 16th.

SEND, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: B. Priestley 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, J. Martin 5, D. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. E. ROGER MARTIN

The Lancashire Association has suffered a great loss in the passing on October 24th of Mr. E. Roger Martin, of Preston, in his 73rd year. His death after only a short illness came as a great shock to his many friends, most of whom were unaware of his recent incapacity.

The funeral service was held in Preston Parish Church on October 27th and was attended by relatives, friends and many ringers from the Preston and neighbouring Branches. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and six ringers acted as bearers. The interment took place at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale, and a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave.

Roger learnt to ring at the age of 17 in his local tower at Walton-le-Dale, but there was no immediate vacancy for him in the Sunday service band. He therefore joined the band at Samlesbury, and for several years he walked from his home in Walton to Samlesbury and back twice every Sunday to ring for service. This was typical of his immense enthusiasm, an enthusiasm that remained undiminished throughout his life. Shortly after the First World War he joined the Preston Parish Church ringers, and he was soon appointed captain, an office he held until a few years ago, when he insisted on 'making way for a younger man.' At Preston he will long be remembered for his reliability, progress and teaching.

He was invariably one of the first to arrive, and never missed ringing for service or practice unless he was ill (which was very infrequent) or away. 'Progress' was always his aim. He was often heard to remark that a band which did not progress would soon break up, and it was largely through his drive that the Wednesday practice at Preston became widely known as a progressive practice. Even on his last appearance in the tower, some two weeks before his death, he was encouraging some of our younger members to 'look up Double Norwich for next week.' He was responsible for training many learners in his time, and wherever he went he was ready to offer advice on the technique of bell-control and good striking.

He had been a member of the Lancashire Association since 1907, and had held office both as a Branch secretary and Ringing Master, and also as vice-president of the Association. He was well known and respected throughout the county both for his devotion to the Exercise and for his talent as a ringer and conductor. Some measure of his skill in conducting can be gathered from the fact that out of a total of 207 peals rung he conducted 105, and that, with the exception of Stedman Triples, he never called the same composition twice. Details of his peals are as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—1 method 8 (conducted 3), 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 9 (6), 4 methods 4 (2), 7 methods 9 (5), 10 method 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (2), Stedman 18 (12).

Major.—Plain Bob 3 (1), Kent T.B. 36 (20), Oxford T.B. 5, Kent and Oxford 5, Double Norwich 37 (28), Little Bob 2 (1), Cambridge 15 (5), Superlative 12 (8), Yorkshire 4 (3), New Cambridge 3 (1), Ashted 1, Bristol 3.

Caters.—Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 9 (4), Double Norwich 2.

Royal.—Kent 4 (1), Oxford 1, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1, Prittlewell 1.

HANDBELLS

Bob Major 3, 13 Minor methods 1.

Total 207 (105).

Roger will be sorely missed in all the Preston Branch activities, but in his life he set an example which is both an inspiration and a challenge for us all.

MR. C. BROWN

On Sunday evening, October 25th, the bells of St. Michael and All Angels', Creaton, Northants, rang half-muffled for the passing of Mr. C. Brown, aged 83, who was laid to rest on the previous day.

A founder member of the Guilsborough Branch of Peterborough Association, he was tower captain for 50 years and clerk since 1946. 'Charlie,' as he was affectionately known, learned to ring about 1888 at nearby Cottesbrooke, whose six bells now lie in the Loughborough Foundry for rehanging.

He was not a peal ringer but was devoted to regular service ringing and good striking. When in recent years ill health prevented him from taking a rope, he would listen with critical and yet appreciative ear from his pew.

His quiet and sincere manner, both in the belfry and elsewhere, was an example to all. He spared no effort for the progress of the many pupils who passed through his hands—amongst them five of his sons and the writer. Many friends will miss him and will remember him with gratitude.

To his widow and family we extend our profound sympathy.

R. J. S.

MR. G. W. WILKINSON

The sudden death of Mr. G. W. Wilkinson, who was for many years conductor at St. Aidan's, Blackhill, Co. Durham, is regretted by his colleagues in the Durham and Newcastle Association. Of a very quiet nature, he learnt to ring at Christ Church, Consett, in 1919. His great work for ringing was at Blackhill, where he strove for many years to train a full team to ring on Sundays. He was a practising churchman and a conscientious ringer.

On the day of his funeral, October 22nd, the following band rang Grandsire Triples (half-muffled), his favourite method, as their last gesture of respect: C. T. Lamb, N. Errington, G. Wall, S. Thompson, K. Cheeseman, K. Arthur (conductor), R. Skelton and R. Oliver.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S MEMORIAL RING

Although the Society has only been in existence about 15 years and most of the members are young, we suffered a terrible loss at the end of 1958 when three of our members died. Geoff. Carter had been a member since the start and was a vice-president and beloved by all; David Priestley was secretary for two years during a time when the Society grew and progressed tremendously, and John Morris had given freely of his very great talent as a ringer to the Society.

We decided, therefore, that we would subscribe to a fund with which to purchase something for the Society in their memory, and an appeal was launched in March of this year. We hoped to be able to buy some handbells, but were a little apprehensive about the prospect of getting the money for more than an eight. However, almost everybody in the Society willingly and promptly sent money in and by May it was clear that a ring of 12 was not beyond us, and they were duly ordered. By the time they were delivered in September we had all the money we needed and more than £10 to spare. A flat sixth to make a light octave is now on order.

And what a glorious ring of bells they are, too! The Society benefited enormously from the lives of Geoff., David and John, and the many who knew them will never forget them, and in addition now future generations will benefit in a practical way.

P. M. J. G.

A SUFFOLK TOWER 'REDISCOVERED'

Covehithe, now little more than a name on the map, is situated on the coast of Suffolk, some four or five miles above Southwold. A few cottages only seem to comprise the village, a delightful spot during the summer for picnics and bathing, but obviously very bleak in winter time, exposed on the cliff top to the easterly gales from the sea.

Little seems to be known locally of the ancient history of the church: this was of minster-like proportions, only the outside walls and tower now being in existence. A small brick church is erected inside the old walls, occupying perhaps one-eighth of the original space, and this now serves the village.

The tower is of flint and is well over 100 feet high, the five bells hanging practically in the top, and these had not been rung since before the 1939-45 war. Various ringers had 'done battle' with the churchwarden, but the answer was the old, old story—unsafe. The various rectors that came and went repeated this.

However, came the day when the Diocesan Adviser paid the tower a visit, and gave his opinion that, apart from neglect the bells were all right and safe to ring, and it was suggested a trial ring should be arranged. The writer was privileged to be invited to this, and for the fourth time made a round trip of about 110 miles to the church.

The day in question found the tower a hive of activity, and several made the somewhat nerve-racking ascent up the tower. An old mediaeval-type ladder gave entry to the second floor, a similar ladder went half-way up the next chamber, then across a 'catwalk' and up a further ladder to the bells.

Nuts were tightened, bearings oiled, pulleys freed and ropes which had been cut off at wheels replaced. With the Diocesan Adviser (Mr. R. Clouston) 'up top,' others on the next floor, the bells were pulled up singly, rung singly then adding one on until the five were going. It was found that the 'go' was excellent, even with upwards of 100 feet of rope, and apart from a poor treble the bells are a good five.

So another 'unringable' tower is proved otherwise. Unfortunately, there being no ringers, the ropes had to be returned to their original place for chiming, so once more it will be no ringing; and probably after another long time someone else will be able to rediscover the tower, and ring the bells as they should be rung.

U. W. W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Dorchester Branch

Canon T. W. Page-Phillips (Vicar) conducted the service at St. Mary's Church, Puddletown, on the occasion of the autumn quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers on September 26th.

The six bells were rung from about 2.30 p.m. until the service, when Canon Page-Phillips welcomed the ringers and spoke about the part played by the laity in the furtherance of the Christian religion.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by the ladies of the church, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the Branch chairman (Rev. P. J. Heaton), supported by the vice-chairman (Rev. E. B. Brooks), Canon Page-Phillips and Mr. R. H. Duke (hon. secretary).

Branch practices were arranged as follows: November 7th, Fordington; 21st, Wyke Regis; December 5th, Preston; 19th, Wool. The next meeting will be the annual meeting, to be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 16th.

About 40 members were present.

R. H. D.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3 to 4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5129

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hartland (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Usual arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Pearce, Sec. 5093

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5155

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Farnham (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. 5143

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Cranleigh (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to O. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 5128

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Broseley, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 5158

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild, East Farleigh, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 5096

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Treeton, Saturday, Nov. 7th, starting 3 p.m. Tea available, names not necessary.—J. Seager, Sec. 5146

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Hodnet (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 6 till 8 p.m. Look up London. 5196

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 5132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Tangley (5), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Andover (8) from 6.30 p.m. onwards. 5118

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Hartlebury, Worcestershire: rededication of the bells at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7th. All welcome 5153

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including election of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5130

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Royston, near Barnsley, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—please bring own food.—J. W. Buxton. 5166

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods, Beverley Surprise and Double Court. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith, Turnpike Farm, Potton Road, Biggleswade. 5162

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hessle, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 12th to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle. 5163

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tattenhall on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by first post Wednesday, Nov. 11th, the Rev. J. S. Gamon, The Rectory, Tattenhall, near Chester.—Edna Price, Asst. Hon. Sec. 5156

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea by Nov. 11th (important) to A. B. Cooper, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 5193

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Matlock (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2.45 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea arranged for 5 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5120

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names to H. Vaughan, 17, Balls Green, Withyham, Hartfield, Sussex.—C. A. Bassett. 5173

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Meldreth, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5168

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Highworth (8) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 5167

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Nov. 11th Mary Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Churchdown. 5199

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Esher, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher. 5195

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Great Berkhamstead, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 10th, to Mr. H. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5112

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Widford, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury; latest date, Nov. 11th. 5137

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names to J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 5171

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Childwall, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. S. Lawrenson, 81, Rudston Road, Childwall, Liverpool, 16.—T. E. Radcliffe. 5194

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Leyland St. James', Saturday, Nov. 14th. Refreshments provided. Direct bus from Preston, Fox Street, 2.13 p.m.; frequent buses from Preston, Chorley, Wigan, etc., via Leyland Cross to Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley. 5165

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Todmorden Unitarian Church. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Nominations for officers.—Hudson, Sec. 5174

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Shephed (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage Room 5 p.m. Names by 4th to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shephed.—C. W. Hall. 5157

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting, Croxton Kerrial, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea not later than Nov. 9th, please, to Mr. Dewey, Church Cottage, Croxton Kerrial, near Grantham. 5172

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Essex Association at St. Dunstan and All Saints', Stepney, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing at St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 6.30 to 8 p.m. 5135

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tilehurst, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. W. Marsh, 22, Blundells Road, Tilehurst, Reading. 5161

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th, Compton Bassett (5). Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—F. Rumming, 43a, Compton Bassett, Calne, Wilts. 5175

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Smith, 19, Gitten Street, Oswestry, Salop. No names no tea.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5145

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner, Swan Hotel, Stafford. Saturday, Nov. 14th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Few tickets (price 13s.) still available from D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Staffs. 5145

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Debenham (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 5099

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (10) and (8) will be available at 4 p.m.—L. Wright, organiser. 5178

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting joint with Tonbridge District of KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION at Limpsfield Chart (6) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield. 5148

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Heene (8), on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 o'clock. West Tarring bells available after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 5184

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Collier's Wood. 2.15 to 3 p.m.; Mitcham Parish Church, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea, followed by ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham, 6 to 7 p.m. All welcome. 5148

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at New Alresford on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea essential not later than Nov. 10th to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 5203

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Attleborough.—Official opening of the bells (6) after rehanging, on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Ringing 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m., followed by further ringing. 5190

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Mistley, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, please, to Mr. A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex. 5181

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ewell, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Notifications by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell (Ewell 4986). Further ringing after meeting.—A. H. Smith. 5183

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elooe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. C. Sheppard, The Bungalow, Stonegate, Gedney, Spalding, Lincs. 5160

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st, at Blyton. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Messingham bells after tea.—Geo. A. Lunn, Crowgarth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5182

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of Eye and Stowmarket Districts will be held at Stowmarket, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Election of new officers for the new District. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 18th.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 5200

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice methods, Oxford Bob Triples and Rutland Surprise Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 17th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 5186

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Preliminary notice. The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Full details later.—P. Dickinson, Hon. Sec. 5202

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Northern District was held at Llangattock, Breconshire, in which 30 members took part, under the instruction of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Williams, of Swansea.

The Guild service was taken by the Rector (Rev. Arthur Reed) and the lesson read by the Rev. Ivor Richards. Tea was provided by the wives and friends of the local ringers.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. David's, Brecon. One new tower was elected to the Guild—Glasbury-on-Wye. The Rector and the local ringers were thanked by the Ringing Master for the way the ringers had been welcomed.

CLIVE SMITH'S 2,000th TOWER

A day's outing by a small group of ringers on September 19th covered three counties. After visiting Penn and Hambledon in Buckinghamshire, we moved to Mapledurham in Oxfordshire, Clive Smith, of Sutton Coldfield, here ringing at his 2,000th tower. Whitchurch next, then over the water to Pangbourne, Berkshire, paying tolls both ways across the bridge! The Norman church at Checkendon next, then Nettlebed and Ewelme, where there was some of the best ringing of the day on this heavy six. So on to Brightwell Baldwin, where we were privileged to hear a barrel organ in use for church hymns; then Chalgrove, Lewknor and Lane End. Thus ended another very happy tour. Many thanks to all incumbents and local ringers of all these 6-bell towers. C. M. H.

The first married couples peal in Minor was rung at Deeping St. Nicholas on October 22nd. Our correspondent informs us that it was certainly Joy Noon's first peal since marriage, and she is thinking of 'spliced' for the next attempt.

N.S.W. ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL RING AND DINNER

The annual ring and dinner of the New South Wales Association was held at St. Mary's Basilica (R.C.) on Monday, October 5th. Unfortunately two country towers—Yass and Maitland—were not represented. General ringing was from 2 to 4 p.m., and in the presence of so many pressmen, photographers, radio announcers and technicians, it was surprising that Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles and Grandsire Triples were rung.

Three teams entered for the competition for the Association's shield at 4.30 p.m., which was for a set piece of Doubles. St. Mary's Cathedral won it, with St. Jude's second. St. Jude's, Randwick, won the Duncan shield for the best touch of Minor, Triples or Major with Plain Bob Minor.

Monsignor Meaney, administrator of St. Mary's, was the guest chairman at the dinner, and another guest was the Rev. R. O'Brien, Rector of St. Paul's, Burwood, whose ring of eight was due to be cast at Loughborough on October 16th. The chairman in his speech said bells and ringers formed an important part in the Church's life, and the message of the bells pertained to worship.

After the presentation of shields to winning teams, Miss Wendy Nichols presented to the Association a framed etching of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, given by the Melbourne ringers as a gesture of goodwill and friendship following their visit in August.

Winning teams were: St. Mary's Cathedral—Margaret and Tom Goodyer, Ted Fowell, John Cummins, John Sheehy and Jim Hammond; St. Jude's—Wendy Nichols, Audrey Peters, Robert Klema, W. Watson, John Fayer and W. Rowe.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Various methods were rung on Oakham bells at the Midland District meeting on October 17th, with the help of gentlemen present. Five new members were elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting on December 12th at Gresley. Thanks were extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the Curate for conducting the service.

Southern District

A most successful meeting was held on October 24th at St. Mary's, Liss (8), Hampshire. Ringing was enjoyed by many members and friends until the service at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (Rev. N. Barnett). Tea followed, kindly arranged by the local ladies, after which a short business meeting was held. One new member was elected, and appreciation was expressed at the good support the meeting had received. Ringing was continued at Hawkey (8) until 7.30 p.m., ranging from Grandsire to Superlative. Thanks are due to the local bands and to the Rector of Liss for making the meeting so successful, and we have hopes of a greater success at our next meeting on February 13th. C. M. H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Methods rung at the Mansfield District meeting at Eastwood on September 26th included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Major. There were also rounds and call-changes for learners.

The Rector (Rev. P. M. Caporn) presided at the business meeting, and the collection for the Bell Fund amounted to £1 9s. About 30 ringers, representing ten towers, attended.

SOME ODD TOUCHES FOR CONDUCTORS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from Page 541)

PLAIN BOB MAJOR

In the major methods the rigidity of the course and the limits imposed by the respect that must be paid to the tenors do not make for ease in the construction of a great variety of short touches. Plain Bob Major, nevertheless, comes off fairly well in this respect, and in addition to the touches that illustrate the text books there is in 'The Ringers' Note Book and Diary' a very useful page of short lengths, some of which provide a welcome change from the formal long-course touches.

The 272 given here will make a handy addition to the conductor's collection and may suggest other variations.

272				
23456	W	B	M	H
54326	3	—		
23456	S			S
288				
2345678	W	B	M	H
6452378	2	3		
3572468	1	3		
2345678	1	2	5	7
320				
2345678	W	B	M	H
5432678		2	3	4
3572468		2S	4S	7
2345678	1	2	5	7

In the touches of 288 and 320 appended, Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver has experimented in parting the tenors in order to bring up the Queen's Change in a short time. It does not seem likely that 3572468 can be secured in one course of reasonable length, but in the 288 it is reached in 10 leads. The music before and after the climax is not of any great distinction, and it may not be considered worth while to suffer so much for the sake of such a passing pleasure. Nevertheless, the touches can provide something a little out of the ordinary and are capable, by manipulation, of being extended to take in more 2468 music.

The Tittum position in Major has appreciable value only in those methods where the coursing order of the bells is well maintained from row to row. This is the case in Plain Bob, and it is, therefore, quite usual to find peals and quarter peals with long stretches of music with the 6th in fifths and the bells coursing down in the order 8, 7, 6. The quarter peal given here goes a step further and provides the extent of the music with 8, 7, 6 and 5 in coursing order. It will be seen that the position can be maintained only so long as the 6th is in fifths and the 5th in third's place. This means that in the particular block, calls can be made at Middle and nowhere else. Such a plan inevitably brings the 2nd into sixth's place, but this is compensated for by the quite majestic roll of 8, 7, 6, 5; and as for the 82's, we must console ourselves by remembering what one old ringer said: That a few 82's gave a fine opportunity to show how well a man could strike a little bell over a big one!

1,264				
23456	W	B	M	H
52364	M	I	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
25463	—	I	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—
25364	—	—	S	—
35462	—	—	—	—
45263	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	S	—
23456	—	—	—	—

There was no real intention here of introducing blocks of peal length, but the accompanying 5,376 is so curious in the simplicity of its plan that it merits attention. Calls at Wrong and Middle are invariable, and a Single is added only when 56 are on the front at the Home. The number can be reduced to 5,152 by calling the first two courses as shown beneath, 34265 then being brought up in two courses instead of four.

The music is, of course, somewhat mixed, but at least two courses of each block have some sort of attraction. It is true, too (as Mr. Waljer Whitehead remarked when he saw it), that the coursing order is continually changing. But for the beginner it provides a very easy calling, and for the more expert plenty of practice in coursing order transposition. Moreover, it runs very well on handbells. So perhaps it offers some attraction for everybody.

5,376			
23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	—
65423	—	—	S
46352	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—

Eleven times repeated, with Single half-way and end.

23456	W	M	H
46352	—	—	S
34265	—	—	—

GRANDSIRE CATERS

The supply of short touches in this method has, in recent years, been greatly reinforced, and there is no lack of interesting material. The two touches of 287 given here have not, to my knowledge, appeared in any book, and they are worthy of attention for the large amount of music they succeed in packing into a very small space. The first of the two is perhaps the most intriguing, for the student will readily perceive that at the eleventh lead he would have the familiar 35729486 (and rounds the next lead) but for the fact that 6 and 8 are the wrong way round. The rest of the touch, therefore, is a kind of Coda, tacked on just as a means of turning over 6 and 8.

23456789				
23456789	W	B	M	H
25374968	—	—	—	—
97285634	S	79285634	—	—
98762453	—	78962453	—	—
96847325	—	76849325	—	—
S 43956287	—	S 43756289	—	—
45329768	—	45327968	—	—
42573896	—	42593876	—	—
S 78462953	—	S 98462753	—	—
76894325	—	96874325	—	—
79638542	—	97638542	—	—
S 35729468	—	S 35927468	—	—
— 42385679	—	— 42385697	—	—
S 86492735	—	S 86472935	—	—
— 79856342	—	S 79856342	—	—
— 35729486	—	— 35729486	—	—
32547698	—	32547698	—	—

The second touch is on the same plan as the first, and the Singles are introduced chiefly for the purpose of juggling with the heavy bells. I have set out these two touches by the leads, partly because this is the best way to present their qualities and partly to enable the interested student to perceive how much they resemble each other.

CONCLUSION

Here our little essay must end. If it should prove to be (as hoped) a handful of small delights, then it will have been well worth the trouble of preparing for presentation. Should it turn out to have offered nothing fresh, then our hope must be that it will stimulate the publication of many more little-known touches to the enrichment of the conductor's repertoire and the enlargement of our entertainment.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Members of the Northern District were warned at their meeting at St. Ippolyts on October 3rd that they must seek a new hon. secretary as Mr. E. G. Buck is resigning at the end of the year. The reason for this unwelcome news is that Mr. Buck has important commitments in connection with the restoration work for St. Mary's, Baldock, and feels that it will be impossible to do justice to both tasks.

During the service, held in the church prepared for the harvest festival, the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Quin) reminded the ringers that the bells were sowing seed (by their sound) with the responsibilities that implies. Miss C. Taylor played the organ.

Tea followed, and advance notice was given of the annual meeting to be held at Watford and the next District meeting to be held at Stevenage on November 7th. J. S.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. L. Coward 1, A. H. Winch 2, F. Oakshott 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, S. G. Ponting 5, H. A. May 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, Margaret Smith (first of Stedman) 8.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCs.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Cooper 1, E. Dorothy France 2, Eileen M. Fearn 3, P. Watson 4, B. A. Tomlinson 5, G. D. Fearnough (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rev. W. R. and Mrs. Hartley to this parish.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Brooks): S. D. Dearden (cond.) 1, Miss P. Jones 2, Mrs. J. S. King 3, R. E. Coles 4, J. E. Morgan 5, I. Yeoman 6, D. J. King 7, I. Lewis 8. A birthday compliment to R. E. Coles.

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GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, C. Lean (first 'inside') 2, J. H. L. Blicke 3, E. White 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. L. Roberts 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, A. E. Hinman 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Colyer (aged 13, first quarter) 1, J. Streeter (first 'inside') 2, S. D. A. Price 3, T. Matthews 4, G. Becey (cond.) 5, A. Pennett 6. Rung after Evensong for the dedication of the late Vicar's memorials.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Preece (first quarter) 1, C. M. Orme 2, Mrs. A. R. Agg 3, B. L. Marks 4, G. W. Critchley 5, Mrs. G. W. Critchley 6, F. J. Plummer 7, A. R. Agg (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. Penfold 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss V. Hester 4, D. Mitchell 5, L. Woods 6, P. King 7, C. E. Willington 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Breary 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, D. Leah 3, Margaret Wheat 4, A. Sharples (cond.) 5, G. Wheat 6. Rung on harvest festival Sunday to welcome the Bishop of Manchester and for the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Borough of Swinton and Pendlebury. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Wallace 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, D. Leah 3, Margaret Wheat (cond.) 4, A. Sharples 5, H. M. Breary 6. Rung on the 90th anniversary of the dedication of St. Peter's Church, as a welcome to Canon J. S. Leatherbarrow (late Vicar of this parish) and as a farewell to Alan Sharples on his appointment to the University of Glasgow and Martin Breary on his commencement at the University of Sheffield.

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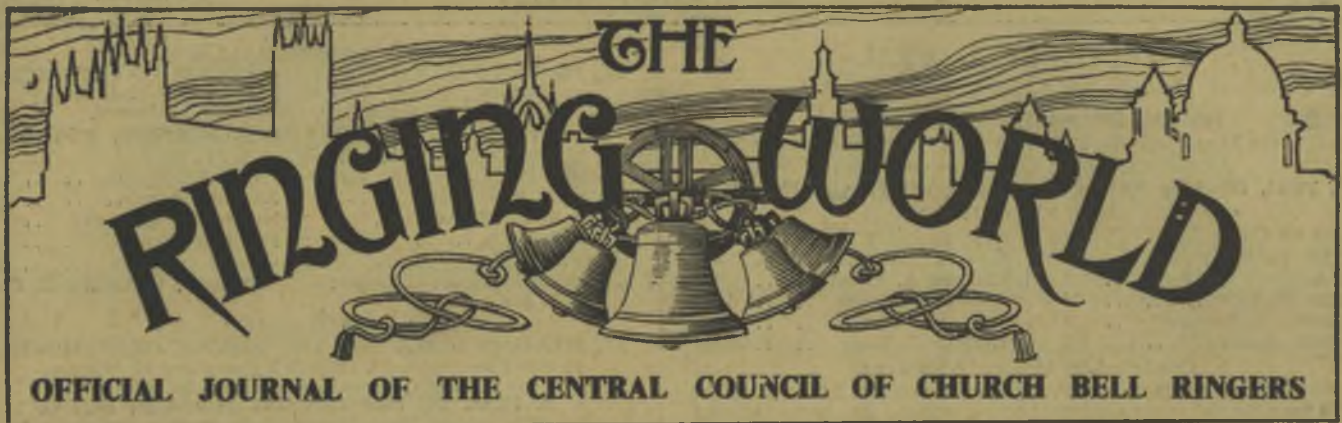
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THE YORKSHIRE DINNER

A PILGRIMAGE to the ancient and most beautiful City of York is always worth while if only to stand in wonder and almost awe to admire the glorious lines of the Minster, that wonderful church built on the site of the Holy Well where King Edwin of Northumbria was baptised by Paulinus over 1,300 years ago.

It is one of the finest examples of pure Gothic architecture in the world, and Yorkshiremen are justly proud of their heritage. Unfortunately, to-day, the west front is shrouded, as it has been for several years, in a mass of ugly scaffolding, which prevents those who view the building for the first time from appreciating its true beauty.

In spite of the 'splints,' however, the bells can still be rung, and on the occasion of the Yorkshire Association's Annual Dinner many visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to try their skill in ringing on this, not by any means the easiest ring of twelve in the country. It is sad to reflect that since their restoration by that great bell lover, Canon Nolloth, these bells have not yet been rung to a full peal. Local conditions, surely not insurmountable, have prevented this.

As the writer stood in the precincts, listening to the stately tones of this noble ring, he dreamed of the happy day when the restoration of the stonework was completed, the scaffolding removed, and the successful accomplishment of a peal of Stedman Cinques. Too much to hope for? The Yorkshire spirit which produced such a building is surely big enough to overcome present difficulties. So we shall go on hoping that the happy day will arrive, and soon.

Typical Yorkshire warm-heartedness was in evidence at the dinner at the Windmill Hotel, where a company of about 120 enjoyed an excellent meal. The 'Windmill' has been the scene of many such occasions—indeed, the first ever of the Yorkshire Association dinners was held there. President Archdeacon Ellison, bedecked with what he described wittily as 'hardware' (the President's badge), controlled the proceedings in fine style. He is a powerfully built man, and is so able to carry the weight of metal he has to wear. It was noted that it had been suitably polished for this important function!

Mr. Gorden Benfield, of Pudsey, Treasurer to the Association, made a very clever and witty speech when he proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and his stories, particularly the one about B.A.I.K., were well received. The Bishop of Pontefract, who replied, impressed all by his sincerity and appreciation of the work of ringers. So, too, did Canon Tardrew, a faithful stalwart who never fails to attend the Yorkshire dinner. His words made a profound impression, particularly when he quoted the words, 'He maketh the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.' He was referring to the silent towers up and down the country. The toast to 'The Memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association,' was suitably honoured in silence.

Miss Iris Lemare, making her début as a speaker at ringers' gatherings, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and proved to be a most entertaining and clever speaker. We shall hope to hear much more from her in the future, for she dealt with her subject in quite a new and attractive style.

During the handbell ringing an almighty crash occurred somewhere in the building, which brought the ringing to an untimely end. Investigation having proved that the roof had not fallen in as was feared, a fresh start was made, and a successful conclusion was reached.

The work of organising functions of this kind is not easy, but Mr. Harold Walker, ably assisted by Miss Margaret Wilkinson, made the arrangements, and both are to be congratulated for their efforts, which resulted in a most successful and enjoyable function.

JAFUS.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RICHARD GRANT Treble	ALAN J. FROST 7
AVRIL THACKRAY 2	JOHN A. ACRES 8
S. ANTHONY JESSON 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY 9
BRIAN MARTIN 4	ALAN E. JACQUES 10
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 5	STEPHEN IVIN 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Anthony Jesson and Miss Peta Cole, who were married at the Cathedral on September 11th. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. Harry Poyner and Miss Mary C. Payne, and Mr. Derek Goodman and Miss Margaret Carr.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	*GEORGE E. FEARN 7
RUTH M. BORDER 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
MICHAEL ELSON 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
JOHN McDONALD 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 250th peal on the bells.

LONDON, S.E.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 48 cwt.

WILFRID G. WILSON .. Treble	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	*C. MONTAGU MEYER .. 7
FRANK E. HAWTHORN .. 3	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 8
*DAVID CORNWALL 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE 9
*VICTOR GRIFFIN 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. Emily Grainger, mother of Mr. William D. Grainger.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35½ cwt.

GORDON BENFIELD .. Treble	*DAVID ATKINS 6
*HOWARD SCOTT 2	*†GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 7
*PETER WOODWARD 3	*†KENNETH PARK 8
*DAVID CUBITT 4	*JOHN E. KIRBY 9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. † First of Royal.

Rung on the eve of the 12th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN McDONALD 6
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 2	ANTHONY AGER 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	PETER BERESFORD 9
MICHAEL ELSON 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 250th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	†JOHN McDONALD 6
*DIANA J. PERRINS 2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 4	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
†MICHAEL ELSON 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London Royal. † First of London. First of London Royal for the Guild, and in the diocese.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*G. ARTHUR BELL Treble	*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
†GRAHAM T. BALL 2	†JAMES DRAYCOTT 7
†BERYL E. CAWSE 3	†JOHN VERNON 8
†W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 4	†ALFRED BALLARD 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal on ten bells and in the method. † First in the method.

† First of Royal in the method.

Rung to mark the reconsecration of the church after rebuilding.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*MONICA E. COLLINS .. Treble	FREDERICK OLDROYD .. 6
*JILL M. LANE 2	*DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	*CHARLES W. DENVER .. 8
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	*ROY COLLINS 9
GEORGE TALBOT 5	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to Monica E. Collins, who is leaving the country to go to Australia.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	EDWARD COWPERTHWAIT .. 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 3	*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT .. 8
THOMAS BARKER 4	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 9
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 5	ERNEST J. GOWER Tenor

Arranged by E. ROGER MARTIN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. E. Roger Martin.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*JOHN E. WARNER .. Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 2	GEORGE FRY .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 7
STANLEY JENNER .. 4	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
PAMELA CLARKE .. Treble	*PETER HAWCOCK .. 5
BRIAN BUSWELL .. 2	PETER M. GILES .. 6
*THOMAS G. GOODWIN .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. 7
J. DAVID CLARKE .. 4	†ROBERT PRESTON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Colin and Valerie Hammond, ringers and church workers of St. Leonard's, Wollaton, who lost their lives on August 19th, 1959, in the Barcelona air accident.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

PAUL MARTIN .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2	*TERRY I. ROPER .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (David George) to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hebborn. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 5
ROGER MAHER .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 7
GORDON ROTHWELL .. 4	NEIL D. LOMAS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY S. MILLS.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the building of St. Luke's day and Sunday schools on their present site.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*COLIN CHAPPELLE .. Treble	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 5
HENRY C. WEAVER .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
RICHARD WILSON .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
LESLIE W. WELLER .. 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal on eight bells. First in the method for all except ringers of second and fifth.

A welcome to Dawn, daughter of the treble ringer. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pamela Randle, of Leicestershire.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON Treble	*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
*ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 8

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal in the method. An engagement compliment to Cyril A. Wratten and Margery A. Birch.

SALFORD-PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.
VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 6
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES .. Treble	VALERIE WILLARD .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	REGINALD T. JONES .. 6
JOHN A. G. BALL .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4	JOHN H. HUNT .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN E. WARNER .. Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
*ANN GEORGE .. 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 6
†PETER M. ADcock .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 25th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*MICHAEL A. PAULSON .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. 6
JOHN McDONALD .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	PETER COXALL .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. 6
*BRIAN S. BUSWELL .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
CYRIL LOW .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in memoriam Mr. Roger E. Martin, of Preston.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

JOHN PINFOLD .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* 700th peal.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE TALBOT Treble	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 5
ROY COLLINS 2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 6
DAVID G. WRIGHT 3	DENNIS G. BLOWS 7
*SALLIE BUCHANAN 4	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Major. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle.' 25th peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Ackworth, M.A.), after five months in America; also as a farewell to George Talbot, who is leaving the district.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	WALTER W. MILLER 6
*HUBERT MITSON 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
JOHN L. GIRT 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal on eight bells.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.		
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. Treble	WILFRED C. BOUCHER .. 5	
REV. A. S. ROBERTS 2	HARRY STACEY 6	
A. WILLIAM MYERS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7	
REGINALD G. PEARCE .. 4	*JOHN W. SANGWIN Tenor	

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* 25th peal.

Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church on October 25th, 1259.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE H. PAULSON .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
PATRICIA A. M. HALLS .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*MARTIN B. FISHER .. Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
†ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 2	†DAVID T. DARBY 6
†JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 7
†JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal on eight. † First in the method.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 FINSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

JOHN HILL Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
DENNIS KNOX 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
*ALICK CUTLER 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 300th peal for the Association. The conductor's 100th peal on these bells. First peal in the method, which is Verulam with 8ths place lead-end. Fourths place bobs were used.

Rung as a compliment to the Hertford County Association on its 75th birthday.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,440 London, 1,088 Bristol, 960 Yorkshire, 736 Cambridge, 644 Superlative, 320 Rutland and 123 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
*ARTHUR G. MASON 3	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
RALPH BIRD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Six-spliced.

Rung as a compliment to Alfred G. Hill, on his retirement after 35 years as secretary of the Lewisham District of the Association.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

WILLIAM LOVE Treble	NORAH M. BIBBY 5
STANLEY W. GALL 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. FRANCIS' IMPERIAL MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN PARSONAGE Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN 3	GEOFFREY PARTING 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 225).

Rung immediately before the opening of Family Week Service, attended by the Bishop of Asaph and the team of missionaries led by Father Selyn.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

IAN H. ORAM Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
*ISOBEL INMAN 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 6
JOHN R. COOPER 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
RALPH BIRD 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the dedication festival.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. Treble	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	ERIC SUTTON 6
MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	CHARLES COLES 7
*CHARLES G. JONES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band except the conductor, and on the bells.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of All Saints; also as an 82nd birthday compliment to Herbert Barlow, of Oldham.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MARY ROAST Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 6
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
*RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Major.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt, 3 lb.

*ERIC G. SILVEY Treble	*EVELYN MEAD 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	E. DENNIS POOLE 6
JAMES T. CLAY 3	L. JOSEPH YOUNG 7
RICHARD E. DEAN 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 15 cwt, 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.
HARRY SEAR Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS 5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 2	GEORGE E. GREEN 6
ROGER CADAMY 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
WILLIAM A. YATES 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

Rung to celebrate the dedication of a stained glass window and stone tablet as a thank-offering for the Sear family, who have been bell-masters and bell-ringers of this church for 111 years.

SIX BELL PEALS

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
*GILLIAN TAVENER Treble	ROBIN WILSON 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND 2	EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 5
MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 3	†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † 250th peal.

HOLME-PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*MRS. M. I. PAILING Treble	*J. DAVID CLARKE 4
ERNEST M. BUSWELL 2	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*F. NEVILLE PAILING .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First of Surprise on the bells.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-BEVERLEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 15 cwt, 2 qr. 6 lb.
J. DAVID CLARKE Treble	*THOMAS G. GOODWIN .. 4
*MRS. J. D. CLARKE 2	JAMES H. PAILING 5
BRIAN M. BUSWELL 3	*THOMAS O. GREASLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal in three methods.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*T. ALAN GILBERT Treble	*CHARLES H. BAKER 4
*DELIA E. SMITH 2	*JOHN M. BLAICKIE 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHILDWALL BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt, 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.
ROGER A. BREWIN Treble	DEREK M. SAWYER 4
ROYSTON WILMORE 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	E. ALAN JACQUES Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal of Childwall Minor by all the band, for the Guild, and on the bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Roger A. Brewin.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
MRS. G. A. HALLS Treble	CLIVE WALKLATE 4
VIVIAN CARLISLE 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 5
GORDON A. HALLS 3	MICHAEL BLORE Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

A wedding compliment to Shirley L. Colson and Roy Stephenson, who were married at Bexley Heath, Kent, on this day.

STONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.	
*FLORENCE C. BROWN .. Treble	†JAMES K. LAVER 4
†EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. 2	‡MICHAEL A. HILL 5
†JOAN GRAY 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First in four methods. ‡ First peal.

Rung by a Stoke Bishop, Bristol, Sunday service band as a farewell to Florence Brown, who is shortly returning to Australia.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt, 12 lb.
BARRY HOLLAND Treble	GEORGE R. HINER 4
DENIS HOLLAND 2	MICHAEL MEADOWS 5
FRANK BRUNT 3	HARRY MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Mr. King, who was inducted to the living this day.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4
*HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
†ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 3	‡E. PETER ELLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* 550th peal. † First in the method. ‡ First peal. First in the method on the bells.

Rung in thanksgiving to God for the recovery of the Vicar (Rev. H. H. Follis, M.A.) after a recent illness. Also as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Newbold, the local tower captain.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

*HARRY BALDWIN .. Treble	RICHARD HALL .. 4
RONALD CHAFER .. 2	HARRY HALL .. 5
JACK BRAY .. 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and 1,440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. Treble	COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 4
*JOHN L. FENNELL .. 2	ROY R. TIFFIN .. 5
*ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell gesture to the Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Haynes, of Wilmington, Delaware, U.S.A., who are returning home after a four months' exchange of benefices with the Rector of Shenfield.

SIDCUP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Court, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Fulbeck. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*DEREK A. N. HOLLAND .. Treble	*IAN H. ORAM .. 4
JOHN R. COOPER .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5
*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in 13 methods. First in more than seven methods on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. J. Palmer (local captain), on becoming a grandfather.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

At 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 27, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1—2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5—6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3—4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

The conductor's first peal of Triples 'in hand.'

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QUARTER PEALS

ABSON, GLOS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. G. Brown 1, C. J. Richards (first of Grandsire Doubles 'inside') 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 3, S. J. Burridge 4, E. Cooksley 5, B. K. Lewis 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Roberts (first quarter) 1, F. Mills 2, Miss B. Russell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, R. Mills 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, Lucy Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. A compliment to Carolyn Isabel Webb and Norman Jackson upon the occasion of their marriage.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: W. Shute 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, A. Mogg 3, D. Reed 4, J. Foote 5, P. Mogg (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. Rhodda.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. King 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, Miss B. Jewell 3, Mrs. N. Bennett 4, C. J. A. Brown (cond.) 5, F. Battin 6. For Evensong on All Saints' Day.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): C. Speed (first quarter) 1, A. Thomas 2, A. Hutchings 3, J. Thomas 4, R. E. Coles 5, H. Blick 6, E. Carter 7, L. Groom 8. First in three methods for 2, 3 and 4. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Rung for Evensong on the eve of the patronal festival. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Paton (first quarter) 1, R. E. Coles (cond.) 2, H. Blick 3, A. Thomas 4, J. Thomas 5, C. Speed 6, L. Groom 7, E. Carter 8. For harvest festival.

CULMSTOCK, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy G. Taylor 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, M. Stone 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, C. J. Stevens 5, C. Clarke 6, R. D. Short (cond.) 7, L. Morrell (first on 8 bells) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens on their silver wedding anniversary.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, W. Wall 2, W. T. Turner 3, K. Newby 4, J. E. Dickinson 5, J. E. Burles 6, F. Forshaw 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8, T. Metcalfe tenor. Rung for the wedding of Miss Doris Pearson (for some years a ringer at this church) and Derek Laishy.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. Fuller (first quarter) 1, Miss P. M. Butcher (aged 13, first quarter) 2, A. J. Carter 3, June F. Carter 4, A. J. Butcher (first as cond.) 5, M. A. Probert 6. First quarter by an all local band. For the patronal festival.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: E. Paulson 1, M. H. Paulson 2, D. A. Mellor 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, R. H. Bullen 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Astbury (first quarter) 8. For Hospital Sunday.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann George 1, C. Cook 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, S. Jenner 5, J. E. Warner 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Cook.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 24th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Sargent 1, Miss K. Branson 2, L. Beevers (first of Caters) 3, R. S. C. Wilson 4, J. B. Pickup 5, A. Sharples 6, E. Bumphry 7, A. Best (first of Caters) 8, C. R. Raine (cond.) 9, A. W. Lloyd 10. For dedication festival.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce M. Street (first quarter) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Maureen A. Finch 3, W. W. Wright 4, G. S. Joyce 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. A. Finch.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Harflett (first quarter) 1, Shelagh R. Collins 2, Phyllis J. Holborn 3, Janet E. Cleve 4, Monica E. Collins 5, W. Morey 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, L. B. Luing 8.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burt (first away from tenor and of Minor) 1, Ann Cook 2, J. B. Perkins 3, Elizabeth M. Yardley 4, Ian D. Thompson 5, M. F. Hall (first in method as cond.) 6.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Tucker 1, V. Edwards 2, P. Gaisford 3, J. Lucas 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachel A. Proctor (first quarter) 1, J. Thorley 2, J. Scott 3, D. Ellisdon 4, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 5, K. R. Ward 6.

KETERING, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Kibble 1, Miss A. Hales 2, Miss B. Manship 3, Miss D. Lawless 4, R. Turner 5, A. Idle 6, B. Hendry 7, A. Frost (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Sibson 1, A. R. Hurst 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5. For Evensong of patronal festival.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Chard 1, P. G. Yeo 2, W. P. Blake 3, D. G. Yeo 4, N. H. Yeo 5, E. Abraham 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, F. Bridle 8. For the patronal festival of All Saints.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Jones (first quarter) 1, M. Ryan (first quarter) 2, E. Venn (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, R. Stoddard 5, R. Prose (first quarter) 6. For All Saints' Day.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Atwell 1, D. Pike 2, J. Rickard 3, G. Marchant 4, L. Barnham 5, J. E. James (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong and 61st anniversary of dedication.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, B. Miles 2, V. Clifton 3, A. Cantwell 4, B. J. Cogins (cond.) 5, D. Osman 6. For Evensong and for the baptism of Gary Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Pasco.

OKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): June Thomas 1, Jean Hoy 2, Mary Birch 3, C. Brewin 4, R. J. Hill (cond.) 5, Ann Laxton 6, M. D. Hardy 7, R. Hoy 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of L. Birch, a ringer and friend, interred this day.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pashley 1, D. Pugh 2, Hazel Pugh 3, Bess Loveland 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, J. Ribbons 6. For harvest festival.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Helen M. Thacker 1, R. D. Henebury 2, R. G. Morris 3, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, V. R. Tallis (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tingle (first on a working bell) 1, R. D. Henebury 2, J. Clark 3, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, V. R. Tallis 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Clark 1, R. D. Henebury 2, M. C. Hughes 3, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 4, C. J. A. Goy 5, V. H. Nash 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Henebury 1, C. J. A. Goy 2, J. Clark 3, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 4, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. A. Platt (first quarter) 6. Rung to commemorate the third Speech Day at Tudor Grange Grammar School, at which all ringers, except C. J. A. Goy, are present pupils. Average age 16.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6. For harvest festival.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Beach 1, Mary Beach 2, D. Beach 3, R. Wyatt 4, W. Fay 5, H. Spencer 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, F. Murray 8. For Evensong. Arranged for the visit of Mr. and Mrs. D. Beach, former ringers at this tower, now at Greasley, Notts.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mary Piper 1, S. G. Peck 2, Ann Aldridge 3, J. Perrett 4, H. Miller 5, M. Stanyon 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. To welcome the Rev. B. Phillips to Christ Church; and also Mary Piper, home on leave.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 2,160 Minor (Oxford, Kent, Plain): C. Skinner 1, G. Fry 2, H. Brown 3, S. Brown 4, B. Farhall 5, H. Woolven (cond.) 6.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Bassett 1, A. Hemsley (first 'inside') 2, C. A. Bassett 3, L. W. Giles 4, C. Pilbeam (first as cond.) 5, J. Wilcox 6. For harvest festival.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Hull 1, Miss A. Greaves (first on 10) 2, D. Purnell 3, V. Roberts 4, J. Walton 5, C. Clarke 6, K. Prime 7, R. Short (first on 10 as cond.) 8, G. Salmon 9, M. Stone 10. For All Saints' Day.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: Pamela M. Stevens (first in method as cond.) 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, G. Sparkes 3, W. J. Nurcombe 4, C. Tarr 5, A. Gale 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens on their silver wedding anniversary.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Neale 1, D. Smith 2, J. Parslow 3, M. Newth 4, M. Fromm (cond.) 5, A. Horn 6. For the dedication of the church.

WHITSTOKE, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Heard 1, F. Clacksfield 2, R. M. Carr 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, J. Clacksfield 6. A wedding compliment to the ringers of 2 and 6, who were married at St. Mary's Church, Storrington, Sussex, on October 24th.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. V. Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishon (first of Cambridge as cond.) 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather M. Pullon (first quarter) 1, P. Cattermole (cond.) 2, Jean Moorhouse 3, R. Smith 4, R. Skerratt 5, J. Pullon (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival. Also Oct. 4, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pullon 1, Sheila McDouall 2, A. Cook 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, R. Skerratt 5, Heather M. Pullon 6. For family service.

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. R. Burden 1, K. Minchinton 2, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, P. G. Richards 4, J. J. F. Roper 5, H. Curl 6. For Holy Communion on occasion of Melbourne ringers' visit.

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Miss Monica Collins, who has been prominent for many years in the Guildford District and held various offices in connection with St. Nicolas' Church and the District, left last Saturday for Australia. A former health visitor of the Surrey County Council, she is continuing her nursing profession in Victoria.

The conductor of the peal at Wallington (see page 646) was J. Richard Castledine, and not as printed.

Dr. D. A. Kirk, of Cranleigh, has resigned the secretaryship of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He has accepted a new teaching appointment at Lincoln.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow left by air this week for Rhodesia, for the wedding of his daughter. He will be away from England for about three months.

Mr. Frederick W. Brinklow, who rang his first peal at Elstree in 1901, returned to the tower on October 31st to participate in a peal of Norwich Surprise Minor in honour of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Herts County Association.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has been requested to give talks to church groups at Clay Cross (6), Derbyshire, and Penistone (8), Yorks, with a view to the formation of new bands. Demonstrations on tower and handbells will be given by Rotherham ringers at these talks. Both of these are silent towers.

Mr. P. A. Corby has received a letter from Mrs. Carpenter, the widow of the late Dean of Exeter, in which she says: 'I do want to send my very grateful thanks to you and all the members of the Devon Guild of Ringers who rang the peal in the Cathedral in memory of and thanksgiving for the life of my late husband. It was a very kind thought and I do appreciate it very much.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

By special arrangement, a group of about 12 young people who hope to form a band at Christ Church, Dore, near Sheffield, visited Rotherham Parish Church to see the bells rung on Sunday morning, November 1st. The visit stimulated their interest tremendously. Dore has been without a team of ringers for many years, and steps are now being taken to train one.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, of Wombourn, rang his 700th peal at Brewood on October 28th. His list includes 91 different Surprise methods.

'The Belfry,' the popular quarterly of the Maidstone District, has completed ten years of active life. Our congratulations. There is always something interesting in this publication.

The well-known College Youth, Mr. Ernest G. Fenn, and Mrs. Fenn, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 6th. At Putney a quarter peal was rung in honour of the event.

The peal at Harthill on October 31st was rung by the Rotherham Parish Church company who have done much during the past two or three years to get Harthill company going after years without ringers.

Personal congratulation to two of the band was an additional footnote to the peal of Little Bob Royal at Wakefield Cathedral on October 17th—to David Cubitt, on being admitted a solicitor, and to David Atkins, on 'passing out' as a doctor.

A talk and a demonstration on tower and handbell ringing were given by Mr. Michael E. Brown to Sapcote Young Wives' Group on Oct. 20th, which was much enjoyed. Alas, the next morning, Mr. Brown found he had lost his voice, which necessitated a visit to the doctor and receiving treatment for laryngitis.

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THE great and famous Church of St. Nicholas', Yarmouth, in area England's largest parish church, lay dead and desolate from its destruction in 1942, until just two years ago. Then a great work of restoration began. A thousand tons of rubbish were dumped in the nearby marshes; 22,000 square feet of reinforced concrete floor were laid; all the calcined stonework was replaced; the enormous roofs were completely renewed in Canadian cedar, copper-covered; and a great ring of bells and a clock were designed, to take the place of those destroyed.

The many months of preparation of clock and bells were crowned with triumph on October 31st. That day about 270 ringers gathered together. A thousand chairs had been lent to the as yet unfurnished church, but the 2,500 people present included of necessity a large crowd standing, in the nave, for the choir alone easily seats 1,000.

The service began at 2.15. After the National Anthem and the 'Ringers' Hymn', by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, Gilbert Thurlow (the Vicar) recalled how the clock had stopped when its works were burnt at 2.35 a.m. one terrible night in 1942. After prayer, the president of the Central Council (Mr. F. Sharpe) read from Haggai ii, 9, '... the latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former. . . .

'HISTORY TO BE MADE AGAIN'

During a hymn, a procession wended its way round to the belfry door, up the long stairs to the transept roof, along to the tower and up to the ringing chamber—now bare of its ancient peal boards, long since destroyed, but bright and clean and waiting for history to be made in it again. There stood the local band waiting—including men who had since 1942 longed for this day, and others who had come to live here since then. The B.B.C. were ready for their 'mike' to record the first ticks of the pendulum.

At the Vicar's invitation, Cdr. Applegate, Mayor of Yarmouth, said: 'At twenty-five to three on the morning of June 25th, 1942, the clock in this church was destroyed. And now, at twenty-five to three this afternoon, I rejoice, in the name of all who will see it and hear its chimes, to start this clock again.' He pulled the cord, and there was once again, in Longfellow's lovely if metallurgically-inaccurate words, 'A heart of iron, beating in the old grey tower.'

Then Mr. A. A. Hughes said to the Vicar: 'Reverend Sir, as the founder of these bells, I hand them into your keeping.' Then the Bishop of Thetford dedicated them, with the solemn words: 'To the glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.' He handed the ropes to the Vicar, charging him to see that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory.

THE FIRST ROUNDS

The first rounds followed and were rung on the 12 by the local band. This includes George and Edith Fletcher, Billy Duncan (formerly hon. secretary of the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association), Billy Harwood (formerly hon. secretary of the Eastern Branch as well as of the local company), Peter Newstead (the present hon. secretary of both), S. J. Merry (Master of the tower, formerly of Derby Cathedral) and others. It is perhaps rare on such an occasion for an assistant priest (Giles Galley) and the Vicar (Gilbert Thurlow) both to take part.

The Bishop of Thetford in his address spoke magnificently of the Church's task of preaching the Way of Life in an ever changing world. Those present included the Dean of Norwich, who had blessed the bells on June 21st at a great service, previous to their being taken up the tower. The choirs of the many churches in the uniquely-large parish combined magnificently in the leading of the familiar ringing

hymns. The beauty of the flowers was all the greater in view of the absence as yet of lovely furnishings and glass. Prayers, a hymn (with a collection of £92) and the Blessing brought a memorable service to an end.

Meanwhile, an army of Mothers' Union ladies had been preparing tea for nearly 300 in the Priory nearby, where the Yarmouth monks fed their guests centuries ago. Here representatives of the Trust set up by Russell Colman, from which the bells have been given, met and talked to ringers from afar.

MANY VISITORS

The new visitors' book records ringers from Spalding, Daventry, High Leigh, Coventry, Cambridge, Blofield, Brentwood, Great Thurlow, Clare, Leeds (Yorks), Felixstowe, Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln St. Giles', Lowestoft, Long Buckley, Acle, Saxlingham Nethergate, Chester-le-Street, Diss, Gaywood, Ealing, Thetford, Hethersett, Wenhamston, Melton, Norwich, Halesworth, Gosfield, Bocking, Grundisburgh, Braintree, Maidstone, Wollaton, Kettering, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Ipswich, Surbiton, Slough, Bedford, Radley, Newmarket, Heckington, Dickleburgh, Burston, Nettlestead, Offton, Melbourn (Cams), Great Totnam, Meriden, Carlton Colville, Beccles, Colchester, Isleworth, Loddon, Thorington, Oxford, Bromley, Teignmouth, Hoddesdon, Burwell, Amphil, Stratford St. Mary, Higham, Fordcombe (Kent), Fressingfield, Clacton, Wivenhoe, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Leicester Cathedral, Pulham St. Mary, Redenhall, Needham, Happisburgh, Meldeith and Chelmsford.

Despite this huge number, and the mere 5½ hours at disposal for ringing, everyone (I think) who had notified their intention of coming had a good ring, owing to the magnificent organisation thought out by the local hon. secretary and carried out by him, by the Master, and by will-

ing helpers, including him who erected a telephone from the ringing chamber and also a 'mike' to relay the dedication to the congregation below. Everything was tried, from Surprise Maximus and Stedman Cinques to rounds. And now we look forward to members of Yarmouth's worshipping family joining the company of beginners who we hope will soon be learning from our local band. And when summer comes, where will you have your holiday?

GILBERT THURLOW.

VISITOR'S IMPRESSION

Mr. Claude Rush writes: From the churchyard on the north side, through tower windows, the bell chamber being well lighted, one could see some of the bells ringing. They are hung some 6 feet below the ridge of the nave roof in a wooden frame of Burmese gurgon, which is on a 16 ton reinforced concrete grillage embedded into the tower and strengthening it. Their sound now comes out of specially constructed louvres in the tower roof—not through the usual tower louvres.

The reduction of sound is such that, with all 12 bells ringing, people can carry on normal conversation in the churchyard or the market place beside which the church stands. In fact, standing in the market place at the church-end of it, the church masked by a shop, the bells cannot be heard at all above the sound of footsteps on the pavement.

These bells are wonderful for peal ringing, at any rate as far as the public are concerned, but has too much been done to them for service ringing—unless there is an arrangement like the moving louvres of the swell of an organ? A number of ringers expressed their views that way but, whether it be so or not, it seems that the installation is one which has activated much thought and planning, and that everyone concerned in it is to be congratulated.

Family's Century Of Ringing At Bletchley

Over 100 years of bell-ringing at the same church by members of one family were commemorated at St. Mary's, Bletchley, on November 1st, when the Sear memorial window in the church porch was unveiled and dedicated. The present bell-master, Mr. Harry Sear, who is 81, is among those commemorated.

The memorial takes the form of a window with two lights, depicting a bell-chamber with angelic ringers. Above is a stone tablet, inscribed:—

In Thankful Memory of Thomas Sear, 1819-1880, his sons Redan, 1861-1906, and Valentine, 1850-1920, and his grandsons Harry, 1878-19—, Fred, 1879-1958, and Walter, 1885-1958. Bell-masters and bell-ringers of this church.

A tablet in the bell-chamber itself also records the memorial.

Lord Lucas, of Chilworth, a cousin of Mr. Harry Sear, unveiled the window, which was dedicated by the Rector, Rev. Allan Campbell.

The Rector paid tribute to Mr. Harry Sear's grandfather, Thomas, who, he said, had passed on his love of bell-ringing to his sons and grandsons.

'We are here to pay tribute to the unflinching devotion and loyalty which have been shown to this church over a long period of time by the Sear family,' continued the Rector. 'It can fall to few families to have such a special privilege in serving God in one place for so long, but this opportunity has been grasped by this family and used during a whole century.' The family's record was a fine example of constant service and faithfulness.

At tea, which followed the service, Mr. R. Cadamy, on behalf of the Bletchley ringers,

said the idea of the memorial came from the Rector, and a fine idea it was, too.

TWO SURVIVORS OF FIRST PEAL

Sixty years ago, in December, the first peal was rung on the Bletchley bells, and two of the ringers who accomplished it—Harry Sear and Frank Hedges—were alive today. In December this year the ringers would be trying again to ring that peal of 60 years ago.

On Monday a celebration peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (Johnson's variation) was rung in 2 hours 50 minutes by North Bucks members of the Oxford Guild, Mr. Harry Sear (treble) ringing faultlessly.

'Down-Under' Drive For Circulation

Through the initiative of Mr. G. W. Pipe, we welcome eight new postal subscribers from Australia. 'I think the standard of publication improves each week, and quite openly I say it's a darn good sixpence worth,' writes Mr. Pipe. 'If every Guild had an enthusiast like Mr. Pipe for finding new subscribers, the problems of the Editorial Committee would be less.'

The keenness of Melbourne ringers is illustrated by six of their number travelling 800 miles to ring a 6-bell peal of Kent T.B. Minor at Yass, New South Wales. This was a 'Great Adventure' anniversary peal and follows on the pioneer spirit of 1934.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 27th annual commemoration dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on October 24th, the venue being the Windmill Hotel, where there has been so many happy gatherings in past years.

During the afternoon the bells of the Minster (12), St. Stephen's, Acomb (6), and the Institute of Advanced Architectural Study (6) were rung. The bells at the Institute were of special interest to the visitors as they are used by the president of the Central Council when demonstrating modern methods of bell restoration to church architects.

The president (Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds) presided over a company of 112. He was supported by the Bishop of Pontefract (Rt. Rev. G. W. Clarkson), Canon T. H. Tardrew (Precentor of York Minster) and Mrs. Tardrew, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood, the Rev. A. J. McMullen (chaplain of the Minster Society), Mr. L. W. G. Morris (hon. general secretary), Mr. Gordon Benfield (hon. general treasurer), Mr. W. E. Critchley (peal secretary) and Mr. Albert Sellars (vice-president, Eastern District).

After the loyal toast had been honoured and the tables cleared, the president announced apologies for absence from Mrs. Ellison, the Dean of York, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. A. Staveley and Mr. Bert Sutton. A postcard had been received from Miss Margaret Snowdon, niece of Jasper, conveying her greetings and best wishes. He also thanked the officers and members of the York Minster Society for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the dinner.

In proposing 'The Church,' Mr. Gordon Benfield said he was rather confused because when he was invited to propose the toast he assumed it was to be 'The Church and State' as in previous years, so he must be forgiven if he mentioned the State in his remarks. He said the Church had moulded the society in which people lived for many centuries. The Archbishop of York was recently asked by a school-boy: 'Is it true that the Church of England came into being at the Reformation?'. In reply, Dr. Ramsey said: 'My answer to that is to ask you a question—where was your face before you washed it?'.

The Church was often criticised; those who belonged to it sometimes scoffed at, accused of being kill-joys and of being so heavenly-minded that they were of no earthly use. The bonds joining Church and State were, he suggested, spiritual values and moral standards, learning and social reform, tradition and pageantry.

Responding, the Bishop of Pontefract thanked the ringers on behalf of the Church for all they had done and were doing in their parish churches. Church bells made a noise which went far; the clergy made less noise but their message went just as far. In England you can hardly be out of sight of a church and out of sound of bells on the Lord's Day. He considered congregations were improving; this might be news to bell-ringers!

The Bishop concluded by saying: 'We shall decay if the Church decays. Improve the Church by being God's servant, and may we always be the servants of the Church.'

GREATEST EFFECT ON RINGING

The principal toast of the evening was proposed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. He said it was a great honour to propose the toast because they were doing honour to some of the greatest people in the history of the art. He thought it right that their memory should be kept green and that the youngsters who came into our art should hear of them. Jasper Snowdon was a man whose name would go down in ringing history along with the names of Annable, Shipway, Johnson and Thurston. He was a great man, and his work had had more effect on ringing than that of any other man. To him we owe all the textbooks which he published. His masterpiece, 'Ropesight,' is still a classic, as is also 'Standard Methods.' After the untimely death of Jasper, his brother William carried on the work as president of the Association and arranged circulation of the textbooks.

Charles Henry Hattersley, a Sheffield man and former vice-president, made a remarkable contribution to the art. It was not generally known that Hattersley was responsible for introducing a simple turning course in Stedman Cinques, three calls only being needed in turning the bells from the Tittums to the handstroke home position.

Harry Williams, of Leeds, inspired others, and George Bolland, of Tong, did much for 6-bell ringing.

Recent losses to the Association were Canon C. C. Marshall, of quiet temperament and an ideal president, and Percy Johnson, of high integrity and who was general secretary for many years.

Mr. Smallwood had a word of advice for the 'angry' young men of today. Before joining an Association find out the rules first, and if you do not agree with them don't join! If it were possible for Snowdon to come back today, he considered he would be pleased with what he saw.

In conclusion, Mr. Smallwood paid a compliment to the University Associations. Some of them were very strong, other not so, but all tried in their own way to follow Snowdon.

The toast was drunk in silence.

'THE NEW BOY'

Miss Iris Lemare, who proposed 'The Guests and Visitors,' said she was very much 'the new boy' amongst Minster ringers. The guests were those who by their charming presence had made a happy crowd and were not ringers. The visitors were ringers from other organisations, or were married to ringers and knew the worst!

One of the first things she was told when she took up ringing was 'I suppose you know all ringers are mad.' On a recent visit to London she saw some scaffolding with a notice, without punctuation, 'Dangerous men above.' On looking up she saw it was a church tower, and naturally thought there must be ringers up in the ringing chamber. Ringing had to be learnt the hard way. Her profession took her to all parts of the country, and she thanked all those ringers in strange towers who by their forbearance had helped her with her ringing.

Canon T. H. Tardrew, in reply, thanked Miss Lemare for the most scintillating speech he had heard for some time. On behalf of the guests he thanked the Association for its hospitality,

and said he had spent a most enjoyable evening. Three years ago he referred to too many dumb towers. They all knew that when the weather was bad some of the ringers might be missing and half the choir and congregation failed to appear. All should attend no matter what the weather—then what a wonderful surprise it would be if one Sunday morning the verger might say: 'There are just two seats at the back.'

Mr. Norman Chaddock proposed 'The Chairman,' and said all were grateful to the president for the way he had conducted the proceedings, not only on that evening but also at the general meetings of the Association.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. Ambler, Critchley, Morris, Moreton and Smallwood.

Duets were sung by Messrs. Steele and Horner, and piano solos were given by the Rev. A. J. McMullen. H. W.

LETTERS

PEAL AT LUTTERWORTH

Dear Sir,—Had Mr. T. C. Belton first made sure of the facts, he could have avoided 'cluttering-up' the columns of an already overloaded journal. He could have retained his little joke for a more deserving case, for according to his statement it is the only bit of truth he is certain of.—Yours truly,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

CLUN IMPERIAL

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out that the method rung at Clun on October 10th, and published in the 'R.W.' of October 30th as Clun Imperial Bob Major, has been rung before. It is called Heddingham Bob Major, and was rung at Sible Heddingham on July 24th, 1957. The peal appears in the 'R.W.' of August 2nd, 1957, page 491. I am assuming, of course, that the method rung is C.C.C. No. 228, as printed.

I should also like to point out, for the benefit of the Peals Analysis Committee in particular, that the peal of Cambridge Royal rung at High Wycombe on September 19th has been printed twice.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow, Middx.

TOO ABSTRUSE, PROFESSOR!

Dear Sir,—I note that some of your readers are protesting about their tour reports being cut down due to lack of space in the 'R.W.'

In view of this, does the Editor really regard the leading article for the 'R.W.', October 30th, worthy of so much space? Without wishing to displease Mr. Harold Chant, or Professor Dodge, I for one could not deduce what facts we as ringers should gain from it. I am afraid that instead of increasing the circulation of the 'R.W.' (we are constantly reminded) it may have the reverse effect, particularly amongst younger folk, who after all will be the future mainstay of the 'R.W.'

Might I add that this is a purely personal opinion, but with the interests of the 'R.W.' at heart.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. MAY.

Burham, Guildford.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT THE EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—This is to notify you that another attempt will be made to ring 40,320 Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on November 22nd, 1959.

The composition will be that used previously, and the attempt has been organised by Patrick I. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest.

SURVIVORS OF A SILENT PEAL OF 50 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—You note from time to time some happenings of 50 years ago. The achievements of the present generation of ringers may put into the shade many of these records. Notwithstanding, a silent peal of Holt's Original is not so common as to pass unremarked, and the one at West Bromwich on November 20th, 1909, is still a happy recollection for Preb. E. V. Cox and myself. I doubt if there are any other survivors. The band stood as follows: Joseph Timms 1, Rev. C. C. Cox 2, Samuel Reeves 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, Robert Pickering 5, Alfred Rowley 6, Thomas H. Reeves 7, John C. Adams 8. With two such exact and sharp-eyed ringers as Wm. H. Godden and Tom Miller acting as umpires, calling 'Go' and 'Stand' and on the alert for the slightest wink, the quality of the performance could never be open to question.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW COX.

Morcombelake, Bridport.

'SOME ODD TOUCHES FOR CONDUCTORS'

Dear Sir,—I regret having to point out that your compositor seems to have been in trouble over the setting out of the notation of the touches of Bob Major given on page 663 of 'The Ringing World.'

The touch of 272 should read

23456 W B M H

54326 3 —

23456 S S

In the touch of 288 the headings W B M H are not relevant and should be erased. In this touch and the following one of 320 the numbers indicate at which lead in the course the bobs are called. For instance, in the 288, a bob at the second lead and a bob at the third lead will produce the course-end 64523. In the next course a bob at the first lead and a bob at the third lead will produce the course-end 3572468. And so on.

In the quarter peal, a large letter M has been printed instead of the usual dash showing the bob at Wrong.

I would add that I shall be pleased to answer any questions relating to these or other touches in the essay if the inquirer cares to write to my address, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull, Warks.

FIVE FACTS ABOUT THE DEVON TOUR

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out a few facts of which your correspondent, Mr. Birmingham, is evidently ignorant.

(a) That it is customary to expect first-class ringing from a peal band on tour, which therefore is well advised to restrict its ringing to methods within its capabilities.

(b) That a peal band goes on tour for a ringing holiday.

(c) That the particular band which recently toured in Devon was invited by Mr. Aubrey Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, who personally made all the local arrangements.

(d) That the Guild of Devonshire Ringers charge a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope.

(e) That the Guild of Devonshire Ringers recently resolved that a fee of 6d. per rope, payable to 'The Ringing World' should be charged for all peals rung under its name.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

MR. BIRMINGHAM EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure to read in the 'R.W.' 30/10/59, of the contribution of approximately 3s. per peal made to the 'R.W.' by the Devonshire peal touring band. I also understand that the Guild concerned has a peal levy which, no doubt, would lighten the cost of printing peals in its report. Not every Association has such a peal fee—my own hasn't—and, to many, such a tour would be an expense. No slight was intended to the band concerned, and I apologise if they took it as such. I was merely using their tour as an example of what could be. They have exonerated themselves from such a charge.

One Devonshire ringing friend of mine questioned my phrase 'in its infancy.' All that was intended was that 'scientific' change-ringing had not grown to be standard practice all over Devon, as it has in most of Britain's counties.

I wrote merely to ascertain the general feeling of the Exercise in regard to the value, the cost and the propriety of peal tours, not to pass strictures on any one in particular.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

PEAL TOURS AND TOWER-SNATCHING

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer to W. Birmingham a very large bouquet regarding his comments on the above subject. I echo his sentiments wholeheartedly.

I, too, am in doubt as to whether the various peals recorded each week in 'The Ringing World' serve any useful purpose.

Probably neither W. Birmingham nor I will ever make a Peter Beresford or a Peter Stanforth, but at least I'm sure we share the same views regarding the purpose of bell-ringing.

Why, indeed, do we take hold of a bell rope in our respective ringing chambers each Sunday?—Yours sincerely,

J. W. ABBOTT.

Send, Wilts.

BOY SCOUTS' BELL-RINGER BADGE

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue, Mr. R. F. Baker gave notice of the new Boy Scouts' Bell-ringer Badge. I have here the exact details of this.

There are two badges—the Bell-ringer, for Scouts under 15 years of age, and the Senior Bell-ringer, for Scouts over 15.

The Bell-ringer Badge:—

- (1) Have a knowledge of the parts of a bell and its fittings.
- (2) Demonstrate maintenance and rope-splicing.
- (3) Be proficient in handling a bell up to, say, 6-7 cwt., to keep it in full control and be able to set it as required by the examiner.
- (4) Be able to ring a bell in rounds in proper time and to stand when ordered.

Alternative for handbells:—

- (1) Have a knowledge of the construction of handbells and their tuning.
- (2) Demonstrate as a member of a team that he is capable of giving a performance of simple tunes in harmony.
- (3) Be able to ring a pair of handbells in rounds.

The Senior Bell-ringer Badge:—

- (1) Pass or have passed the Bell-ringer Badge.
- (2) Be able to give the names by which methods are identified on different numbers of bells.
- (3) Be able to write out the changes of two simple methods, one on an odd number and one on an even number of bells, and to describe the working of any one bell in these methods.
- (4) Be able to ring a plain course in the methods in No. 3.

Alternative for handbells:—

- (1) Pass or have passed the Bell-ringer Badge.
- (2) Be able to give the names by which methods are identified on different numbers of bells.
- (3) Understand what is meant by the position of a pair of bells in plain hunting on six bells.
- (4) Be able to ring a pair of bells in either the plain course of Bob Minor or the plain course of Grandsire Triples.

Yours truly,

C. H. ROGERS.

Isleworth.

IN DEFENCE OF BOB CATERS

Dear Sir,—I cannot understand why Mr. H. Allen writes so bitterly about Bob Caters ('R.W.', October 30th, 1959). It always seems to me that Grandsire Caters is much more musical than Grandsire Triples because the 'roll-ups' are clearer. In Bob Triples and Caters they are even more obvious, and I consider Plain Bob to be the more musical. He admits that the peal at Warwick was well struck then says it was without musical virtue. The rhythmic excellence must have some musical value, surely. A method does not have to be complicated to be musical. Bob Major is far more musical than London.

Finally, if ringers did not have the desire to ring something that they have not rung before (surely the method itself has been rung for ages) we should all still be ringing rounds!—Yours sincerely,

B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Barrow-on-Soar.

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BARNSELEY DISTRICT SOCIETY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

OCTOBER 24th was a day of great happiness for the Barnsley and District Society, when the golden jubilee dinner was held at the King George Hotel, Barnsley. Sixteen towers were represented.

Of historic interest to the Society is the adjoining photograph of the present officials, which is reproduced by permission of the 'Barnsley Chronicle.' Their names, reading from left to right, are: Messrs. J. W. Moxon (vice-president), J. R. Brearley (vice-president), H. Rusby (auditor), W. Womack (auditor), N. F. Moxon (president), H. Chant (treasurer), Canon A. P. Morley (chairman), J. W. Buxton (secretary).

The chairman (Canon A. P. Morley) presided. Speaking about the Society's jubilee, he expressed the happiness of everyone in such an important milestone in the history of the Society, but recalled the earliest use of bells in this country of calling people to warn them of floods in the Fens, or invasion, and to prayers.

Mr. Harold Chant, of Felkirk, who responded, spoke about the great men of the Society such as Potter, A. Nash, A. Panther and A. Gill, and these had been followed by their present officers.

The toast of 'Continued prosperity of the Society' was proposed by the Rev. C. T. D. Ellam (Cawthorne). This was replied to by the president, Mr. Noel F. Moxon, of Cawthorne.

The entertainment included piano duets by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chant, popular songs by Mr. Sutcliffe, and monologues by Mr. Irvin Slack (Horbury). The artistes were thanked by the Rev. H. E. S. Meanley, of St. George's, Barnsley.

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Witton Bells Ring Again

On October 29th the lovely little six at Witton Parish Church, Droitwich, rang out across the meadows to commemorate the visit of the Bishop of Worcester to a thanksgiving service for the restoration of this 800-year-old church. The restoration includes the rebuilding of the tower parapet, thus enabling the bells to be rung once more after a few years' silence. A quarter peal was rung on this beautiful Taylor (1921) six by a band mainly from Wychbold to mark this event. The tenor was rung very nicely by a 12-year-old, who deserves congratulation, as does his 16-year-old sister who rang the treble.



ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER, THE CHURCH OF NEW CIVIC CENTRE



ST. John-the-Divine's Church, Leicester, which six years ago was threatened with demolition owing to the denuding of the population of the parish through demolition of houses in the area, has now been finally reprieved by the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

This plan, which was well under way, was postponed for an indefinite period by Dr. R. R. Williams when he became Leicester's new Bishop.

The Church, which has had no vicar for 12½ years, is now to become the church of the new Civic Centre which is planned to be built in the area.

When the demolition was postponed, the Bishop appointed the Rev. (now Canon) F. W. Pratt as resident priest-in-charge. During Canon Pratt's ministry great things were achieved there. He was succeeded 15 months ago by the Rev. W. B. Williams, from Loughborough, who carried on the good work started by Canon Pratt. The church is now in a healthy position.

This, coupled with the Civic Centre plan, has resulted in the Bishop's decision to bring it back to its former status of a parish church.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will recall the request for signatures to a petition organised by Mr. S. Harrison, the Ringing Master, protesting against the demolition proposal and consequent removal of the lovely ring of ten bells.

On behalf of the congregation of St. John's, Mr. Harrison would like to express the appreciation and thanks of all concerned to the many ringers throughout the country who so very kindly took the trouble to sign.

A thanksgiving service will shortly be held, also the first institution and induction to the restored benefice. The people of St. John's are to be congratulated on the way they have supported the church during this long period of uncertainty.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly Corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Easton-in-Gordano on October 25th, when some 20 ringers joined the parishioners for the early celebration. Ringing commenced promptly at 7 a.m. The Rector (Rev. J. Ramsay) was the celebrant. Breakfast was served in the Church Hall before the ringers returned to the tower to ring for Matins.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Russell 1, J. Crook 2, Miss M. Tyson 3, R. Spray 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, K. Stone 6. For Evensong.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION HAS BEST-EVER DINNER

THE general consensus of opinion after the sixth dinner of the Essex Association, held on October 10th, was that it was the 'best ever' dinner. The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) presided over a company of 120, and supporting him on the top table were Mrs. Heazel, the Very Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Gordon, Dr. Armstrong Gibbs, Mr. Ernest Morris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Gant and Mr. and Mrs. J. Chalk.

The long 'high' table and the five sprigs, each with its own exquisite floral decoration, presented a wonderful sight to the guests as they entered the Picture Room at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford. The meal itself was all that could be desired, and long before the coffee stage there was an atmosphere of real enjoyment. Glasses having been raised in loyalty and affection to Her Majesty the Queen, the company settled themselves to await the speeches.

CHURCH AND STATE

The Master, in proposing the toast 'The Church and State,' said that one of the highlights of the office of Master was to propose this toast at the annual dinner of the Association. It was regrettable that the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford had been prevented from attending at the last moment owing to illness. It was 25 years ago, he said, when he had first proposed a similar toast at a ringers' dinner in Brentwood. The respondent was Canon Brown, that great thinker and theologian.

Art had had its roots in the Church. Throughout the ages encouragement had been given to painters, musicians, sculptors and poets. The highest price paid for a picture in recent years was for a painting with a religious theme—'The Adoration of the Magi.' Ringers made up a comparable form of art. Ringing had its roots deeply embedded in time. At the same time as being an art it was a witness for the Church.

In the absence of the Bishop, the Rev. R. C. Williams (Vicar of Wimbish) replied. The Church, he said, owed a great deal to the ringers, and they owed a great deal to the Church. Some people said that ringing was a dying art. It must not be allowed to die out. Ringers called the people to church; if they did not heed the summons it was their concern.

Mr. Williams continued that it had been a great loss to Wimbish when its tower fell. Now one of the bells was mounted in a frame in the churchyard and at service time it was struck with a wooden mallet. One of the bells formerly in Wimbish tower now formed part of the ring of eight in the next parish of Radwinter.

THE EXERCISE

The toast 'The Exercise' was proposed by Mr. F. V. Gant, the secretary and treasurer of the Association. Mr. Gant began by welcoming the visitors to the dinner who had come from Leicester, Cornwall and Kent, and continued that when the dinner committee had suggested that he should propose the toast, one or two members had eyed askance the Gant waistline! He felt that people who said that the interest in the Exercise was on the wane had only to go to ringing meetings to have their pessimism confounded. Everywhere one went the enthusiasm shown by young people was infectious. The Exercise wanted more recruits, but they had to be of the right type—ones who would stick to the task of learning to ring properly. The more experienced ringer should be more tolerant of the learners. They should be given the chance to ring their first peals with good bells.

Mr. Ernest Morris received thunderous applause on rising to reply, and said that he had had an interest in ringing from an early age.

The Exercise owed a great deal to those early pioneers who had lived in the 18th and 19th centuries. They did not enjoy modern fittings such as bells hung on ball-bearings—a long peal in those days was a test of stamina and endurance. Looking back over his life he had found the story of bells and their uses and abuses an enthralling subject. Essex was rich in antiquarian matters so far as bells were concerned: Saffron Walden possessed the oldest recorded Ringing Society. Mr. Morris concluded with several amusing tales of incidents in the life of a verger of a great town church.

THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. H. Turner, the deputy Master, proposed the toast of 'The Vice-Presidents.' The Association was very fortunate in their vice-presidents. Since the last dinner in 1958, the Rt. Rev. Hugh Gough had been elected Archbishop of Sydney and had resigned the Suffragan Bishopric of Barking. He welcomed his successor, the Rt. Rev. W. Chadwick, who is well known in Essex through his years as Vicar of Barking, also the new Archdeacons of Colchester and West Ham. The Association acknowledged the honour they have paid the Association by consenting to become vice-presidents.

Before the Provost of Chelmsford rose to respond to the toast, the Master performed a very pleasant duty. For some months the tower of Chelmsford Cathedral had been under repair. The cost runs into approximately £11,000. The Master had started an appeal fund among the towers of the Association, with the result that £43 10s. had been collected. This sum was presented to the Provost by the Master.

The Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, in replying to the toast, said that he was very grateful to the Association for their gift. The vice-presidents, he said, were a very busy body of people, and they were grateful for any help that they received from bodies connected with the Church.

He had found that one of the hardest working bodies were ringers but, unfortunately, their work was often overlooked by the clergy. The Church should take more interest.

THE GUESTS AND ARTISTES

Mr. J. Chalk, in a speech well sprinkled with quotations, proposed the toast of 'The Guests and Artistes.' Dr. Armstrong Gibbs replied in his usual inimitable style.

During the evening courses on handbells were rung by Messrs. E. Morris, H. Turner, H. Egglestone, P. Eves and D. Symonds. The entertainment was provided by Miss J. Edwards, Mr. W. Bailey and Dr. Armstrong Gibbs.

OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL JOHN HOLNESS

Many members of the Kent County Association will regret to learn of the accidental death of Mr. Michael John Holness, aged 19 years. He was a member and regular Sunday service ringer at the Cathedral, Canterbury, and Herne.

The short funeral service at St. Nicholas', Sturry, took place on November 7th, conducted by the Rev. W. O. Langridge. The Dean and Chapter were represented by the Rev. J. L. Lawson (precentor). The president of the Cathedral company, Mr. A. B. Beresford-Jones, and many members of the Cathedral company were present, also representatives of Herne, Whitstable, Littlebourne and St. Dunstan's (Canterbury).

At the close of the service, short touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob were rung on the half-muffled bells. Later in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grand-sire Caters was rung by the following at the Cathedral: B. J. Luck 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, H. R. French 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, J. W. Unwin 5, T. C. Phillimore 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes (conductor) 8, R. G. French 9, D. M. Holness 10. T. C. P.

EYE, SUFFOLK, LOSES THREE RINGERS

During recent months death has removed three septuagenarian ringers from Eye.

Harry George Turner, affectionately known as 'Funny,' passed away after months of failing health, and was buried in Eye Cemetery.

Then his brother, Thomas Albert, died. Tom had rung peals at Stowmarket and Eye 50 years ago, but lately, like Harry, had confined his ringing activities to service work. Tom was cremated at Ipswich. His wife died shortly after him.

Recently, William Elijah Musk ('Rowley') died, and thus ended an illness which had prevented him from ringing for about seven years. He rang his first 720 at Dickleburgh, Norfolk, in 1901, and had rung in towers in many counties. He leaves a widow and nine children.

He was buried at Dickleburgh on October 15th, handbells being rung at the grave, and tower bells later by Messrs. G. C. Snelling, A. G. Harrison, E. Whiting, H. Dixon, H. Moss and C. Catchpole.

It is hoped that when Eye bells are back from the foundry a number of young ringers will come forward to take the place of those so sadly missed and removed by the passage of time and its consequent inevitable claims.

C. R.

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SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Chad's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. J. Willcox 1, M. C. Poyner 2, B. A. Carter 3, F. Leech 4, F. A. H. Cattell 5, J. C. Meads 6, H. Poyner 7, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 8, R. Newton 9, E. F. Willcox 10 For Evensong.

OBITUARY—Continued

MR. JOHN WARRILOW

The news of the passing of Mr. John Warrilow on October 29th, at his home in Walton Village, Stafford, at the age of 82, will be received with great regret by a wide circle of ringing friends. For 62 years he had been associated with church bells.

Mr. Warrilow was taught to ring in the village church of Ingestre, and in 1911 joined the band then ringing at the Church of St. Mary, Stafford. He was a devoted ringer here until failing health forced him to retire three years ago. For many years he was head ringer and served on the committee of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. His peal record was not large, but his work in connection with St. Mary's ringing and tower cannot be assessed. His chief thought was the ringing of the bells for service: this he thought of as part of his worship. It was with regret that he eventually had to cease active ringing.

To within the last few days of his life his interest was still in the belfry where he had rung for so many years, and he looked forward each week to learn from 'The Ringing World' what was taking place generally. Of a very placid nature, Mr. Warrilow never sought the limelight; it was his very friendly disposition that gained for him the esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church on November 2nd. The Rector (Rev. D. A. Hodges, M.A.) officiated, and in his address spoke of the Christian virtues of John Warrilow, of the splendid example he had given as a leader in the belfry, and of his devotion to the ringing of the bells over a long period of years. Prior to the service the bells were rung half-muffled.

In the evening, as a tribute of respect to the memory of him who was held in affection by all who were associated with him, a quarter peal of 1,316 Grandsire Triples was rung by R. K. Mowforth 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, B. J. Wylde 3, D. Harman 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, D. Friend (conductor) 7, F. Eley 8.

So passes a kindly Christian gentleman, leaving many fragrant memories. The sympathy of all St. Mary's ringers is extended to his family, and especially to his son, Richard, our head ringer. A. E. G.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including election of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5130

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cheshire field District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14th. 5193

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names to H. Vaughan, 17, Balls Green, Withyham, Hartfield, Sussex.—C. A. Bassett. 5173

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Meldreth, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5168

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Esher, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5195

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Widford, Saturday, Nov. 14th. 3 p.m. Apologies, but no tea arrangements possible; please bring your own as there are no cafes.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5137

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Essex Association at St. Dunstan and All Saints', Stepney, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing at St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 6.30 to 8 p.m. 5135

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tilehurst, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5161

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (10) and (8) will be available at 4 p.m.—L. Wright, organiser. 5178

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Heene (8), on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 o'clock. West Tarring bells available after tea. 5184

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Collier's Wood, 2.15 to 3 p.m.; Mitcham Parish Church, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea, followed by ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham, 6 to 7 p.m. All welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at New Alresford on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Hotel. 5203

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, Nov. 16th, 7.30, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge (8). Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. (ISL 3921.) 5245

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice at Rothwell on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 5197

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Chew Stoke (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5209

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Ringing contest 4. Tea in Bell Hotel 5 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5227

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5241

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Nov. 18th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5229

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Thornaby on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3.30 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5235

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wolvey on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Burton Hastings bells (5) from 7 p.m. 5224

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Tibshelf, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbyshire. 5232

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5221

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Mistley, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, please, to Mr. A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex. 5181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting, Stow-on-Wold, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 17th to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 5231

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Sandhurst (8), Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Nov. 18th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 5222

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ewell, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Notifications by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell (Ewell 4986). Further ringing after meeting.—A. H. Smith. 5183

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st, Sedlescombe. Names for tea to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 5244

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Saltwood, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. D. H. Gower, Perth Cottage, Saltwood, near Hythe.—C. T. H. 5223

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Pendleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnheough, Sec. 5240

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Soar, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea—5 p.m., Church Hall—by 19th at the latest, please, to B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road. 5216

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Belgrave, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Justice Street Rooms. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, please, to Mr. J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 5205

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sapcote (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous to Mr. M. E. Brown, Harecroft Farm, Sapcote, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5219

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells not available till 5 p.m. No tea. Meeting 6 p.m. in the church.—L. W. Allen. 4246

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st, at Blyton. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Messingham bells after tea.—Geo. A. Lunn, Crowgarth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's (8), Epping, Essex, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting in belfry 6.15 p.m. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please.—Bullock, Sec. 5230

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, St. Catherine's, Feltham (10) Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5225

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on Nov. 21st at 6 p.m. Special method, Norwich Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 5243

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of Eye and Stowmarket Districts will be held at Stowmarket, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Election of new officers for the new-District. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 18th.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 5200

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 17th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5201

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice methods, Oxford Bob Triples and Rutland Surprise Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 17th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 5186

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing at Eastwood (8), 3 to 7 p.m.; Thrybergh (6), 3 to 5 p.m.; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 7 to 9 p.m. Tea in St. Stephen's Parish Church Hall, Eastwood, 5 p.m. Names to Rev. R. C. H. Saunders, The Vicarage, Doncaster Road, Rotherham.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breaston, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper.

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Teas provided.—T. Watson, Sec. 5218

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbottom, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5169

LINCOLN and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting at Norton Disney (6), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday previous C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. Transport available from Newark by notifying Mr. Exton.—C. Brown and W. Exton, Hon. Secs. 5238

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Caerphilly, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 5176

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Castleacre, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 25th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 5239

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Quidenham (8), on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Reading Room. Special method, Highbury Court Bob. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 24th, to Dr. P. Jonason, The White House, East Harling, Norwich.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5211

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Old Windsor, Saturday, Nov. 28th, 3.15 p.m., Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5149

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Benhilton, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Benhilton School immediately after. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss P. Collin, 2, Gauntlett Road, Sutton, Surrey. Ringing after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5170

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 7 p.m. Bar open 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. each. Names not later than Nov. 23rd, please.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Nr. Alresford, Hants. 5242

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MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

There were compliments to two separate weddings in the peal rung at Ringstead, Northants, on October 9th (see page 632)—to Miss Eunice Morley and her bridegroom and Mr. Bryan Cope and his bride.

The band who rang the first 'all-local' quarter peal at Danehill on November 1st would like to thank all members of the Northern Division, Sussex County Association, especially those from Turner's Hill, for their help, patience and encouragement, which made this achievement possible.

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CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Cowling (first quarter, 15) 1, Margaret Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For patronal festival Evensong.

KIRBY HILL, YORKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): B. Gillian Schofield (cond.) 1, S. B. Schofield 2, Rita M. Jowett 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, H. B. Schofield 5, R. Lumley 6.

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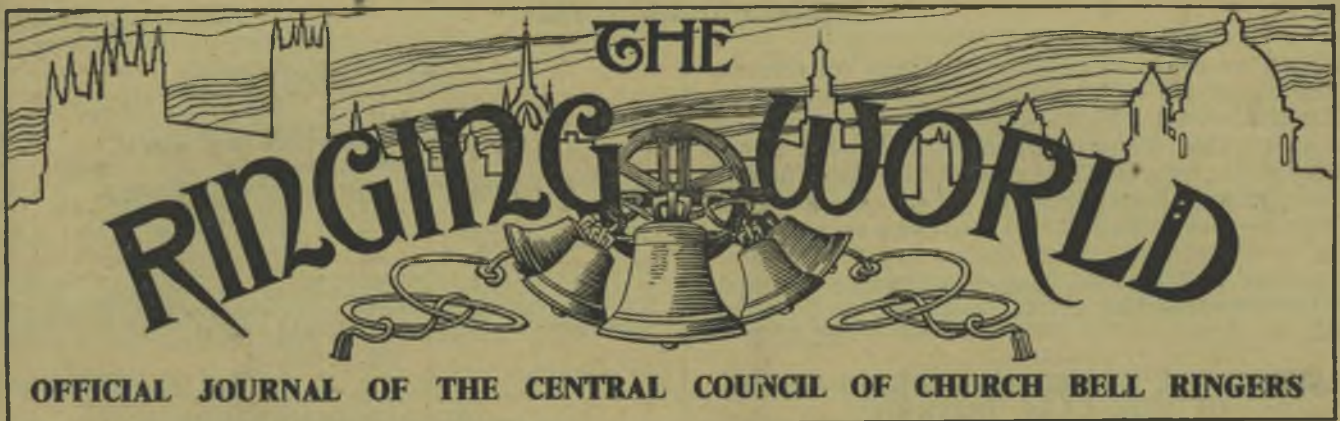
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NEXT YEAR'S 'RINGING WORLD'

FOR probably the first time in the history of the Central Council an extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee was held in London a fortnight ago. It had been called to consider facts and figures about the finances of 'The Ringing World' and to decide what action was necessary.

The facts were indisputable. Five years ago a rise of twopence in the price led to a working profit—that is, ignoring donations and interest—of over £800. By 1958 this figure had dropped to £101. An increase of 12½ per cent. in printing costs, remembering that in 1958 the printing bill was over £4,000, means that in a full year another £500 must be found from somewhere. Not only this, but there is general agreement that an increase in the salaries of the staff of the paper cannot longer be delayed; as one member with considerable experience in the world of business wrote recently, if they were to go to-morrow the Exercise would be lucky to replace them at twice the present cost. True the circulation is now as high as it has ever been, but the increase in the past twelve months of 170 copies weekly, welcome and pleasing though it is, cannot bridge the gap.

There are doubtless readers of 'The Ringing World' to whom the thought has occurred that the answer does not lie in increasing the price. Could not the Council subsidise the paper, for example? What about the Clement Glenn bequest? Why cannot the £3,000 pounds invested be made use of?

Superficially attractive though some or all these ideas may seem, in reality they would present at best only a short-term solution. The Council's income, for instance, comes only from subscriptions amounting to some £75 a year and from any profits on the sale of publications, and last year the total surplus was under £6. The Clement Glenn fund, capital and interest combined, would do little more than meet next year's extra costs. The investments, if realised, would admittedly tide over the next three or four years, but while the use of reserves to meet a 'once-for-all' requirement would be justifiable, to allow their gradual erosion in the knowledge that when they are exhausted the situation at the end would be no better than at the start cannot be regarded as prudent finance.

Nevertheless it was only after considerable heart-searching that the Standing Committee agreed that from the

issue of January 1st, 1960, the price of the paper must be increased to eightpence. Charges of advertisements will be advanced by about 12½ per cent., but notices will not be affected. The annual postal subscription will be thirty-five shillings, against twenty-eight shillings at present. This is something less than the full increase and is in effect a return to the arrangement in force before postal charges went up a year or so ago, whereby subscription copies were sent post free. It has, however, been decided to make the same concession as on the previous occasion the price was increased, that those whose postal subscriptions (quarterly, half-yearly or annual) are received before the end of 1959 will pay the existing rate—a worth-while saving.

Behind the committee's decision was the hope that with the increased revenue the paper will again be able to stand on its own feet. In the past five years readers have subscribed nearly £1,000 to its funds. Only recently the Oxford Diocesan Guild sent a donation of £20, while not long ago the Devon Guild announced a levy on all peals rung under its auspices, the proceeds to be given to 'The Ringing World.' It is hard to find words adequately to express the thanks of those closely concerned with the running of the paper to all who have helped in this way. And yet, to one at least, it has become increasingly distasteful that the paper should appear to be imposing on the goodwill of the few. Had the Council at Southport decided in its wisdom, rightly or wrongly, to make a charge for the insertion of peal reports, this would have fallen on by far the majority of readers, but, as everyone knows, the burden at present is selective only.

The purpose of this article, however, is to deal solely with finance and not to discuss such questions as whether the general content of the paper meets the wishes of the majority of readers, or whether there is a large potential readership for whom it does not cater. These and allied matters were indeed touched on at some length in the course of the Standing Committee's deliberations and revealed a considerable divergence of opinion. One change will in any case be made. The recent installation of new machinery at the Woodbridge Press makes it possible to utilise an inch to an inch and a half of paper which at present has to be trimmed off. This may not seem much, but in fact it represents the equivalent of an additional 78 pages of reading matter in the course of a year.

Whatever criticisms may be made of the decision which has been taken—and inevitably there will be some—the

committee are confident that the 'hard core' of readers, the real enthusiasts on whom depends the well-being of the Exercise as we know it to-day, will accept the increased price—not without the odd grumble, maybe—but in the knowledge that without it, and remembering that a further review of printers' wages is coming up in two years' time, the journal—their journal—could keep going only by using up its slender reserves, which amount to something like nine months' printing costs, unless some entirely new (and therefore unpredictable) source of income were to be found.

E. A. B.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD'S TOUR OF THE LAKE DISTRICT

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID W. JAMES .. Treble	*JOHN PILKINGTON .. 5
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	*BARRIE HENDRY .. 6
*MARGARET ROSS .. 3	TREVOR TAYLOR .. 7
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal of Rutland. First of Rutland for the Guild. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and the Vicar's stewardship campaign. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer's mother.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. D. OGDEN .. Treble	*JOHN PILKINGTON .. 6
BARBARA MANSHIP .. 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 7
*PATRICIA J. WALKER .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. 8
*DONALD MALLOCH .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. 9
*GEORGE F. NIX .. 5	BARRIE HENDRY .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

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

CROSTHWAITHE, WESTMORLAND.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

DONALD FRASER .. Treble	BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. 4
DAVID A. HOULT .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES .. 5
JOHN SOANES .. 3	RON J. JOHNSTON .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN BRANCH.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. 9
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 45½ Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	DAVID VINCENT .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	ERNEST WHITING .. 8
FREDERICK SEAGER .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. 9
BERTRAM C. HINES .. 5	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Etheridge, of Fressingfield, and rung on the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Nov. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. 6
*MURIEL REAY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 8
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
MICHAEL ELSON .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
JOHN McDONALD .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

RICHARD A. PORTER .. Treble	HAROLD V. FROST .. 6
A. ROWLAND TYSOE .. 2	REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 3	JOHN THWAITES .. 8
*KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 9
JOYCE DODDS .. 5	ERIC EDMONDSON .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM (President of the Association).

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal.

Rung for the Association's 75th anniversary.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

*† WILLIAM DAVIES .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 7
*GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 3	† FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 8
† DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by W. D. CROFT.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Treble Bob Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. Treble	*TOM CHAPMAN .. 6
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 2	*REGINALD T. JONES .. 7
† MICHAEL V. WHITE .. 3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 8
*JOHN HARTLESS .. 4	† FREDK. W. ROGERS .. 9
† MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 5	R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Oxford T.B. Royal in the county, and for the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. 6
*MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 3	†HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 100th peal.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH .. Treble	FRANK GODDEN .. 5
JANET MATTISON .. 2	JAMES BLOND .. 6
ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 3	ROBERT BLOND .. 7
JAMES GODMAN .. 4	REGINALD TUCKWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

A compliment to Mr. Percy Wilson as he enters his 50th year as organist and ringer at Warborough.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

HAROLD F. GIBSON .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MICHAEL H. PAULSON .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Philip. Hulme.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

DONALD MALLOCH .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
PATRICIA J. WALKER .. 2	*RON J. JOHNSTON .. 6
*BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. 7
TREVOR TAYLOR .. 4	DAVID W. JAMES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal of Major.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. Treble	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 6
LEONARD GOODALL .. 3	HAROLD TAYLOR .. 7
MICHAEL BLORE .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Dennis Smedley has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung on the eve of the Feast of All Saints.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN W. SYKES .. Treble	DENNIS HOLLAND .. 5
BARRY HOLLAND .. 2	WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 6
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 4	RONALD BIRCH .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

John W. Sykes has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. Frank Carless, B.D., in Rashcliffe Parish Church on October 30th.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*MICHAEL EDNEY .. Treble	*DENNIS LESLIE .. 5
ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 6
*MRS. DIANA WAREHAM .. 3	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 7
*NORMAN LESLIE .. 4	HENRY BISHOP .. Tenor

Arranged by CLAUDE CORDEROY.

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	IVOR JENKINS .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	NEIL D. LOMAS .. 6
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 4	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment to Mr. James Thomson and Miss Christine Mason, of Poynton, Cheshire.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

(Yorkshire Association.)

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

SUSAN CHADDOCK .. Treble	GEORGE S. LEE .. 5
IAN TILLING .. 2	*PHILIP WALKER .. 6
RAYMOND WOODWARD .. 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
MRS. M. BURNS .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal 'inside.'

A farewell to the Rev. A. J. Bishop, M.A., who is moving to Lincolnshire.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

ELIZABETH LAYTON .. Treble	DAVID ROBINSON .. 5
E. JANE LANGTON .. 2	*GEOFFREY PRATT .. 6
MIKAELA ERIK .. 3	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 7
MICHAEL R. ROSE .. 4	DEREK E. SIBSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANN GEORGE .. Treble	MARGARET A. LADD .. 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. 2	OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 6
VIOLET I. RELF .. 3	MRS. S. DOBBIE .. 7
MRS. I. WRATTEN .. 4	DORIS E. COLGATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DORIS E. COLGATE.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On the eve of All Saints' Day, Sat., Oct. 31, 1959,
in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.	
Geoffrey Marchant .. Treble	*John Rickard .. 5
*Melvyn Edwards .. 2	Geoffrey Green .. 6
John F. James .. 3	David Pike .. 7
Leslie Bainham .. 4	Peter T. Hurcombe .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Peter T. Hurcombe.
*First peal of Major and first attempt.
Rung on the eve of the 61st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
Basil Jones .. Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5
Brian Harris .. 2	Leslie Bumphrey .. 6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	William H. Dowse .. 7
Edward Jenkins .. 4	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Bernard V. Collison .. Treble	Ernest J. Ladd .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. 2	Stanley Jenner .. 6
Cyril S. Jarrett .. 3	*George J. Butcher .. 7
Frederick J. Cullum .. 4	Trevor A. Cross .. Tenor

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by George J. Butcher.
*350th peal.

An in memoriam peal for Richard A. Constant, a loyal friend of this tower.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

John E. T. Wiseman .. Treble	†Robert F. Grisdale .. 5
J. Richard Castledine .. 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	George A. Spencer .. 7
*Peter J. Coles .. 4	Thomas J. Lock .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
*First peal in the method. †First peal.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Hertford County Association.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

George Hawkins .. Treble	Stephen Ivins .. 5
Ronald J. Sharp .. 2	Robin A. Hodgson .. 6
James G. Newman .. 3	C. Michael Orme .. 7
Alfred E. Rushion .. 4	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by Stephen Ivins.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival, to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. B. E. Butler, M.A.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Sydney J. Anthony .. Treble	Cecil Raddon .. 5
John E. Bibby .. 2	Harold Worrall .. 6
Roy Foster .. 3	John Ryder .. 7
Henry Parker .. 4	Walter Allman .. Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
Rung to celebrate the founding of the church on November 1st, 1159, by Henry, Prior of Norton.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

John E. Rootes .. Treble	Alick Cutler .. 5
Frederick W. Brinklow .. 2	Vernon Green .. 6
*Elsie K. Hart .. 3	Geoffrey W. Seaman .. 7
H. George Hart .. 4	*Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pritow. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Seaman.
*25th peal together.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

John E. Anderson .. Treble	George S. Deas .. 5
Charles N. Lea .. 2	Edmund P. Crowdy .. 6
Eric N. Harrison .. 3	Denis A. Bayles .. 7
Bryan Pattison .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Joseph Saxton .. Treble	Harold Wagstaffe .. 5
Mrs. Bessie Holmes .. 2	Dennis Cooper .. 6
Leonard Goodall .. 3	John R. Ketteringham .. 7
A. Benjamin Cooper .. 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood.
Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
First peal in the method as conductor.
In remembrance.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Nov. 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Jeremy A. M. Salter .. Treble	Colin J. B. Taylor .. 5
*Andrew N. Stubbs .. 2	*Robin J. Elliott .. 6
Jean M. Addicott .. 3	*David T. Darby .. 7
John G. Pusey .. 4	James H. Pailing .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by James H. Pailing.
*First peal of Bristol.

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DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*SAM LONGBOTTOM .. Treble	*WILLIAM BARTON .. 5
†M. VIVIAN COPPING .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. 6
‡PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 4	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* 50th peal together. † First of Spliced in seven methods. ‡ First of Spliced.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	*JOHN L. GIRT .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	FRANK B. LUEKIN .. 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 7
JOHN WARNER .. 4	ALAN R. SYDER .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUEKIN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

Rung as a compliment to John L. Girt and Shirley Hill on their engagement.

SIX BELL PEALS

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK A. ADAMS .. Treble	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4
S. LESLIE BARLOW .. 2	DENNIS COOPER .. 5
*MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal in three methods.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES T. ROOKE .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 4
*MALCOLM FOSTER (13) .. 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 5
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal at first attempt.

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE, SOCIETY

AND

THE ST. CLEMENT'S ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being five callings. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

GEORGE W. PIPE .. Treble	MRS. GEO. W. PIPE .. 4
BARBARA J. BEESON .. 2	PETER G. RICHARDS .. 5
KENNETH J. MINCHINTON .. 3	JOHN J. F. ROPER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

First peal for all in New South Wales, and first of Kent Minor outside Victoria.

A 'Great Adventure' anniversary peal.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. 4
FRIEDA A. FROST .. 2	TONY OWEN .. 5
ROBERT BUTTON .. 3	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cecil V. Ebberson.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) and (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B. and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. WESTCOTT .. Treble	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 4
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 5
REGINALD GOODMAN .. 3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4
†HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2	*JOHN L. GIRT .. 5
ROGER K. WHITTELL .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* Twice 'circled the tower.' † First peal in seven methods. ‡ First in seven methods 'inside.'

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Beverley and Surfleet, and three extents of Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ARTHUR GIBBS .. Treble	DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 5
ALAN J. FROST .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Treble	*NORMAN SHERRATT .. 4
*K. PETER JONES .. 2	*WALTER SHERRATT .. 5
†PHILIP A. MASON .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

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

A birthday compliment to the conductor's father.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*ANN GODLEY .. Treble	*FRANK WATKINSON .. 4
FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 2	ALEC WILSON .. 5
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 3	RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in three methods. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford, Kent, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and three differently-called extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Treble	ALAN EVANS .. 4
*HOWARD SANDHAM .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. 5
MRS. J. R. RENDER .. 3	JOHN POTTS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal. First as conductor on tower bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and for the 25th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt. 46 lb. in E.

NORMAN ERRINGTON Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4
GEORGE S. DEAS 2	BRYAN PATTISON 5
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 63 lb. in G.

*JANE K. A. COOK Treble	*JOHN C. BALDWIN 4
ANGELA GRAINGER 2	DAVID HEIGHTON 5
*ANTHONY BENNETT 3	*ROYSTON BLACKLER Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. First as conductor.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: five each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, six each of Reverse Bartholomew, New Grandsire, and 15 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM E. SPIERS Treble	CHARLES PHILLIPS 4
JOY SMITH 2	RICHARD G. CHEW 5
REGINALD G. POWELL 3	MICHAEL V. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in six methods by all the band.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. R. C. Moore) and his wife.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 4
ELSIE K. HART 2	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 5
H. GEORGE HART 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

Rung in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association.

EWELME, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Plain Bob, one of Cambridge and four more of Plain Bob (six callings).

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT Treble	ANDREW N. STUBBS 4
*NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 2	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 5
JOHN G. PUSEY 3	DAVID F. DARBY Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN J. ELLIOTT.

* First peal of Minor, on six bells, and in more than one method.

First of Minor as conductor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*G. MAURICE TURNER .. Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP 4
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 2	DONALD F. MURFET 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal.

Rung on the eve of and for the Patronal Festival.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B. and three 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY PARKER Treble	NORMAN HOUGH 4
*CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 2	REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 5
† ARTHUR CRUMP 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal 'inside' and in three methods. † First peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	WILLIAM TALBOT 4
ERIC YOUNG 2	HAROLD ROBERTS 5
ALBERT LAWTON 3	G. A. MOORE Tenor

Conducted by G. A. MOORE.

First peal in the method by all except conductor.

A 21st birthday compliment to Doreen Ann Young.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Tues., Nov. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being five callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

ANDREW N. STUBBS .. Treble	*MARTIN B. FISHER 4
*EDWARD VENN 2	*JAMES H. PAILING 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	*NIGEL J. MAGGS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † 100th peal, and 25th as conductor.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Nov. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CECIL HINTON Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
BARRY SAUNDERS 2	J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung for the first birthday of Roger Jonathan Shellard.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 4
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 5
*D. JOHN HUNT .. 3	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. Treble	MICHAEL R. ROSE .. 4
JUDITH K. ESSEN .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 5
MIKAELA ERIK .. 3	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

A 21st birthday compliment to Marilyn March.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford Bob, two extents of St. Clement's College and four extents of Plain Bob (rung alternately).

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. BALDWIN .. Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 4
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 5
JANE K. A. COOK .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

A coming-of-age compliment to Miss Mary H. Hall.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

BERYL W. ABBOTT .. Treble	*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 4
ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 2	ANGELA GRAINGER .. 5
DAVID HEIGHTON .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* 75th peal.

DEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*RALPH BIRD .. Treble	*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*TREVOR A. CROSS .. 2	*IAN H. ORAM .. 5
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First of Minor in the method.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Kent and Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

ANDREW M. MACVE .. Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 3	IAN H. ORAM .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

SILKSTONE, BARNSLEY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Bob Minor, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

IRVINE CROSSLAND .. Treble	ERIC STAINROD .. 4
HERMAN RUSBY .. 2	NOEL F. MOXON .. 5
TREVOR TARBATT .. 3	*HARRY MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to mark the golden jubilee of the Society.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

*DONALD WYATT .. Treble	EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 4
HARRY BOYCE .. 2	†GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5
*HAZEL WAY .. 3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

* First peal of Minor. † 105th peal for the Association. First of Minor as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 ROSSENDALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

ERIC SUTTON .. Treble	WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 4
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
RONALD A. WRIGHT .. 3	BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung to welcome the Rev. R. G. Bryant to Christ Church, Swindon.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

MARGARET A. WESTCOTT Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 4
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 2	*DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 5
*GILLIAN NEAL SMITH .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* Tenth peal together.

Rung as a compliment to the new Rector (Rev. M. M. Barlow, M.A.), four of the ringers being from his former parish of Richmond.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours.

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

GRAHAM T. BALL .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6
JOHN VERNON .. 3-4	MICHAEL VERNON .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 6, 1959, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

AT 29, FOREST DRIVE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in E.

*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 1-2	MARTIN J. HARBORD .. 3-4
†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5-6	

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal 'double-handed.' † First peal 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. W. Ford 1, G. J. W. Abbott 2, J. W. Rose 3, Betty J. Marsh 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Earl of Ilchester, interred this day at Melbury.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 8th, 1,272 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): J. Riley 1, Mrs. R. Worrall 2, V. Stonier 3, B. Corbushley (cond.) 4, R. Carlidge 5, R. Worrall 6. For Remembrance Sunday by the Sunday service band.

BLO-NORTON, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Foreman 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, H. Ivings 3, R. Foreman 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5, A. Foreman 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Stanley J. Nunn, a ringer at this church.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Swain 1, J. Vincent 2, B. S. Sheppard 3, Mrs. A. Peake (first of Minor) 4, W. H. Trueman 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to B. S. Sheppard, who has left for Manchester University.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Challis (first quarter) 1, Kathleen North 2, G. Gibbs (first of Triples 'inside') 3, D. Farthing (first of Triples) 4, R. Blewitt (first of Triples) 5, G. Lister 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, D. Young (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday by the Sunday service band.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Livingston 1, Wenda R. Harris 2, Joan Davey 3, Sylvia Woods 4, R. Blewitt 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, Janet Adamson 7, J. Nersworthy 8. First quarter for 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Confirmation service.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Hobbs (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 2, Gillian M. Hussey (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 3, R. J. Bowden 4, J. Goodenough (first of Triples) 5, C. J. Richards (first of Triples 'inside') 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, H. N. Evans (first of Triples) 8. For All Saints' Day.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. John, on Nov. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hobbs 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, S. J. Burrage 4, C. J. Richards 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 5.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury): T. Padbury 1, L. W. Penfold 2, P. M. Boer 3, C. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6. Rung for Armistice service, also in memoriam F. Harman (74). Burstow; W. Wallis (94), Horley; and G. F. Hoad (82). Reigate.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. J. Luck 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, H. R. French 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, J. W. Unwin 5, T. C. Phillimore 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 8, R. G. French 9, D. M. Holness 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Michael John Holness, died Nov. 3rd, member of the above company, interred this day. Also at St. Dunstan's Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Austen 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, T. C. Phillimore 3, J. Stockbridge 4, E. Bruger 5, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Nicholls 1, Miss C. M. Farrington 2, E. Pickett 3, D. E. Sayer (first quarter) 4, W. J. Newnham 5, H. B. Makins 6, R. Durrant (cond.) 7, D. S. Billimore 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day Evensong.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Doloughan 1, H. N. Tembey 2, Miss V. Bell 3, Miss E. Birney 4, G. Tembey 5, C. Kirkby 6, C. E. Browne (cond.) 7, H. Borrowdale 8. Rung on the middle six, half-muffled, in memoriam Miss S. Noble, for many years a member of the local band.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Mayes 1, Sheila Percival 2, Jill Mayes 3, J. Church 4, D. Newis 5, J. Hulme 6, P. Tompkins (cond.) 7, T. Dille 8. For the induction of the Rev. Ernest Hall.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Cole 6. First in two methods for 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Bailey.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Paton 1, H. Bick 2, M. Williams 3, A. Thomas 4, R. E. Coles (cond.) 5, E. Carter 6, I. D. Davies 7, L. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled and with 6 and 7 covering, for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. W. Razzell 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, Miss H. Talbot (first of Major) 3, N. S. Bagworth 4, G. F. Cartwright (first of Major) 5, R. G. Abbott 6, N. G. Steere 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Munton 1, Deborah Wilson 2, Noreen Wickham 3, Rosamund Bull 4, J. Murfin (cond.) 5, F. G. Murfin 6. For Evensong.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, A. Higginbottom 4, J. E. Ivings (first as cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Stanley J. Nunn.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, C. Cherry 3, J. Church 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 21st, 1,320 Hull Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, M. Chalkley (first 'inside') 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5, P. Croft 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Asher 1, P. Fenney (first 'inside') 2, D. Brown 3, R. Trevitt 4, E. Cole 5, J. Ward 6, R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, C. Asher 8. For All Saints' Day Evensong.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—On July 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Clutton 1, S. M. Bailey 2, Margaret Tilbury 3, Sheila Wallace 4, Derek Francis 5, Dennis Knox (cond.) 6, P. J. Evans 7, G. Harrison 8, C. Harrison 9, W. Plumridge 10. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Edwards (first quarter) 1, Margaret Tilbury 2, Sheila Wallace 3, D. Francis 4, P. J. Evans 5, D. Knox 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, G. Harrison 8. For All Saints' Day.

HURST, BERKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Blackwood (first quarter) 1, Mollie Tilbury 2, Gill Brown 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, Janet K. Secker 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, Patricia Heather 8. Rung by the Reading University Society ringers.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Davies (first quarter) 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Mrs. K. F. Parr 4, C. H. Rogers 5, S. J. Way 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, Miss B. Humphrey 8. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is returning home to Wales after three years' training at the West Middlesex Hospital.

LIVERPOOL.—On Oct. 31st, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,309 Stedman Cinques: A. D. Barker 1, J. N. Brown 2, A. Tomlinson 3, T. R. Butler 4, A. P. Sandford 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, C. Harrison 7, E. L. Humphris 8, R. C. Ingram 9, E. C. Birkett 10, P. Staniforth (cond.) 11, J. Worth 12. Also 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: A. Tomlinson 1, P. Staniforth 2, T. R. Butler 3, R. C. Ingram 4, A. P. Sandford (first of Maximus) 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, E. L. Humphris 7, A. Barker 8, C. Harrison 9, J. Brown 10, E. C. Birkett 11, J. Worth (cond.) 12. Rung after meeting for peal, the start of which was delayed for a wedding ceremony and did not leave sufficient time. All the ringers are Masons.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Morris's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Hardwidge 1, T. Phillips 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, P. Blake 4, Mary Powell 5, Olwen Quint (first quarter, aged 13) 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Goakes 1, S. Wright 2, W. Barker 3, R. Patrick 4, F. Boyall 5, G. Bush 6, J. Bluff (cond.) 7, L. Hardman 8. To mark the retirement of the Archdeacon of Northampton (the Ven. C. H. Grimes), who until 1956 was president of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 8th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Y. C. Porter 1, F. E. Day 2, H. W. Milford 3, W. G. Lavers 4, A. W. Myers 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8. For Remembrance Day Evensong.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, 1,332 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss H. Young 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, R. Thatcher 3, D. Fades 4, J. Holbrook 5, F. Carter 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Thatcher.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Joan Hanning 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, E. G. Talbot 3, G. Oliver 4, Ruth M. Foreman 5, A. T. Shelton 6, A. J. Bull 7, W. H. Inwood 8, J. H. Euston (cond.) 9, K. Game (first quarter) 10. In memoriam George Frederick Hoad.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Nov. 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Penny 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, G. Dodds 3, B. A. Cornell 4, W. Little 5, R. F. Ewer 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, J. McClellan (first quarter) 8.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Harris 1, A. Harris 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, M. Chalkley 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Whitworth 1, D. J. Williams 2, Miss H. Way 3, G. Francis 4, H. Dobbins 5, B. Gladwin 6, D. Astridge (cond.) 7, B. Couzens 8. First of Triples for 3, 4 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. William Dobbins and for Remembrance Sunday.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire): C. Tyler 1, M. Stimson 2, J. Webb 3, R. Tyler 4, G. Cooper (cond.) 5. For the patronal festival and a thanksgiving for the annual gift day; also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Kenney.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. A. Green 1, Mrs. J. M. Kippin 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, O. N. Curtis 4, J. R. Faithfull 5, Miss M. E. L. Beamish 6, D. C. Jackson 7, M. J. Thomas 8, R. R. Savory (cond.) 9, I. Chapman 10. For the dedication service of the 'Seamen's Window' by the Bishop of Winchester.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Rolfe 1, W. Chapman 2, F. Harrington 3, G. Harrington 4, P. Wood 5, A. Little (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan and All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel Weedon 1, Elizabeth Stevinson 2, H. Knauss 3, L. Fox (cond.) 4, H. Weedon 5, P. Tarling 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6 at first attempt. For patronal festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 8th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sutton 1, Miss M. Wright 2, M. Stanley 3, T. R. Collins 4, P. Minchin 5, G. Wells 6, A. T. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung half-muffled before Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. Meadows 1, M. King 2, P. C. Thompson 3, R. Woodward 4, I. Tilling 5, D. G. French (cond.) 6. Rung as a token of gratitude to all who subscribed so generously towards the bell repair fund.

WEST HAM, E.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. P. Salisbury 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Carrott 4, M. N. Bland 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, J. McPhail 7, A. Garrgrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Reeve, ringing members of this tower.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, A. Bishop 3, Anne Garnett 4, A. Bagworth (cond.) 5, Mary Price 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Perkins 1, Meriel Bloyce 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, D. Culham 4, B. Gibbons 5, J. Leggett 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam a former ringer of this church, interred this day.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: T. Hims 1, E. F. Shearn 2, J. Yeates 3, M. Clark 4, P. J. Gardner 5, J. Evered 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For patronal festival.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Collins 1, R. Castledine 2, P. Salisbury 3, D. Salisbury (first of Yorkshire 'inside') 4, L. Scott 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. C. Lowe 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, G. B. Lowe 3, K. Graham 4, F. K. Thompson 5, J. R. Perkins 6. For the festival of All Saints' Evensong.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Bradder (first on eight) 1, B. E. Matthews 2, R. A. Brown 3, G. R. Crisp 4, H. Wood 5, G. Francis 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, G. Rix (first on eight) 8. First quarter since the recasting of the 4th bell. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Newnham. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Bradder 1, G. Rix (first 'inside') 2, H. Wood 3, R. A. Brown 4, G. R. Crisp 5, W. L. Weller 6, B. E. Matthews (first of Triples (cond.) 7, H. Botting (first on eight) 8. For Confirmation service.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. Pryke 1, Miss A. Lowinas 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Stith 4, A. Pryke 5, A. Gargrave 6, M. Bland 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): E. C. F. Rogers 1, E. C. Leigh 2, E. J. Jenner 3, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 4, S. Jenner 5, Miss A. George 6, W. A. Leigh 7, L. J. Fox 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam P. J. Cherry.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Pedley 1, A. Minkley 2, Mary Beach 3, J. W. Tyler 4, D. J. Beach (first as cond.) 5, C. W. Hodgekinson 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Peacock 1, J. Carrott 2, M. Bland 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, T. East 5, A. Gargrave 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

QUARTER PEALS

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. G. Schofield 1, Miss R. M. Jowett (first of Stedman) 2, J. H. Fielden 3, W. G. Wilson (first of Stedman) 4, D. Butterworth 5, P. J. H. Hudson 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, P. Scholfield 8.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 1, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2, Margaret Crossthwaite 3, Betty Faunch 4, L. Walmsley 5, F. Stead 6, A. Gardner 7, W. J. Couperthwaite 8. First of Major for 2, 3, 4 and 8. Rung in memoriam E. Roger Martin.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, Alma Greaves 2, Mary Funnell 3, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 4, R. J. Gay 5. Rung as a farewell gift to the Rev. A. F. Minnitt on his retirement.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): D. C. Bowen 1, Christine Pullin 2, C. C. Clarke 3, R. K. Russ 4, P. D. Warren 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Jennifer Sceenv 1, Mary F. Carr 2, T. Evans 3, H. Oglesby (cond.) 4, G. J. Berry 5, Ann Sear (first attempt) 6. Rung half-muffled for Matins.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary Perkins 1, P. Perkins 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, B. Gibbons 4, D. Culham 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: T. Cross 1, F. Hogan 2, L. Man-nering 3, Miss O. Couchman 4, Mrs. T. Cross 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, J. Wallis 7, B. Baker 8, C. Tester 9, T. Cullingworth 10. For patronal festival Evensong.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Davey 1, G. Kenward 2, J. E. Clark 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, Albert J. Dunk 5, E. C. Barton 6. A birthday compliment to the twin daughters of James Judd (Marion and Maureen).

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Pass 1, E. Jenkins 2, J. T. Walmsley 3, I. Kay 4, M. D. Fishwick 5, G. S. Mills 6, A. Ward (cond.) 7, T. B. Hartley 8. Rung in honour of the 82nd birthday of Mr. Herbert Barlow, a ringer at this church for a number of years.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Millington 1, R. Jackson 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, A. Woodall 4, W. Ellerington 5, T. Cox 6, P. Wishart (first as cond.) 7, C. Oldfield 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. E. Hills 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Miss E. Mason 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in two methods for 3 and 5. First in two methods on the bells. For Remembrance Sunday.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of All Hallows, on Nov. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Muir 1, Jill Barron 2, Gillian Neal Smith 3, A. J. Muir 4, W. A. Lewis 5, M. D. Hill Brown (first as cond. in method) 6. For patronal festival Evensong.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford 1, C. H. Webber 2, I. G. Hughes 3, S. N. Bristow 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6. First of Stedman for 2 and 3.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, T. Wooding 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, G. F. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Mr. John Goff to Miss Patricia Ann Lane.

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Mrs. F. I. Hairs exercised her right as the only woman member now alive of the Ancient Society of College Youths to attend the 322nd anniversary dinner on November 7th. The only lady present, she enjoyed to the full the excellent dinner and the witty speeches, and participated in handbell ringing at the close of the official programme.

Twelve ringers from Broughton, Staffs, attended a combined practice at Barthomley, Cheshire, recently.

After the peal at Stoke-on-Tern on October 31st the band were entertained to an excellent tea by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, which was very much appreciated.

Watch scrap merchants' yards for old bells! Mr. P. Amos tells us that he has thus accumulated an octave and two different fives at a total cost of under £2.

Now demobilised from the Army, Mr. Alan Buswell, of Havant, writes that he has spent many an enjoyable hour at meetings, which was only made possible through the advertisements in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Herbert Barlow, now 82, of St. Mary's band, Oldham, recently underwent an operation in Oldham Royal Infirmary. His many friends will be glad to know that he is now home again fully recovered.

The late Mr. E. Roger Martin, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, has bequeathed in his will the sum of £100 for the provision of bell ropes at Preston Parish Church.

This week we record two first peals out of the ordinary. Robert F. Grisdale's was of London Surprise Major at North Mymms, and 13-year-old Malcolm Foster's was Cambridge Surprise Minor at Warsop. Both performances were on a working bell.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The six Melbourne ringers who travelled 800 miles, to score a peal on the light six at Yass, N.S.W., passed through such places as Glenmovan (Ned Kelly's district), Frying Pan Creek, Gundagai, Wagga Wagga and Gumby Gumby. The back five of Yass' bells were cast by Thomas Blews and the treble by Taylor's. Thanks are accorded to Kenneth Minchinton, the driver, and Yass ringers for their hospitality.

Mr. F. T. Jackson is thought to be the first person to 'circle' Bawtry, Yorks, tower to peals.

Mr. Morris' book, 'Tintinnabula,' will encourage the hobby of collecting small bells. One of the largest collections is in the possession of Mr. Wagstaff, of Northill, who in addition to small bells has an octave of bicycle bells.

Mr. S. Ponting, of Milford, was nominated as the new secretary of the Guildford District at Cranleigh on November 7th, in succession to Mr. D. G. Kirk, who is going to Ruskington, near Sleaford, Lincs, in the New Year.

Mainly due to the enthusiasm of Miss Margaret Ladd, members of the Kent District of the Ladies' Guild have scored a peal at Marden. The conductor, Miss D. Colegate, writes that this effort did not need conducting, all that was required was to call the bobs. A previous attempt a few months ago failed.

Mr. Robert F. Grisdale is now a member of the North Mymms, Herts, band, having learned to ring at Keswick, Cumberland. His ringing friends in the North Country will be pleased to learn that he has now rung a peal of London Surprise Major on a working bell. This, moreover, was his first peal, in which he made a very good performance and by it has achieved something of a rare feat.

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322nd ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

RECORD ATTENDANCE INCLUDED ONLY LADY MEMBER — PROVOST REINDORP SOLVES NELSON'S LAST WORDS — CORNHILL BELLS — 71 NEW MEMBERS — 'THE RINGING WORLD' HIGHEST SALE — REASONS FOR PRICE INCREASE

A COMPANY of over 200 ringers made the 322nd anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 7th, not only a record attendance but a fitting climax to a memorable year. In the company were three old stalwarts with over 60 years' membership—Messrs. E. Fenn, J. R. Sharman and G. E. Symonds—sitting in company with 'youngsters hardly out of their nappies,' to use a happy phrase of the Provost of Southwark (the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp).

The customary dignified entry of the Master (Mr. Wilfred Williams), escorted by the senior steward (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) and the junior steward (Mr. M. P. Moreton), gave a touch of pageantry to the proceedings. During the meal the Master took wine with those of 60 and 50 years' membership, the past masters, and finally with those with whom he had rung a peal—which seemed to be at least half the assembly. It was, indeed, a busy evening for the toast-master, Mr. Cyril Watts.

The toast of 'The Queen' was followed by that of 'The Church,' presented with a Welsh fluency by the Master. He recalled his visit the previous Saturday to Great Yarmouth for the dedication of the new ring of bells, where they all saw what had been accomplished by hard work. He gave the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow's apologies to the company; he would have liked to have been present but was tied to his very large parish.

THE SUNDAY OF THOUSANDS

Last summer, said the Master, was a good example of how thousands of people spend their Sunday, without any thought of the Church. There was a procession of thousands of cars, coaches and trains taking people to the seaside, while very many more spent the morning beneath their cars or touching-up the paintwork. Those people would not think much about the Church unless they were provided with some link which came from the distant ringing of church bells.

He knew many others who looked forward to Sunday, not as a day of worship, but because they would get double pay. There were others who would like to go to church but were afraid of ridicule. A committee had been appointed by the Church Assembly, under the chairmanship of Sir Wilfrid Garrett, to improve the relationship between the Church and the factory. A good example of this relationship was provided by the ringers.

The expected addition to the Royal Family next year was looked forward to with great interest and should bring the people closer to the Church. 'We hope it will be an occasion for rejoicing and that many peals will be rung. There are ringers who might have the opportunity of ringing at some inaccessible towers. This will be one of the occasions when everybody will know why the bells are being rung.'

There seemed to be a good influx of young men entering the Church today, and some of them were good ringers. The Bishop of Southwark had appealed to young clergy to come forward and take jobs in Southwark and Camberwell. It was only by them coming forward that the gap which existed between the Church and the people could be reduced.



MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS,
The Master as hundreds who have rung
peals with him know him.

'ARMADA' HUGHES

The Provost of Southwark was at his happiest in his reply to the toast with a pointed reference to his old friend 'Armada' Hughes. He went to Portsmouth on Nelson's Day to take part in the proceedings, and some doubt was expressed as to what were Nelson's last words—'Kismet Hardy' or 'Kiss me, Hardy.' He thought a solution would be found if they looked at the 'Victory's' bell. It provided the answer with 'Kiss me, Hughes.'

When he was in St. Bartholomew's Hospital as a patient with his wife, the Provost spoke of hearing the bells of the new Cathedral (St. Paul's), where the church got its money from a whispering gallery. It was a campanological mystical sound which called back memories. What it was to have a famous name! Only England could produce names like the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Provost said they at Southwark owed a lot to the ringers when their Bishop was enthroned, when they had more pressmen visit them than at any other ecclesiastical event. His secretary, Benedicta Whistler, when she motored him around the country never failed to point out the churches in which she had rung. On behalf of the Church he thanked the ringers for their services. They were thrilled to know that the College Youths had 70 new members.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. N. Motley, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, who in his thanks wondered how some of the ringers found time to eat, as they rang for the 10 o'clock service at St. Paul's, the 11 o'clock at his church and again at St. Paul's in the afternoon.

They might have heard that their 11th bell had sheared its bearing. The City Fathers had not been over generous in meeting the cost. He approached one who said he was quite prepared to start a fund for some nice electronic bells on which they could hear the Bells of Bethlehem, and asked him if he would like it. Apart from the fact that he objected to anything ersatz, he remembered that there was the Ancient Society of College Youths, and if electronic bells were introduced he could not remain Rector of Cornhill. He was still waiting for that City Father's subscription for the new bells.

The hon. secretary (Mr. John E. Chilcott) in his reply expressed the Society's pleasure in having Mr. Motley with them as their guest, as he had been a source of great encouragement to the Society by the energetic way he was getting the bells restored. They looked forward to the time when he had his bells ringing again.

The secretary read apologies from the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, L. Derrick, W. A. Marsh, Richard W. Stannard (aged 90, joined 1890), Harry Miles, F. E. Hansford, W. A. Osborn and Alan R. Mcadonald.

A RECORD YEAR

The past year could be described as a record one. They had that evening a record attendance of over 200 members and friends of the Society; they had made a record number of new members, and in addition the number of peals rung was above average.

Practices had, however, suffered by the curtailment of ringing at Cornhill and in latter months at St. Paul's Cathedral, but the ringing had been of a progressive nature and at the practices the standard had been a high one.

They had a country meeting at Worcester on May 2nd, when they had a very enjoyable day, thanks to the services of Messrs. Cartwright and Hemming, and on July 25th they visited St. Albans, where Mr. Arnold made excellent arrangements.

That year they had made 71 new members, which was almost double the number for last year. They came from 28 counties, and in addition there was Mr. Nelson Sloan, of Christchurch, New Zealand. Mr. Sloan came on a six-months' holiday to this country, and most of his holiday was devoted to ringing, and when he was told he was eligible for election to the College Youths, which was just before he returned to New Zealand, he told him that it was the highlight of his visit.

During the year 23 peals were rung, against 16 last year. There were eight peals of Major including one at Bolsover and the first for the Society of Glasgow Surprise Major; five peals of Stedman Caters (including one at Southwark for the new Bishop), three of Royal (Gloucester Cathedral, Stepney and Prittlewell), five of Stedman Cinques (including Exeter Cathedral) and three of Maximus (including the first of Pudsey for the Society in June, although another peal was rung in July).

In the early part of the year they were offered the original manuscript of Trollope's 'College Youths' by the Guildford Guild. They were very proud to have it, and they looked forward to the time they had a central home for their books. He hoped that someone would write a history of their contemporary members.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER (Continued)

LOSSES BY DEATH

At the suggestion of the Master, the company stood while the following, who had died during the year (not all College Youths), were remembered:—

John Bass, Bernard J. Swinson, Geoffrey Carter, Herbert W. Knight, John O. Lancaster, Herbert J. Skeet, Harry Knutt, George N. Price, Ernest J. Gladman, Mrs. A. A. Shurcliff, John Fowler, Arthur W. Gravett, George Baker, Alfred H. Pulling, Arthur B. Wiffin, Charles W. Blakey, Percy Fordham, Cecil J. Matthews, William Pelling, Sidney S. Woodburn, Cecil V. Ebberson, Robert S. F. Murphy, William Seldon, Geo. F. Hoad, Ambrose W. Osborne, Thomas Townsend, Henry J. Ranzetta, E. Roger Martin and Charles Brown.

'Visitors and Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. J. G. A. Prior, who gave a special welcome to the Provost of Southwark and the Rev. N. Motley. Mr. Motley's bells were at the Whitechapel Foundry, and they had every hope of ringing them again shortly. Southwark, Cornhill and Cripplegate were great names in the Society. Welcoming Mr. Peter Bond, the Master of the Cumberlands, Mr. Prior said he had not been Master long but he thought he could claim to be the longest! Other guests specially mentioned were Mr. Frederick Sharpe (president) and Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary), of the Central Council, and also Mr. Edwin A. Lewis. 'We of the Ancient Society are very proud that the presidents of the Council have for a long time been College Youths, and for almost as many years the secretaries have been Cumberlands.'

DESCENDANTS OF MASTER OF 1685

Speaking of 'Kindred Societies,' Mr. Prior mentioned that College Youths were also members of kindred Societies. Of the last 17 Masters no fewer than nine came from outside London. In their company there were two dozen members from Oxford. He also welcomed Mr. Sam Scattergood, of the Derbyshire Society, who was a direct descendant of Samuel Scattergood, who was Master in 1685. He must have known Fabian Stedman, who was Master in 1682. Mr. L. W. Wiffin, of the Essex Association, was the sole surviving member of the band who rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and with him was Mr. Charles Sedgley, who with Mr. Wiffin rang in the second peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ipswich.

The Rev. E. G. Turner (Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate) in his reply said that having completed 25 years as Vicar of Cripplegate, his title had now been changed to Rector.

Mr. G. McKay, of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, replied for the Kindred Societies, and said his Association covered a very wide area but only contained 110 ringers and 20 rings of bells.

Mr. W. T. Cook was entrusted with the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and said, 'The Ringing World,' or some similar journal, was indispensable to the Exercise. They had had a ringing journal continuously since 1881, and since then there had been an enormous increase in the theory of their art. As they knew, with the recent increase in the cost of printing 'The Ringing World' was facing a crisis, and what

they had to decide was 'what we who own the paper are going to do about it.' Were they going to let it die through their own apathy? "The Ringing World" was necessary if ringing was to function as it did today.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, who replied, said 'The Ringing World' was born on March 24th, 1911, and in the first issue there was a photograph of a young man of 28 with a splendid head of black hair, who was the then Master of the College Youths—their friend, Mr. Peck. Of course, it was very magnanimous for Mr. Goldsmith to begin with Mr. Peck, as he was an ardent Cumberland.

'ANNOYED SOMEBODY'

What did they want in 'The Ringing World'? They knew that whatever fresh appeared it annoyed somebody. He welcomed very much a letter from a clergyman, who said they did not want homespun theology but news about ringing. He did not want a watered-down edition of 'The Church Times.' Some people said the contents were not bright enough. Some urged that it should cater for the Sunday service ringers, and if it did its circulation would go up by leaps and bounds.

Other complaints were that there were too many peals, and professional peal ringers went about the country ringing for their own pleasure. 'I think I can speak in a slightly detached fashion having rung a tremendous number of peals in a short time until compelled to give up. Personally, I read the doings of other peal ringers, and I am quite certain that 95 per cent. of those who buy "The Ringing World" do. It seems to me that in certain quarters there is a very strong Puritan streak.'

CIRCULATION HIGHEST

'It is a fact that the circulation of the journal is higher than it has ever been—a circulation of 5,700 a week. As Mr. Cook said, the paper faces a crisis because of the increase of 12½ per cent. in printing costs. I will tell you the Standing Committee met this afternoon and considered the general situation of the paper. They considered three alternative ways in which they might increase the revenue of the paper, and very reluctantly decided that it would be necessary from the first issue next year to increase the price.

'We took the view if the price is increased, the increase should be one that would provide a surplus as far as could be reasonably foreseen, because we know that in 1961 there will be another review of printers' wages and also of costs. The view was taken that it was no good putting a penny on the paper and coming back in a couple of years and saying it has been very tight.

'From the first issue in January the price will be 8d. We know that it will not be popular. There will be letters in "The Ringing World," but do remember we are not putting money into shareholders' pockets. The only thing "The Ringing World" Committee and the Standing Committee are concerned with is trying to ensure as far as possible that "The Ringing World" shall continue to appear and that the Editor and his staff, inadequately paid as they are, should receive a slight increase to recompense them. I think the Exercise generally will not object to that extra cost.'

The concluding toast, which was drunk in silence, was 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago.' Mr.

A. A. Hughes, who submitted the toast, said that the Master of 1659 was John Tendring, a famous composer of his time; they had no record of the Master of 1759, but in 1859 it was Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green. Quite a number of ringers knew him, and he (Mr. Hughes) called his last peal in 1912. He was a great man, a first-class ringer and a steadfast character.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by William T. Cook 1-2, John Chilcott 3-4, Michael V. Chilcott 5-6, Wilfred Williams 7-8, Brian D. Threlfall 9-10, Michael P. Moreton 11-12.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were the Provost of Southwark, the Rectors of Cripplegate and Cornhill, the Rev. N. Earle and Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, F. C. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, J. G. A. Prior, E. H. Lewis, G. McKay, P. N. Bond, A. York-Bramble, A. A. Hughes, C. J. Watts, D. Hughes, R. Wilson, W. T. Cook, S. Scattergood, J. F. Smallwood and P. Cook.

Others present were:—

A. J. Adams, N. I. Allnatt, W. J. Arnold, A. Bagworth, N. Bagworth, P. Baker, A. D. Barker, S. H. Barker, A. L. Barry, J. Basher, L. Batting, A. W. Beard, H. Belcher, R. D. Bell, R. G. Bell, P. Bird, G. Bishop, W. H. Bishop, G. Boomsma, P. Border, T. R. Boreham, R. J. Bowden, A. J. Boyack, F. W. Budgen, D. Burnett, D. Butterworth.

A. P. Cannon, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, J. R. Chaundy, W. J. Chester, M. V. Chilcott, D. G. Clift, B. Coggins, W. H. Coles, P. A. Corby, F. E. Collins, A. R. Cornish, J. H. Crampson.

F. E. Darby, G. Davis, S. H. Dearden, W. S. Deason, T. R. Dennis.

M. Edney, H. C. Edwards, R. G. Edwards, T. P. Edwards, R. J. Elliott.

E. G. Fenn, S. Fokett, D. Fowles, L. J. Fox, T. G. Fox.

J. Gipson, W. C. Godwin, I. Goulter, W. T. Grice.

F. I. Hairs, Mrs. Hairs, H. Hamer, R. Hamilton, G. H. Harding, N. V. Harding, J. S. Hawkins, F. E. Haynes, J. Hill, E. Hitchins, L. Hitchins, H. Hodgetts (2), S. Holgate, E. E. Holman, J. Hunt.

D. Jewell, C. M. P. Johnson, W. F. Judge, I. Kay, S. F. Kimber.

D. Langdon, R. G. Leale, D. Leslie, N. Leslie, C. E. Lewington, G. J. Lewis, A. F. Lewry, J. Linnell, J. H. Lott, E. Lucas.

T. Macey, K. W. Mackintosh, C. Malden, A. R. Mann, F. E. Manns, W. Manser, J. Marks, C. W. Martin, A. G. Mason, J. S. Mason, F. C. Maynard, R. B. Meadows, G. S. Mills, E. G. Moore, M. P. Moreton, B. P. Morris.

E. Nixon, C. Norris, R. E. Norris, D. Painter, D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. B. Peck, A. J. Phillips, J. Phillips, M. Phipps, C. W. Pipe, W. C. Porter.

D. Randall, W. J. Rawlings, J. Rea, A. H. Reed, A. S. Richards, J. E. Ricketts, W. A. Riddington, W. J. Ridgman, F. E. Roberts, T. Roberts, J. D. Rock, A. Rogers, E. J. Rowe, H. Rumens.

G. Salmon, J. B. Sansom, V. Savage, F. R. Scott, C. J. Sedgley, T. J. Setter, S. J. Sharland, J. R. Sharmar (2), G. Shellard, J. Silverside.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING TOURS

Dear Sir,—I sympathise with Mr. Dowse in his protest about the cutting of copy sent for publication: it really is a waste of time. An account of a 10-day tour which I submitted earlier this year appeared as a few lines in 'Belfry Gossip,' so those whose reports are cut to half a page can take what comfort they like from that!

The key to the success of any paper lies in its presentation of news, and people who take the trouble to send in reports, as Mr. Dowse says, work hard and take a great deal of time and trouble to produce first class material. This is almost invariably pruned drastically, and what is left is ironed out to a general level of mediocrity from which all humour and amusing incidents are erased.

The ordinary reader isn't interested in the rather banal reports which so often run: 'We visited . . . followed by a string of towers and the number of bells in each. This is merely a factual record which we can read in 'Dove.' If an account isn't 'live' then it isn't worth printing, as any newspaper editor will soon confirm.

The sort of person who sends reports is invariably a 'Ringing World' supporter, and I would hazard a guess, very often a financial supporter into the bargain. If his reports are to receive such cavalier treatment, then the Editor loses another contributor and a bit of goodwill as well.

We read 'The Ringing World' for entertainment as well as for news and higher mathematics, so please remember that unimaginative cutting of reports is not only the surest way to a further falling off in interest, but, what is far more serious, a falling off in circulation, which no one wishes to see. — Yours faithfully,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

Note.—Those who submit week's ringing tours should remember that consideration has first to be given to the general reader. They want to know whose tour. Who is Bill and Monica? In selecting tours for publication preference is given to the regular weeks of permanent or semi-permanent bodies. The printers' strike meant a deficit of 84 pages of reading matter. Had this not occurred there would have been fewer grouses. —Ed.

College Youths

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D. J. Neal Smith, S. Smith, K. Spavins, R. Sumner, G. E. Symonds.

F. C. Taylor, A. Temple, W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thirst, H. E. Thompson, J. Thornley.

B. D. Threlfall, A. M. Tyler.

P. Walker, D. K. Walters, J. Ward, P. H.

Watts, J. A. Waugh, G. H. Webb, H. Weaver,

H. Weedon, J. O. Weller, B. R. White, F. A.

White, F. C. White, T. W. White, W. R. White,

L. Wiffen, F. H. Wilkins, A. C. Winn, P. J.

Wooldyer, H. W. Woolven, C. Wratten, C.

Wright.

W. A. Yates.

RECORD LENGTH OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR TO BE ATTEMPTED

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt for 40,320 Double Norwich C.B. Major at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, November 28th, commencing at 9 a.m., approximately.

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6	3	2	4	5	3	—	—
5	4	3	6	2	—	—	3
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Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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OUR PAGES AND THEIR APPEAL

Dear Sir,—One receives his or her 'Ringing World' each week to read some very interesting literature.

We open up our copy at the first page and usually find a very interesting article by a well-known ringer. We then read, I hope with interest, the peals and quarter peals that have been published, and belfry gossip. After I have read so far, I usually turn to read the notices of meetings and then accounts of peal tours and outings, etc. Last of all, and by no means least, we turn to letters to the Editor, and what do we read? One person begrudges the space allocated to him compared with the amount of space allocated to someone else. Another person then reports that he heard part of a peal—published in 'The Ringing World'—and comments that he would not have given it room in the peals column had he been the Editor.

Let us face all facts. We in general are not interested in how much space is allocated to accounts of outings and tours, or to whether a peal should have been published or not. These are both a matter of judgment for the Editor and the latter by the conductor. If a conductor thinks that the striking of a peal is good enough for publication, then let that be the end of it. If the striking is bad, then it is up to the conductor to ask for better striking or to stand the bells.

Let us not read any more of these 'bickering' letters and have the space devoted to more interesting literature, such as ringers giving information on bells and others wanting to know if there are any more bells in the country cast by So and So.—Yours faithfully,

St. Mary's, Oldham.

ALAN WARD.

'HUDIBRAS' AND THE EXTREME

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of October 30th giving account of a conversation between Mr. Chant and 'Professor Dodge.' It is with great trepidation that I set pen to paper to express any views on a subject that has been studied by such a learned Professor.

Ten years ago I joined a five-bell tower, just south of Grantham, called Great Ponton, and there we used to ring a method, or rather a variation, which we called 'Hudibras.' This method was the same as what is commonly known as April Day (i.e., Plain Bob Doubles with a Grandsire single instead of a bob). The only difference between the two methods was that whereas, naturally, Plain Bob had the normal start, Hudibras had a Grandsire-type start. In other words, the 120 starts off assuming that a call has just been made.

The Professor and Mr. Chant then went on to discuss a type of call used in doubles called 'Extream.' In Great Ponton belfry there is a chart quoting 42 different extents of Grandsire Doubles, and in 32 of these extents, apart from the usual bobs, singles and plain leads, I seem to remember that a very large proportion of the lead ends were marked to be called 'E.' which, I was told, meant 'Extream.' (I was told that it was spelt 'Extreme.') I made several inquiries to find out exactly what was meant by this, but was never very successful. One person said that it was just another type of call like a bob or single, another said that it was a call by means of which a conductor could put another bell into the plain hunting instead of the treble, and a third thought it had the effect of altering the work of the bells between the lead ends. Unfortunately none of my informants are now alive so I cannot question them further on this point.

Like Messrs. Chant and Dodge, I do not think that I could be classified as an 'Old Doubles Ringer,' having only been ringing less than 15 years, so I hope that I shall not be accused of teaching my grandmothers (and fathers) to suck eggs.—Yours, etc.,

J. M. SIMPSON.

Grantham, Lincs.

ST. RUMON OF ROMANSLEIGH

Dear Sir,—The writer of the report of the S.F.E. outing in Devon at Whitsun, in 'The Ringing World' of July 10th-17th, asked for the origin of St. Rumon of Romansleigh.

I have been inquiring into the history of this local saint and find that he is identical with St. Ruan of Ruan Maj. and Min. also Polruan, in Cornwall.

I am indebted to the Rev. R. L. P. Milburn for the following information: 'He seems to have been one of a rather numerous band of Irish hermits who came to Cornwall and to Brittany, where he is also honoured, and thought to be a Bishop of Quimper.'

His fame was widespread and his bones were preserved in Tavistock Abbey, until the Abbey was sacked by the Danes.

Incidentally, I can well recommend Mr. Milburn's excellent book, 'Saints and Their Emblems in English Churches,' to anyone interested in identifying both the common and the uncommon saints depicted in our churches.

—Yours faithfully, JOHN F. CARTER.

Pangbourne, Berks.

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LETTERS—Continued

COVEHITHE CHURCH, SUFFOLK

Sir,—The most interesting account by 'U. W. W.' of ringers at Covehithe, Suffolk, certainly brought back many memories of visits made during the summers of 1935, 1936 and 1937, and also answered a question which has puzzled me for over 20 years—why this unique place, with its one church built inside another, has not been the venue of outings and peal attempts. Although I would not care to do so to-day, I can recall more than one scramble up the crazy ladders in the tower in company with other teenage youths.

In those days the bells were chimed 'on the swing' by members of the church, under the supervision of the then Rector, the Rev. L. W. Wingfield (I think that was his name), and very well they did it. Ringing, even then, was done on only very rare occasions on account of the isolation of the place and then, as far as I recall, by arrangement with the bands at Pakefield and/or Wrentham. The tower was not thought unsafe at the time.

An interesting and well-illustrated booklet, 'History and Antiquities of Covehithe,' by John Browne, M.A., used to be available for 6d. at Wrentham Post Office. From internal evidence, this was originally written between 1872 and 1881, my copy being published by Powell and Co., of Lowestoft. The following few facts may be of interest:—

There is no church mentioned in Domesday, but in 1301 a vicar was nominated by Wangford Priory, and this monastery and its superior at Thetford were probably patrons of the living. The book gives a list of vicars from 1301 to 1710 and it is generally thought that the ruined church was the work of William Yarmouth, Vicar 1459–1494, a man of wealth. This building was 'defaced' by Dowsing, the Parliamentary Commissioner, and after the Civil War, in 1672, was partly demolished to provide material for the small church erected inside the nave, which was more appropriate to the needs and size of the place than the old building, which was 163ft. long and 63ft. 9in. wide and renowned for its stained glass before Dowsing got there.

The bells are very interesting: the treble is an ancient blank bell; 2 and 3 being inscribed: A. B. Anno Domini 1616 and 1626 respectively; 4 and 5 are apparently mediaeval, the inscriptions reading: (4) 'Petrus ad eterne ducat nos pascua vite,' (5) 'Sum Rosa pulsata mundi Maria Vocata.' Both bear shields and crosses, probably products of the Norwich foundry. The weight would be about 14-16 cwt.

Perhaps one of your more erudite readers could say whether the 'one church in another' is unique or not.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne.

Freemasons At Liverpool

The dozen Masonic brethren who assembled at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on October 31st were unable to start for a peal of Stedman Cinques as, owing to a wedding service, time would not allow for its completion. They had the pleasure of ringing two excellent quarters on these fine bells, which left everyone quite satisfied. It is understood that this is the first time two quarters have been rung on the bells in one day.

By previous arrangements, a repast with the curate (the Rev. Ian Campbell) and Ringing Master (Mr. Lester Gray) was enjoyed at the local Masonic Hall and brought to a close a really happy day. Among toasts honoured were 'The Ringing Fraternity' and 'Absent Friends.'

THE DEVON GUILD AND TOURS

Dear Sir,—In view of the correspondence which has taken place, I feel that, as general secretary of the Devon Guild, I should like to make it clear that we are very pleased to welcome to Devon visiting ringers, whether individually or in parties. It must be remembered that we change ringers number less than 20 per cent. of the ringers in Devon and that practising the art of change ringing is consequently very difficult. We therefore look forward to the summer, when ringers on holiday make their way to our bellfries and give us a helping hand. We also like to hear our bells rung well by a band of experts such as that which rang the 11 peals last month. Our peal fees almost cover the cost of publication in our annual report and make a contribution to 'The Ringing World' funds.

Unfortunately I was not able to welcome the peal party as I had no previous knowledge of their visit, but the monks at Buckfast Abbey have told me how much they appreciated the ringing. It is, however, regretted that the peal at Wolborough was rung on a Sunday, as this disturbance of the Sunday quiet has caused trouble at one of the few call change towers in Devon, where peal ringing by residents has been welcomed in the past. In this connection I would like to endorse Mr. Norman Mallet's suggestions in last week's 'Ringing World' and express the hope that in arranging future tours one of the officers of the Guild would be contacted.

—Yours sincerely,

G. MAURICE ATKINS.

Teigamouth, Devon.

FAMILY PEALS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the claim, made in 'The Ringing World' of October 23rd, page 625, by A. R. L., peals of Plain Bob Major were rung 'in hand' by members of one family before 1915.—Yours truly,

A. F. BAILEY.

Stockport, Cheshire.

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DEDICATION

Carbis Bay's Completed Tower
And New Bells

THE dedication of the completed tower, two new trebles to make a ring of ten, an additional clock face, and new curtains for both the High and Lady Chapel Altars, took place on Saturday, October 31st, All Saints' Eve, and was performed by the Archdeacon of Cornwall, the Ven. F. Boreham.

The Archdeacon, in his sermon, described the dedication service as a 'joyful and happy occasion,' and said that the beautiful tower dominated the whole area and invited everyone to worship and praise God.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon I. S. Jenkins. In addition, there were more than 20 clergy present, including the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (secretary of the Diocesan Guild). The congregation was so large that all could not get into the church. There were present the architect, Mr. K. E. Rundell, Mr. Paul L. Taylor and Mr. Ronald Edwards (Loughborough), Messrs. P. Venn and J. Clinch (Messrs. Venn Bros., Ltd, who built the tower), A. Carveth (president), W. H. Southard (vice-president), D. Burnett (Master, Truro Guild) and ringers from as far away as Sheffield, Leicester, Plymouth and Devonshire, as well as Cornwall.

As the two new trebles, which were the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, had been hallowed at a special service in August, the full ring of ten was rung for an hour by the local band before the service. This gave all, on arrival, a splendid opportunity to hear the bells outside the church.

Immediately after the service, whilst the whole congregation of visitors and parishioners went across to the Church Room for tea, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by a band of seven from the Diocese and three visitors, conducted by Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth. This excellent and continuous ringing was very much appreciated.

After this there was general ringing until late in the evening and included rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal, and although an attempt for a course of Cambridge Royal was amongst the best ringing of the evening it misfired.

Although ringing conditions were not quite as they will be, as the clockmakers had not finished their task, the general opinion was that this new ring is most pleasing both inside and outside the tower. Certain adjustments, now that the clock has been removed from the ringing chamber to a position above the bells, can now be made, and it is certain that this light ten will give nothing but enjoyment to those who ring them.

During the service the Vicar gave greetings he had received from the Vicar of Great Yarmouth, where the dedication was taking place at the same hour, and mentioned that he, too, had sent greetings to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Carbis Bay got the first quarter peal. Which tower will get the first peal?

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Pullon 1, Mrs. A. D. Cook (first 'inside') 2, J. E. Pullon (first 'inside') 3, A. D. Cook (first as cond.) 4, P. Cattermole 5, J. E. A. Pullon (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled following Remembrance Day Evensong by the Sunday service band.

FIRST MARRIED COUPLE'S PEAL OF
MINOR

Dear Sir.—The first married couple's peal of Minor was not rung at Deeping St. Nicholas on October 22nd, 1959, but at Bassingham, Lincs, on November 29th, 1930.—Yours truly,
A. RICHARDSON (MRS.)

Surfleet, Lincs.

RINGING COMPETITION FOLLOWS REDEDICATION AT KIMPTON

THE first Hertfordshire ringing competition was held at Kimpton following the service of rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Bedford on October 31st.

A new tower screen in memory of the late Charles Hancock, Vicar of Kimpton from 1952 to 1958, was also dedicated at the service. Mr. Hancock was keenly interested in the bells and himself learned to ring at Kimpton. It was during his incumbency that a restoration fund was opened for the bells and in four and a half years the local ringers raised £590 for the fund. The work, which included retuning and rehangings in ball bearings, was completed in October by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The beautiful memorial screen, which incorporates a new ringing floor, was designed by a member of the church and built by Mr. D. Price, a member of the local band.

The dedication rounds during the service were rung by a local band, which included 78-year-old tower captain Mr. John Wells, who has been associated with the church as choirboy and ringer since the age of 16.

After the service a short touch of Kent Minor was rung by a band including the president of the Herts County Association, Mr. G. W. Debenham, and Messrs. W. Ayre and A. P. Cannon.

When the judges were safely 'locked in,' the captains of the eight teams which had entered for the competition drew for order of ringing. Each team rang 360 of Minor, own choice of method, and by a quarter to six all teams had successfully completed their touch.

Nearly 70 ringers then converged on the village school for an excellent tea, following which the Rev. C. W. Lawrence welcomed visitors. He praised the local ringers on their initiative in organising the competition, which had brought together ringers from all over the county on this memorable occasion.

Mr. J. G. Cull, in introducing the judges, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. A. P. Cannon, said that he did not think he could say anything

about these two well-known gentlemen which the meeting did not already know, except to give an assurance that they had not been visited by any ringers with refreshments during the course of the afternoon!

A tape recording was then played of Kimpton bells rung to Cambridge Minor, before restoration.

IMPORTANCE OF TIGHT ROPE

Mr. Ayre, in commenting on the competition, said that most marks were lost due to bad leads. He emphasised the need for keeping a tight rope and also said that it was not good policy to put the least experienced member of the band on the treble.

Mr. Cannon, after supporting these remarks, said that he had last visited Kimpton 20 years ago and on that occasion had cycled from Surrey. That day he had travelled in comfort and he had found the afternoon a very pleasant change from peal ringing.

Mr. Ayre, in giving the results, said that these did not really matter so much as the fact that the competition was an incentive to attain good striking, which was the main criterion in any ringing.

The teams who entered, methods rung and marking were then given as follows: North Myms (Cambridge) 78 faults. Baldock 'A' (Cambridge) 82. Apsley End (Norwich) 107. King's Langley (Plain Bob) 144. Kimpton (Plain Bob) 163. Knebworth (Plain Bob) 164. Baldock 'B' (Plain Bob) 182. Northaw (Plain Bob) 185.

The Kimpton Cup (of solid silver), which had been given by the Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers, was then presented to Mr. T. J. Lock, of North Myms, who said he felt sure that everyone who had entered for the competition had benefited by the practice necessary for such an event.

All the ringing during the afternoon had been recorded and part of the winning team's touch was then played back. Compared with the recording made before restoration the improvement in tone effected by the retuning was most marked.

A short discussion on the future of the competition brought whole-hearted support that it should continue and a small committee was formed to organise the event in 1960.

Following a vote of thanks to all concerned in making the arrangements for the day the meeting adjourned to the local British Legion Club. Here the Kimpton ringers had laid on a barrel of beer, which proved to be too small, and other refreshments. Good use was made of the handbells during the evening and teams were able to hear their afternoon's ringing played back over the tape recorder, some perhaps were a little surprised at the number of faults.

So ended, all too soon, a very memorable and enjoyable day.

Our thanks to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for doing such a good job on the bells.

THE BELLS

Tenor.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G. 1638. Founder, Robert Oldfield, Hertford.

Fifth.—8 cwt. 1 qr. Late 14th Century. Founder, William Burford, London.

Fourth.—7 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. Middle 16th Century. Founder, John Saunders, Reading.

Third.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. 1636. Founder, Robert Oldfield.

Second.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. 1728. Founder, John Waylett, Bishop's Stortford.

Treble.—4 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. 1636. Founder, Robert Oldfield. J. G. C.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Moore 1. Rev. J. Burslem (first in method) 2. H. Moore 3. A. Beckwith 4. J. Warner 5. Q. Burslem (first in method) 6. R. Suckling (cond.) 7. A. Syder 8. Rung after Evensong in honour of All Saints.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 31st. 1.259 Grandsire Caters: A. Carveth 1. R. A. Southwood 2. F. B. Ditcher 3. H. C. Spencer 4. G. W. Taysom 5. Miss V. M. Matthews 6. D. Burnett 7. H. Harner 8. T. G. Myers (cond.) 9. A. Locke 10. Rung immediately after the service of dedication of the completed tower and two new trebles.

SCHOOL CHILDREN EXPERIMENT AT HONITON, DEVON

Youth is very prominent in many of our bellfries today. In Honiton, Devon, as young men were not coming forward, children were recruited for the belfry, and the experiment has been very successful. The six in our accompanying illustration, kindly supplied by the 'Western Times and Gazette,' range in age from 12 to 14 years, and they have been trained by Mr. W. Webb, the captain of Honiton Parish Church ringers, and Mr. Hodge, a member.

The children now ring regularly for Sunday services, taking their turn with their seniors. They are Janet Real, Sandra Webb, Peter Fursey, Bernard and Marcus Harvey and Peter Real. Janet and Sandra have received certificates of proficiency from the Devon Guild of Ringers.



MR. J. HALL, MIDDLESBROUGH, PASSES 60 YEARS AS ACTIVE RINGER

A presentation was made to Mr. J. G. Hall, of Middlesbrough, on October 8th, to mark his retirement from active ringing. Jack Hall graduated from the Bible class at St. Hilda's Church, Middlesbrough, to the belfry just before the end of the 19th century, and his active ringing career lasted for over 60 years. Recently, at the age of 79, he decided that he could no longer take an active part in the Exercise, and to mark the very great services rendered by him, the ringers at St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby, presented him with an inscribed copy of 'Tintinnabula.' The presentation was made by Mr. William Ellerington, who spoke of his long association with Jack Hall, going back for more than 40 years.

Although starting at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, Jack Hall has rung at practically every tower in the North Riding of Yorkshire, County Durham and Southern Northumberland. A joiner by trade, he worked for some time on Tyneside before World War I during the fitting out of the first 'Mauritania.' He and the late Tom Metcalfe for a long time assisted the band at Ormesby, regularly walking the four or so miles from Middlesbrough on Sundays. Since the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was re-formed in 1951, Jack Hall has been one of the vice-presidents, and amongst those at the presentation were the president (Mr. T. M. Cox), the treasurer (Mrs. Laura Warrior) and the secretary (Mr. P. W. B. Semmens).

A bouquet of flowers was sent to Mrs. Hall as a token of appreciation for the many hours she had spent at home while her husband was away ringing.

In spite of thick fog and the excitement of election night, a reporter and photographer from the 'Middlesbrough Evening Gazette' attended the presentation, and we are indebted to this newspaper for our illustration.

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SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Spiced Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck and St. Clement's): W. Hick 1, A. Evans 2, E. M. Bradlev 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts 5, B. K. Sissons (cond.) 6.



NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Close on 30 ringers attended the Northern Branch meeting at Coltishall where, with Mr. A. G. Bason, the following belfry nominations were ratified: Messrs. D. A. S. Hawkins, W. S. Deason (Hampton), C. M. R. Orme (Hitchin), R. G. Leale (Surbiton), A. E. Ruston (Luton), P. Mehew (Stotfold), M. J. Palmer (Hillingdon), M. D. Fishwick (Milnrow), R. H. Cook (Asfordby), K. D. Waples (King's Langley), D. Cooper (Bolsover), R. Withyman (Pinchbeck) and Mrs. M. Roast (Danbury). J. B. Gardiner (Lessingham Manor) was elected a ringing member, R. Bradbury and J. Young (Coltishall) probationary members, and J. Copeland (Norwich) an honorary member.

The president (Mr. F. N. Golden) paid a tribute to Mr. C. V. Ebberson, who died on October 1st, and members stood in silence.

It was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting in Norwich on January 9th at St. George's, Colegate (6), before tea, and St. Peter Mancroft's in the evening. 'Norwich and Westminster Surprise were chosen as the methods to be practised.

Thanks were expressed to the Rev. J. Fellingham for conducting the service, to Mr. W. J. Allen for playing the organ, Mesdames Eglington, Gibling and Bates for serving tea, and the churchwardens for the arrangements made.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Corderoy 1, R. B. Blond 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, F. E. Godden 4, J. O. Berry 5, A. R. T. Greenough 6, J. P. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Fulker 8. To record the pleasure of the local band at the improvement in the health of the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Siderfin).

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

'Key trouble' delayed the start of the meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association at Gainford, Co. Durham, on October 31st. When the key was at last located there was still more delay while the chiming apparatus was adjusted.

There was a good gathering of members with visitors from Tees-side, the North and West Ridings and from Durham University. Methods rung included Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. combined, Single Oxford and Forward.

The Vicar (Rev. I. Samuels) was away for the afternoon, so there was no 'service', but he called at the Queen's Head during tea and made his apologies, and visited the tower during the evening, expressing his pleasure at hearing the bells ringing again.

At the business meeting the District vice-president (Mr. F. W. Cooke) congratulated his predecessor, Mr. T. Cooke, on his election as president of the Association.

Mr. Eric Thompson, of Heighington, was elected a member, and the next meeting—a joint event with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association—was fixed for January 16th at Stockton.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 8th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean M. Addicott 1, Stella Tridall (first of Minor) 2, J. Venn 3, R. Aldworth 4, E. Venn (cond.) 5, R. H. Jones 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, F. Corrinnee 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. G. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day, and also for Confirmation service administered by the Bishop of Tonbridge.

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DORKING (ST. MARTIN'S).—Will visitors please note that there will be no practice on Monday next, November 23rd. 5279

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Mistley, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 5181

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ewell, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell (Ewell 4986). Further ringing after meeting.—A. H. Smith. 5183

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st, Sedlescombe. 5244

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Barnet, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements at nearby cafes.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5270

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Saltwood, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—C. T. H. 5223

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's (8), Epping, Essex, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting in belfry 6.15 p.m. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please.—Bullock, Sec. 5230

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, St. Catherine's, Feltham (10) Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5225

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5264

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of Eye and Stowmarket Districts will be held at Stowmarket, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Election of new officers for the new District. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5200

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5201

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing at Eastwood (8), 3 to 7 p.m.; Thrybergh (6), 3 to 5 p.m.; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 7 to 9 p.m. Tea in St. Stephen's Parish Church Hall, Eastwood, 5 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Locking, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 5249

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge (Holy Trinity), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. J. S. Jackson, 41, Lord Street, Stalybridge, by Tuesday, Nov. 24th. —C. K. Lewis. 5277

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breaston, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. 5256

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Godmanchester, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5256

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 5257

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Swindon Village (5), Saturday, Nov. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 24th. A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Saturday, Dec. 12th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5260

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Bitton (8), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Annual meeting, Mangotsfield, Saturday, Dec. 19th.—F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 5253

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing: St. Mary's, Barnes, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Putney, 4.15 to 5.15; All Saints', Wandsworth, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Dinner 7.15 p.m.. The Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, Names to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 5255

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m., free only if names are sent to Ben Cooper, 123, Plover Street, Bolton. This may be the last meeting at this church. All welcome.—Thornley, Sec. 5266

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, South Shore, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 5262

LINCOLN and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting at Norton Disney (6), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday previous C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. Transport available from Newark by notifying Mr. Exton.—C. Brown and W. Exton, Hon. Secs. 5238

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Caerphilly, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Sec. 5176

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Castleacre, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 25th, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 5239

NOTICES—Continued

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Quidenham (8), on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Reading Room. Special method. Highbury Court Bob. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 24th, to Dr. P. Jonason, The White House, East Harling, Norwich.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 5211

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Old Windsor, Saturday, Nov. 28th, 3.15 p.m., Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5149

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 25th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 5258

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Kingsthorpe, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5207

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaminster, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 5268

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough St. Mary's, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Mildehall bells available. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 5272

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rayleigh, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 5265

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Mansfield and North Notts Districts at Cuckney (6), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—D. H. Rooke, H. Denman, Dis. Secs. 5226

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Benhilton, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Benhilton School immediately after. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss P. Collin, 2, Gauntlett Road, Sutton, Surrey. Ringing after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5170

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 5267

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 7 p.m. Bar open 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. each. Names not later than Nov. 23rd, please.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Nr. Alresford, Hants. 5242

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. James', Taunton, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 5276

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 1st to Mr. R. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 5248

EDENHAM, Lincs.—Dedication of memorial to Arthur I. Holmes, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to W. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs. Ringing till 9 p.m. All welcome. 5263

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, at Kirton-in-Holland. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Room, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 30th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 5269

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, certain, please, to Mr. A. W. Bird, Shrublands Cottages, Magdalen Way, Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk.—P. Newstead. 5268

College Youth's Daughter's Heroism

Congratulations were extended on Monday by many ringing friends to Mr. A. B. Peck, the veteran College Youth, on the heroism of his daughter, Miss Doreen Peck, a teacher with the C.M.S. Mission in the Belgian Congo. Miss Peck, a graduate of Bristol University, was with a nurse, Miss Josephine Stancliffe, at Ruhengeri when it was attacked by Bahutu tribesmen. They led their people in prayer on the Saturday night before the attack, which was repulsed, the mission defenders shooting rocks with slings and, to quote a correspondent, 'hacking back in a howling, writhing mêlée.'

Miss Josephine Stancliffe motored alone for help, and later Doreen, with Dr. Harold Adeney, who had arrived at the Mission, led the refugee convoy over the border into Uganda. Commented one of the rescuers: 'Josephine and Doreen saved those hundreds of Watutsi.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dec. 5th, Steeple Langford. Bells (5) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Cups of tea in Parish Hall. Please bring your own food. Wilton (6) available in evening.—Miss Eloie, Hon. Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5280

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower Room, Oak Lane, Ipswich, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. 2.30 p.m.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 5271

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A special joint meeting of the Woodbridge, Ipswich and Eastern half of Hadleigh Districts will be held at Ipswich, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Election of officers for new S.E. District. Bells: St. Margaret's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 4.30. Meeting 5 at St. Mary-le-Tower. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—C. R. Lovett. 5275

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 5282

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 5247

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—The annual reunion and dinner day of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 1960. Further details later.—Jane Cook, Secretary. 5278

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual committee meeting will be held in Salisbury on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 1960. Agenda and details to follow.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5252

OBITUARY

MISS S. NOBLE

On Sunday morning, September 27th, Miss S. Noble, a 73-year-old member of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Change Ringers' Association, collapsed in the Church of St. John, Cleator Moor, and passed away in the early hours of the following morning. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Batty), whose induction took place three days earlier, said at the funeral service that no one could wish to die under better circumstances, her last act being the partaking of Holy Communion.

MR. T. OWEN

With deep regret we report the passing away on November 1st of Mr. T. Owen, Newlands, Johnstown, Carmarthen, aged 65, an esteemed member of the St. David's Diocesan Guild. Mr. T. Owen commenced his ringing career with the Llanstephan band, and for the last 14 years was a valuable member of St. Peter's, Carmarthen, band of ringers.

The sympathy of the Guild is extended to Mrs. T. Owen and only child Mrs. Livesey.

W. L. W.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was held at Rumney on October 17th. Many Minor and Doubles methods were rung on these very pleasant bells.

Assisting Canon C. K. Lewis (Vicar of Rumney) at the ringers' service were the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, and Mr. Ron Lucas, lay reader.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Griffen and her helpers, who were warmly thanked by Mr. F. Hannington.

At the business meeting two new members were elected from Caldicot—Miss Enid Evans and Miss Barbara Porter. Progress was reported from Caerleon and Llangibby.

Usk was chosen for the annual Branch meeting. Mention was made of the Branch dinner, to be held on the last Saturday of January at the Tudor Rooms, Newport.

5,056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

By P. G. K. DAVIES

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Contains 14 combinations: 2 and 3 never in 6th's.

Rung at New Mills on September 12th, 1959, conducted by Robert B. Smith.

LATE NOTICE

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—Annual dinner, Feb. 6th, 1960, at the Deacon's Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, London, E.C.4. Tickets available from F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbeldon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 5281

SOME AUTUMN OUTINGS

S.F.E. AUTUMN TOUR, 1959

Thanks to removals, holidays and liberal employers, the Society of Friends of the Exercise (S.F.E.) were able to commence their September week-end with a good peal of Stedman Triples at Littleham, S. Devon (8, 8½ cwt.), on September 25th, conducted by Reg. Hooper.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the party had assembled in East Budleigh. After the usual formality of drinking the founder's health, they were all deposited with kindly villagers for two nights' 'b. and b.' Next morning motor-cycles were left behind, thanks to Harry Luxton and George Ellett, who not only accommodated people but put their cars in the 'transport pool' and went along to join in the ringing.

Eventually, by devious routes, vehicles arrived early at Jacobstowe, and set an unprecedented pattern for the day. 'Whaddever do'ee wanna ring 'ere vor?', was the greeting. Apart from the novelty of a 'J' tower, the bells (5, 6½ cwt.) were well worth ringing and sufficient answer to that question.

Onward then to the beautifully-kept church at Black Torrington, to ring sundry methods on a very fine six (8½ cwt. in F sharp!) and meet the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, who also joined the party at Buckland Filleigh. There the church nestles close to Buckland House (now a preparatory school), and it was necessary to go *through* the organ to reach a neglected ringing chamber. With a tenor sally that almost touched the floor, this five (7½ cwt.) presented the biggest challenge of the day.

Lunch was taken in the New Inn, Shebbear, before the village bells (6, 10 cwt.) were set going. A young band is learning change-ringing under the guidance of John L. Queen, and some of them rang with the visitors. Later, at Petrockstow (6, 10 cwt.), a local call-change ringer was heard to prefer 'Queens' to 'scientific,' which could have been better.

Another outpost of 'scientific' was found at Petersmarland (6, 9 cwt.), where the ringing was better. 'Two smart peals only' were remembered from the 1956 S.F.E. week, over tea in Great Torrington.

Next, the church at Little Torrington was located easily by all except the S. Devon native. The bells there were the heaviest six of the day (12 cwt.).

Before ringing at Iddesleigh (6, 10 cwt.) there was time to halt en route at Merton and listen to the Down St. Mary team ringing a competition 'peal.' This was an enjoyable interlude of good striking.

At the end of the day Broadwood Kelly bells (6, 9½ cwt.) sounded well before the last Ring of Bells at Winkleigh was visited for supper. Here and elsewhere the community singing lapsed into something of a 'wild west show.'

Sunday, September 27th, dawned fair and bright to the sound of the usual S.F.E. quarter peal attempt at East Budleigh going its usual way—wrong! For mattins, the party split—15 to Sidbury (8, 16½ cwt.) and one to Topsham. Later, three people bathed properly in the sea, and one young man imitated King Canute—his trousers dried quite quickly though.

During the afternoon members met Mr. and Mrs. George Cross at Chardstock (6, 13 cwt.), and rang St. Ambrose T.B. Minor—an irregular method which produced corresponding ringing. Finally, after tea, Chard bells (8, 23 cwt.) were rung to D.N.C.B., London, Spliced Major, etc., before Evensong and the party dispersed.

Grateful thanks go to those who allowed the S.F.E. to ring their bells and to the local ringers who welcomed them: also to the clerk of the weather and the organisers. We'll be back next year, Devon—here's to the next time.

'SUNBEAM.'

DAY TOUR IN SOMERSET

On October 24th a small party of ringers from Twerton-on-Avon and friends had an enjoyable day in Central Somerset.

The first tower was Kingsdon, where we were met by the Rev. R. Eglin. The bells are a glorious heavy six (tenor 24 cwt. in D) hung on ball-bearings, and we were sorry to hear from the Rector that the bells were not rung very often now. At Long Sutton Mr. Lewis greeted us, and Mr. E. T. P. Field joined in Stedman Doubles on this lovely ring of five (tenor 17½ cwt. in E). There was an abrupt ending to the ringing at Langport (6, tenor 17 cwt. in F) when the slider came out of the second. This was quickly put right by Mr. Locke.

After lunch we visited Othry, with its anticlockwise five (tenor 18 cwt. in E) of good tone, and Lyng, with a ground floor ring of five (17 cwt. in E) which were rehung by Mears and Stainbank four years ago. The Vicar (Rev. A. Ereaut) showed us around the lovely old church.

The light five at Durston provided variety; they are the front five of a ring of eight. 'Dove's Guide' gives the tenor as 13 cwt., but the bell is only 36 inches across, so we thought 8 cwt. was nearer the mark.

The next tower was Thurloxton, where Mr. E. Mills greeted us. The five (tenor 6½ cwt.) were rehung last year by J. Taylor and Co., and are a pleasure to ring. Mr. E. Mills pointed out that the third was cast in 1300. Lastly, Shapwick, where Mr. E. Skinner was waiting for us; the bells are a very good six. The ringing ended with a good fall in peal. A. F. L.

AN OUTING TO MID-KENT

A mixed band of ringers produced some very mixed ringing while visiting Kent on October 3rd. The six bells at Ash-by-Wrotham, the first tower, were found to be rather awkward, but there are hopes that they will be rehung. Reg Sills met the party and joined in some Cambridge at Wrotham, having one of the county's best octaves. Before lunch, visits were paid to Yalding (6), with its very long sallies, the Bowell eight at Marden, and Headcorn, having a heavy-going ring rung from the gallery.

Unfortunately, after lunch, justice was not done to the excellent eight at Frittenden; Benenden will be remembered for a respectable lower in peal—Rolvenden for a fast course of Yorkshire. Tenterden's bells were too heavy for the band and the party were unable to produce anything good except a plain course of Grandshire.

The evening's programme included Hawkhurst, where a fair course of London was rung; the delightful new Mears six at Kildown; Goudhurst, a rather odd-struck octave; Horsmonden, where Bristol went well; and Brenchley. The band extend thanks to all who helped to make arrangements for the outing.

I. H. O.

CLITHEROE, LANCs

Knowing Clitheroe ringers, it was not surprising that several guests joined them for their outing on October 24th, and there were ripples of merriment throughout the journey. After ringing on two sixes at Silverdale and Milnethorpe, a slight delay arose over a misunderstanding of the term 'Refreshments to suit all tastes.'

At Cartmel's lovely Priory there was a reunion with Mr. J. Blackburn, and at St. Martin's, Bowness, most methods attempted, including London, were rung. A sandwich lunch was partaken of before proceeding to the enjoyable eight at Ambleside. This was followed by tea, and ringing on the light eight at Hawkshead, where the Vicar joined in the ringing. The vote of thanks to those who contributed to the success of the outing must include one to Mr. A. Capstick.

EWELL, SURREY

The increasing popularity of the Cotswolds as an outing resort will have become evident to readers of 'The Ringing World' this year. The Ewell ringers were therefore in the fashion when they rang at six, 8-bell towers on September 26th.

Arriving at Hook Norton 20 minutes early (as is their wont), they were allowed to commence ringing straight away, thus getting in more than their allotted time on these splendid bells (tenor 20½ cwt.). Mr. H. V. Young, Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District, was there, however, before the party, and his steady influence was appreciated at this and subsequent towers. The ringers were also pleased to have the company of former Ewell ringers George Hill, from Penn, and John and Marjorie Hill, now attached to Hillingdon.

At Chipping Norton, the highest town in Oxfordshire, the church was being decorated for harvest festival, under the supervision of the Vicar (Rev. R. Jeans). Being a native of Epsom (Christ Church), a happy reunion took place with several amongst the party from that tower.

Lunch at Moreton-in-the-Marsh had to be partaken in two sittings. The ringing afterwards helped to advertise the collections being taken by the Rector for the church and bells.

Mr. Ewins, at Stow-on-the-Wold, kindly showed some of the non-ringing tourists the wonderful views across seven counties from the top of the massive tower, which seemed to emphasise the impression of compact spaciousness characteristic of this area. The bells (tenor 27½ cwt.) were rehung five years ago.

The church at Bourton-on-the-Water though mainly modern, like many of the other buildings in this charming village, goes back into history. The square tower of 1795 has a diamond-shaped clock face and is crowned with a cupola, while at each corner stands a small urn.

Tea was enjoyed at the Devonshire Tea Gardens close by the River Windrush. The time spent in this lovely place soon passed: some went to the flower show; others looked at the model village or the bird garden, the latter being an estate two acres in extent, in which are to be seen not only many rare trees and flowering shrubs as well as flowers in profusion, but also a fine collection of exotic birds with gorgeous plumage. Here are toucans, macaws, cockatoos and lovebirds, lories, gouldians and budgerigars; there are even cranes and penguins.

It was difficult to get the coaches away on time, especially as the party was large, 76 in all, comprising 14 Ewell ringers, 12 other ringers, 32 parishioners and 18 other friends.

Some of the less expert found one or two of the bells at Shipton-under-Wychwood a little less easy to manage than those to which they were more accustomed. In spite of this, good use was made of them and several good touches were brought round under the spire of this large Early-English church.

Within easy walking distance stands one of the most attractive inns in the district, a fine example of the intelligent blending of ancient with modern. The travellers discovered this hostelry with satisfaction, demonstrating in a sober way their ability to take pleasure in interests other than ringing.

J. E. B.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Chesterton 1, P. Martin 2, Patricia Wardle 3, T. Roper 4, R. Morris 5, Rev. P. Blackman (cond.) 6. For the Feast of All Saints.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Watkins (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Miss J. Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Miss D. Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, J. A. Hill 6. For Wake festival. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Watkins 1, Miss J. Stratford 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, Rita Stratford 4, T. C. Belton 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. To welcome Mr. T. C. Belton, who conducted Evensong.

5,024 HUDDERSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

By CHARLES W. ROBERTS

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First rung on October 15th, 1959, at Willesden, Middlesex.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 1st. 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. S. Burbidge (first quarter) 1, D. T. Finnemore 2, R. C. Ingram 3, D. R. Ingram 4, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 5, M. G. Ingram 6. For Evensong.

BROUGHTON, LANCs.—On Oct. 30th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maryl Crossthwaite 1, Judy Moir 2, D. Lawson 3, Betty Faunch 4, J. Joileys 5, J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. Roger Martin.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Oct. 18th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, J. Rae 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, D. Randall 8. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Eric James).

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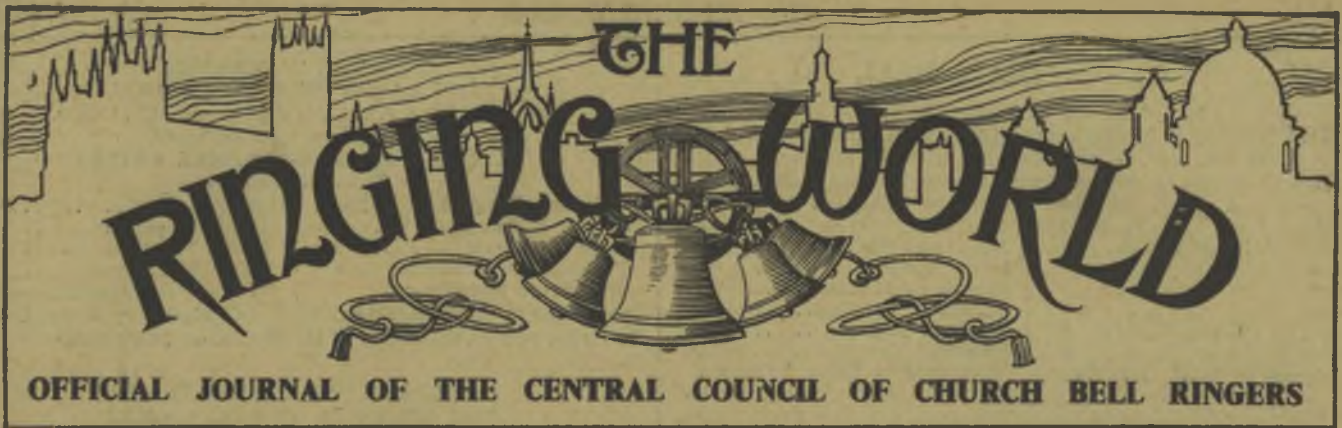
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THE RABBITS GUILD

THE third Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday, October 3rd, the eve of St. Francis, Patron Saint of Animals and of the Guild, was addressed by the Master in these words: 'So great an attendance of members, filled with enthusiasm, is to me the final satisfaction which completes a year of brilliant progress. No longer can the Guild be dismissed as a joke, worthy at the most an indulgent smile. Its foundations were laid by dedicated rabbits of wisdom and vision, and on those foundations the Exercise cannot fail to perceive a noble edifice rising. The Rabbits' Guild has won not only respect, but admiration, for its labours on behalf of the depressed class of ringers, the failures. It can no longer be ignored (loud cheering). Ever a modest man, as befits the Master of this Guild; I will not claim that my voice is heard as clearly as that of the Master of the College Youths, but it is audible, quite audible, and it shall be heard louder and more authoritative as the years pass!'

On a more earnest note, he continued: 'Now I come to perhaps the most important thing I have to say. From the inception of the Guild, it has been implicit in all our aims and activities that, lamentable though our ringing is, it is the best we can do. We Rabbits know, of course, what has kept us plodding on. Sunday by Sunday, year by year; and, while we are militant in the defence of downtrodden and despised rabbits in any belfry, we cherish, too, our record of faithful service. This is perfectly understood, naturally, by all our members, but that the meaning of our activities in the belfry may unequivocally be known, in future a declaration of active churchmanship will be asked of all intending members, if you approve the proposals soon to be put before you.'

The Secretary's report was received with satisfaction and adopted, but it was judged wiser, for this year at least, not to publish names or statistics which might lead to reprisals by unregenerate Ringing Masters. The report drew attention to the heavy burden borne by the panels of rabbits who so generously give their time and travel over the country, attending towers for instruction by Masters seeking admission to the Roll of Honour. Many members volunteered to join in this work. In this connection, the report emphasised the criticism of the panels, that the most constant fault of these instructors is their slovenly way of allowing the development and fixation of bad habits, to the lasting impediment of their pupils and the production of an endless supply of rabbits. Conscientious attention to the early

stages makes up for much lack of innate teaching ability. It was agreed that a set of 'Hints for Instructors,' coming from this quarter, would be of inestimable benefit.

The continuing necessity for secrecy was debated, and on a large majority indicating their willingness, indeed eagerness, to profess their membership openly, it was decided that the Guild's badge need no longer be worn next the hair shirt, but may be displayed openly, at members' discretion. It is expected that the device of a Rabbit Trippant, with its motto 'Dum in mundo tundo' (While on earth I bash), will now become a familiar sight wherever ringers gather.

Further applicants for membership of the Guild will be required to sign a declaration in the following terms:—

(1) I have applied myself to learn to ring for . . . years. In spite of earnest and constant endeavour, any progress I may make is practically imperceptible.

(2) I have not rung a peal. (Alternatively, I have rung no peals except the tenor covering.)

(3) If elected, I will (a) be a loyal churchman, (b) support and strengthen the brotherhood of the Guild, and the wider brotherhood of ringers, (c) punctually attend service ringing and practice night, unless for good reason, (d) attempt to obey all reasonable orders in the tower, (e) not despair.

On a proposal that the Guild apply for representation on the Central Council, it was decided to take no action for the present, having regard to the peculiar functions of the Guild, and information that the Central Council is likely to seek its advice. The Guild would welcome the services of an official chaplain, but is naturally and properly diffident about making an approach which might be misunderstood. It would be glad to receive offers from eligible clergy.

In recognition of his feat in bringing round the Cambridge which a member of the Guild failed to wreck, the first Honorary Life Membership was conferred on Mr. A. York-Bramble. Other distinguished ringers may be proposed for Honorary Life Membership if they appear to have deserved election.

The ringing which followed the meeting suffered inevitably for lack of a conductor. The Master, with characteristic resource, seized the treble for Bob Minor and called 'Bob,' as often as he remembered, when he seemed to be approaching lead. The bells did not come round, but as they were being rung with clappers tied, for the sake of the public, and as an example to some other ringers, this was of little moment. T. B., Master. B.M.W.D., Secretary

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WORCESTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS 7
MICHAEL J. BEST 2	DAVID BEACHAM 8
JAMES E. DANIELS 3	RONALD N. MARLOW 9
DAVID HOARE 4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN 10
LEWIS F. COBB 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS 11
FRANK L. HARRIS 6	EDWARD J. CHIVERS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
RUTH M. BORDER 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN 9
WALTER TOMLINSON 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 WHITWICK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	*GORDON A. HALLS 7
*ROBERT B. SMITH 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
†ERNEST MORRIS 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 250th peal on the bells. First of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 7
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
ARTHUR GIBBS 5	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

WHITWICK SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38.14 x 12.50.12.16.90

Lead-end 12. 1573 Clean

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on October 19th, 1959, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

*GORDON ROTHWELL .. Treble	*KEITH ABBOTT 6
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	DEREK OGDEN 7
*†ROGER MAHER 3	DEREK TAYLOR 8
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	†DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 9
†A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters. ‡ 25th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 LYME SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	GORDON A. HALLS 7
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY (No. 2).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal of Royal in the method.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Treble	FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 6
*A. RONALD LING 2	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
*PETER J. EVES 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 8
*JOE E. G. ROAST 4	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER 9
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5100 SPLICED ROYAL

Comprising 2,700 Plain Bob and 2,400 Kent T.B., with 70 changes of method.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. Treble	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
†JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	†MAURICE J. BUTLER 8
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 4	*TOM CHAPMAN 9
†ADRIAN J. TUMBER 5	*R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by D. N. LAYTON.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Spliced Royal. † First of Spliced Plain and Kent Royal. First of Spliced as conductor. First of Spliced Plain and Kent Royal in the county, and for the Guild.

LYME SURPRISE ROYAL.

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38.14 x 34.50.34 x 16.90

Lead-end 12. 1573 Clean

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on November 9th, 1959, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN V. TEMPLE 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	PETER J. HAWCOCK 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY 4	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Composed by J. HOLME PILKINGTON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 100th peal on this bell.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt, 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	*GORDON H. LANE 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	*JAMES W. HAW 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
H. GEORGE HART 4	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS 6
MRS. G. A. HALLS 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 1).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	PETER J. HAWCOCK 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	JOHN V. TEMPLE 6
MARTIN C. FAULKES 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
ROBERT B. SMITH 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	*GORDON A. HALLS 5
JOHN A. ACRES 2	*ROBERT B. SMITH 6
*MRS. G. A. HALLS 3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* First peal in the method.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble	*T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
PETER H. LANGTON 2	*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 6
*JOHN G. GIPSON 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
FRANCES SECKER 4	JOHN SCHOFIELD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 'REAL' CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
JOHN V. TEMPLE 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
PETER J. HAWCOCK 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal of 'Real' Cambridge by all the band.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt, 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERIC BILLINGS Treble	*ROBIN WILSON 5
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
*PETER M. GILES 3	ROBIN A. HODGSON 7
*ERNEST G. ORLAND 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LONDON, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt, 11 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	GWILYM SALMON 5
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 7
ROBIN G. LEALE 4	ERIC J. HITCHINS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 9 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 6
FRANK TAYLOR 3	JACK CARTER 7
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

Rung as a second birthday compliment to Anne Elizabeth Whitton, daughter of the conductor.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt, 2 lb.

*KEITH A. ABBOTT Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN 5
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	PETER SCHOLFIELD 6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method, and on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memory of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 14 cwt, 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*THOMAS O. PIERCY Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
*BRIAN SMITH 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	FREDERICK WATSON Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*CYNTHIA M. CLAYTON .. Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5
†GORDON ROTHWELL .. 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 6
*CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

Rung to mark the engagement of Geoffrey D. Fearnhough and Dorothy France, and also the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Schoolden.

WILLEDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 LICHFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan; No. 200).

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. 2	JOHN McDONALD .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods for the Guild.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 BARKWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 2	JACK S. DEAR .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. 2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
DAVID ATKINS .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RALPH BIRD .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 5
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. 6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 7
†ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 750th peal; conducted 392, rung in 581 towers with 1,226 different ringers.

BARKWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

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BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDRA,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT A. COCHRANE .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ELLIS .. 5
JOHN E. EWER .. 2	†GERALD PENNEY .. 6
MICHAEL D. FROST .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 7
*JOHN G. CULL .. 4	STANLEY HUCKLE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

ALAN N. BAGWORTH .. Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	JOHN D. ROCK .. 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE .. Treble	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. H. Arnold.

EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROY V. BELDOM .. Treble	REGINALD HOUGHTON .. 4
EDMUND W. WAGSTAFFE .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 5
WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector (Rev. J. Murray) by members of the Ely Diocesan Association.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Scholars', Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

RICHARD CARTLEDGE .. Treble	ROY WORRALL .. 4
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 5
HAROLD C. LONYON .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER.

The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

VICTOR A. PERRY .. Treble	†JOHN W. HALL .. 4
PERCY AMOS .. 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 5
*RICHARD J. DANBY .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

KEITH B. TOWNSEND .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 4
PETER J. CHILTON .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 5
CHRIS. L. POWDRILL .. 3	A. JAMES POYNER .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNER.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*JAMES A. HOWES .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4
LUCY ALLEN .. 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. 3	MICHAEL J. DYER .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. DYER.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Robinson, of Huntingdon.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being six extents of Plain Bob and one of Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. 4
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in two Minor methods, thus completing peals in from one to 12. Mr. J. W. Cotton has now 'circled the tower.' First of Minor on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Phizacklea, of Appleby, uncle and aunt of Mr. H. George Hart; also of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, parents of Mr. William Miller, captain of the ringers.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, being seven 720's: (1) Spliced Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise; (2) Norwich Surprise; (3) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (4) Plain Bob; (5) Single Oxford and Single Court; (6) Double Oxford; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*CELIA COWLEY .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 2	*FRANK CHAMBERS .. 5
*TOM HARRIS .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in 13 Minor methods.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

THOMAS F. CARFORD .. Treble	JACK CARTER .. 4
BERNARD H. DALTON .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
LEONARD P. WILSON .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 4
*BRIAN SMITH .. 2	MARTIN FAULKES .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	A. JAMES POYNER .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in three methods.

DRAYTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Nov. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Bob, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. Treble	DAVID T. DARBY .. 4
JOHN G. PUSEY .. 2	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. 5
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN J. ELLIOTT.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells for over 70 years. Congratulations to Kathleen and Peter Wright on the birth of a daughter.

NORTHENDEN, CHESHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt., approx.

JOHN SOAMES .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4
DAVID A. HOULT .. 2	RONALD JOHNSTON .. 5
BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

Rung to mark the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to Manchester University, to open two new Halls of Residence.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY .. 4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 5
*ALAN G. PAYNE .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

In remembrance of the Fallen.

SEND, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MARGARET A. SMITH .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
†DAVID J. TUBBS .. 2	PETER G. SMART .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

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

Rung for Remembrance Day.

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ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL T. ROTHWELL .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON 4
ROYSTON BLACKLER 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 5
JOHN C. BALDWIN 3	PATRICK J. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

A coming-of-age compliment to Michael T. Rothwell.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extent each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN COATES Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
*MALCOLM FOSTER 2	JAMES T. ROOKE 5
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 3	†RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal in four methods. † 50th peal, all rung for the Guild.
Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Childwall and St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY 4
C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.
FRANK H. BEENEY Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 4
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 2	GEORGE BEENEY 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary (November 10th) of the ringer of the fifth and Mrs. J. Beeneey.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Wath Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HOWARD SANDHAM Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	JOHN POTTS 5
ALAN SHEPPARD 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

First touch of Wath Delight by all the band.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Jim Burley, a local parishioner.

HANDBELL PEAL

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT GLEBELAND.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

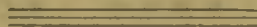
In three methods: Plain Bob, Little Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor size 15 in C.	
FRANK LORD 1—2	JACK BRAY 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3—4	PHILIP BARNES 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE S. FEIRN.

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LOUGHBOROUGH



The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: R. I. Rothwell (first quarter) 1, Rosalind Hicks (first quarter) 2, J. E. Camp (cond.) 3, A. Fortin 4, D. Lawson 5, F. Peers 6. For Evensong.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy G. Taylor 1, C. J. Stevens 2, B. Jean Stevens 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, M. Stone 5, C. Clarke 6, R. D. Short (cond.) 7, L. Morrell 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. W. Davies 5, J. G. Lloyd 6, E. M. Smith 7, T. E. Hiddins 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Lewis 1, R. G. Davis 2, J. E. Daniels 3, E. Kennett 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. Lewis 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne P. Dunnett 1, K. C. Knight 2, Lois E. Peiman 3, D. S. Anderson 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, C. Bindon 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Owen 1, M. Legg 2, C. Mogford 3, R. Brice 4, V. Roberts 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Miller (first quarter) 1, R. White 2, G. W. Rendell 3, K. Pinney 4, S. White (cond.) 5, H. Brunt (first quarter) 6, S. Wills 7, G. Mabey 8. Rung half-muffled for British Legion Remembrance Day service.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 18th, a quarter peal: E. Paulson 1, D. A. Mellon 2, M. H. Paulson 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, R. H. Bullen 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor 7, J. Astbury 8. For Hospital Sunday.

DUXFORD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Halls 1, J. G. Stracey (first in three methods) 2, H. F. Churchman 3, M. E. Stracey (cond.) 4, R. A. Wright 5, F. Wallman 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Ely for Confirmation service at which I. Stracey was a candidate.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 2, G. A. Ingleby (first of Major) 3, J. R. Holmes (first of Major) 4, J. Watson 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, K. Ketteringham 7, H. R. Woods 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Shirley Colson and Roy Stephenson, married at Bexleyheath the previous day.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Shaw (cond.) 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, Miss W. Smith (first 'inside') 3, T. Durn 4, A. Corran 5, L. Grice 6. For the harvest festival.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wake (first quarter, aged 15) 1, Margaret Marshall 2, D. Jones 3, P. Richardson 4, R. Wake 5, M. Marshall 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Seymour 1, Mrs. M. Hill 2, T. G. Bannister 3, A. R. Turley 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, M. Palmer 6, N. D. Robinson (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the arrival of a grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bannister.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, Miss S. Hunt 2, Miss J. Purnell (first quarter) 3, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 4, D. Uphill 5. For Remembrance Sunday.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Moland 1, N. Leslie (cond.) 2, D. Leslie 3, A. Cantwell 4, M. Edney 5, A. Ralph 6. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Moland (first quarter) 1, Pam Rooney (first quarter) 2, N. Leslie 3, M. Edney 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, J. Moland 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LINTON, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. Gosling 1, S. Dobbie 2, E. Barnett 3, J. Unwin 4, S. Walter 5, F. Macey 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, C. Norris 8. All the band have been members of the Kent County Association for 50 years or more.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Mrs. D. R. Reed 2, A. E. Woods 3, W. J. Foote 4, A. Buswell 5, D. R. Reed (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, Miss F. P. Greaves 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, S. Croft 4, G. Harvey 5, D. Theodm 6, F. Ranson 7, R. Davies 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10. For morning service.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Abbs 1, G. W. Howlett 2, H. W. Easey 3, M. Solley 4, A. Crowe 5, D. Carr 6, P. Kindred (cond.) 7, A. E. Coleman 8.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): Miss M. E. Simons 1, R. Eady 2, B. R. Care (cond.) 3, J. Knight 4, T. Deacon 5, B. Hambliton 6. A wedding compliment to Beryl Thompson and Richard Miller.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Judd (first quarter) 1, F. Lane 2, C. Swann 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Aug. 8th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, R. S. Roberts 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, T. M. Haines 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, E. Billings 8. For the marriage of Miss N. W. G. Williams to Mr. T. Johnson. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. S. Roberts 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, E. Billings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, T. Jennings 8. A compliment to Miss D. M. Miller and Mr. T. Billingham on their engagement. Also on Sept. 5th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss J. White 1, R. Keeves 2, P. Amos 3, D. Taylor 4, R. S. Roberts 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, E. Billings 7. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. White 1, T. Haines 2, G. F. Roome 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, E. Billings 5, R. S. Roberts 6, H. Wooding (cond.) 7, T. Wooding 8. For harvest festival. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on Oct. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. F. Curtis 1, E. Billings 2, K. D. Perkins 3, D. Bowen 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, R. S. Roberts 7, M. R. Bennett 8, G. F. Roome (cond.) 9, G. J. Neale 10. A compliment to Mr. D. Bowen on his leaving the district.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Messam 1, F. Lane 2, C. Swann 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss H. Young 1, Miss B. Carter 2, D. Hoire (cond.) 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, R. Thatcher 6. Rung to mark the baptism at Matins of Judith Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Eades.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worboys 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, P. Coward 6, G. D. Sandwell 7, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. White 1, M. L. Northway (cond.) 2, Miss A. Knight 3, H. J. Page 4, A. W. Fry 5, D. Greenlaw 6, C. M. White 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For Evensong.

ROSSON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Spires 1, Joy Smith 2, C. Phillips 3, A. J. Poulton 4, T. Cooper 5, R. G. Powell 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, R. S. Chew 8. First on eight for 1, 3, 6 and 8. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Spires 1, Joy Smith 2, W. Cox 3, P. Clarkson 4, A. T. Poulton 5, A. L. Barry 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, F. Blown 8. Rung to welcome visitors to this town for the national ploughing competitions.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: R. Woodward 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Miss E. A. Wardill 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, I. Tilling 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. For the patronal festival.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pendlebury 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, J. R. Joyner 4, L. Hill 5, E. H. Norman 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday, and also in memory of Mr. T. Kendrick, for many years a ringer at St. Augustine's Church, interred the previous day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Christine Pullin 1, C. F. Sayer 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, J. Thwaites (first in method) 4, G. W. Debenham 5, E. Edmondson 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, H. V. Frost 8. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Royal: S. P. Darvill 1, K. J. Darvill 2, C. F. Sayer 3, Miss C. Pullin 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, R. W. Darvill 6, H. V. Frost 7, J. Thwaites (first of Treble Bob and of Royal) 8, T. J. Southam (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10. 1st of Treble Bob Royal for 1, 2 and 4.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triple: W. Reynolds 1, D. Hoult 2, R. Thomas 3, Mrs. D. Stafford 4, G. Horritt 5, L. H. Jones 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, C. Berry 8. First of Triples 4, 5 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. H. Williams, verger of St. Briavels.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. V. Beldom 1, C. W. Cook 2, J. Ward 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, W. A. R. Chamberlain 5, M. J. Dyer 6, H. S. Peacock 7, J. Gipson (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Prout 1, H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, M. Page 3, Miss Y. Eloie 4, L. Page 5, R. Turner 6, J. Murrell 7, J. Lewis 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 7, A. Wenban (cond.) 2, G. Acott 3, S. King 4, G. Godfrey 5, H. Woolley 6. For harvest festival.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. M. Kippin 1, O. N. Curtis 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, J. R. Faithfull 4, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 5, R. C. Kippin 6, R. R. Savory 7, G. C. Hemming 8, G. J. Hemming 9, J. Pittfield (first quarter) 10. Rung for the Royal Naval Reserve Centenary Commemoration service.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. M. Jelley (cond.) 1, B. Smith (first of Stedman) 2, Mrs. A. R. Haines 3, A. J. Poyner 4, E. Morris 5, B. S. Chapman 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, P. Norman 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—At all Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, C. Matthews 2, P. Baldock 3, C. Perkins 4, R. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong. Also, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, J. R. Nichols 2, P. Baldock 3, C. Matthews 4, R. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For patronal festival Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. T. Sprackling 1, Jill Tombs 2, Barbara Stephens 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, M. D. Fellows (aged 14, first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. H. Watson 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Harding 1, F. Slatford 2, J. Phippen 3, E. Norris (first in method) 4, F. Ross 5, R. Keeley (cond.) 6, N. Kneel (first in method) 7, T. Mallard 8. Arranged for the ringer of 4.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivinis 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, H. Ivinis 4, J. Ivinis 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Newstead 1, S. Wooding (Herne) 2, H. Palmer 3, W. Gray 4, S. James (cond.) 5, D. Holness (Herne) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Michael Holness of Herne.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Hill 1, Marilyn Bird (first in method) 2, E. J. Townsend 3, P. Beedic 4, B. J. Coggins 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6, A. R. Cornish 7, L. T. Oliffe 8. For the christening of Susan Jane, daughter of A. R. Cornish.

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The old tradition of mixing Christmas puddings in time for 'Stir-up Sunday' was observed by an unsuccessful peal band in an Aldershot ringer's home last Saturday. An attempt for Superlative on Aldershot bells before being 'boiled up' was lost after two hours and ten minutes. It is easy to guess what the wish would be had the band had a stir.

The peal at Silverdale, Staffs (page 685), was rung on Saturday, October 31st.

Mr. R. Hobbs rang his 50th peal at Gamston, where he rang his first peal.

Information has reached us that a band of ladies is to attempt a 'same name' peal early in December.

Mr. A. Wrigley, of Chatham, was among those who attended the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The bells of St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, are to be silent for an indefinite period. There is a likelihood that the tower may have to come down and be rebuilt.

Mr. W. Viggers has postponed the publication of his calendars of noted towers to next year. He has received many appreciative messages in connection with his Christmas cards.

We regret that we were misinformed that a quarter peal was rung at Putney for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fenn. 'Please, no more Putney surprises!' writes Mr. A. Clayton.

After Parish Communion at Chobham on Sunday, November 15th, the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Acworth) presented Mr. G. Talbot with a 'Delight' record book, on behalf of the Chobham ringers, as a token of their esteem. Mr. Talbot has now moved to Devon.

Of the 25 peals rung at Chobham since 1892 11 have been rung since the present Vicar took office. So far, none has been Surprise.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Several of Mr. Joseph W. Cotton's Irish tour party had a reunion at Loughborough on November 14th and rang two peals. One was a new Surprise Major method, which was named 'Monaghan', the Irish county of the 'little hills' (drumlins).

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, on November 7th was 5,000 and not 5,040 as printed in the 'R.W.' last week.

Geoffrey and Gerald Hemming say 'Thank you' to Charles and Jessie Kippin and Roger Savory for a very enjoyable week-end in Southampton.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby has presented to the Campanological Museum at Chicago a collection of membership certificates of various English change-ringing Societies.

How many regular peal ringers are there? Statistically-minded Mr. A. P. Cannon informs us in sending in his 750th peal that he has rung peals with 1,226 different ringers in 581 towers. He has conducted 392 peals.

Anticipating more peal successes, a Somerset tower band have asked if we will accept £1 to cover the cost of printing their next five peals. Any practical gifts of this description are always welcome.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beeney was not allowed to pass without a peal rung at Hellingly, Sussex, on November 14th. They were hosts to the band afterwards to a 'lovely' meal, for which the band express their thanks.

Mr. E. A. Barnett asks us to state that through a slip of the pen he stated in the front page article on 'Next Year's "Ringing World"' the charges for advertisements will be advanced by about 12½ per cent. This should be 15 per cent. He regrets the error.

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LEICESTER GUILD RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S INSIGNIA

THE annual festival dinner of the Leicester Diocesan Guild took place at the Co-operative Cafe, High Street, Leicester, on November 7th. The president (Mr. P. J. Staniforth), accompanied by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, presided over a company of 144. The chief guests were the Lord Bishop of Leicester (Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams) and Mrs. Williams.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' which was proposed by the Lord Bishop; but before proposing the toast the Lord Bishop presented an Insignia of Office to the president. The Insignia, consisting of a mounted bell, has been presented to the Guild by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth in memory of Harold J. Poole (first president, 1946-1953) and Mrs. Poole.

Amidst applause, the Insignia was placed round the president's neck, the Bishop remarking that it was as difficult as zipping-up his wife's dress! He then made welcome the members, especially the younger people present.

After checking up a few statistics, the Bishop found that Leicester was the twelfth largest diocese out of 43 in bell-ringing: 1,306 ringers were registered in the diocese (the official Guild figure is 689). Although not knowing much about bell-ringers, he mentioned that he had saved St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, for the ringers. Should ringers hear complaints from the public he urged them to take no notice, for they did not know what was good for them! Whether people went to church or not, they heard the bells ringing out for Divine Service.

LEICESTER STILL TOP FOR PEALS

The president, replying on behalf of the Guild, thanked the Bishop for presenting the Insignia. He also expressed his appreciation of the Bishop's attendance, and thanked the various officers of the Guild who had helped to back him up since he had been elected president. Leicester still maintained, he said, first place at the top of the whole country for peal ringing.

A course of Stedman Caters was then rung on handbells by B. G. Warwick 1-2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3-4, P. J. Staniforth 5-6, A. Ballard 7-8 and J. A. Acres 9-10.

The Rev. F. R. S. Byfield (Vicar of Copt Oak and chairman of the Loughborough District) proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He mentioned the joys of being a ringer, this being his third diocese as a ringing member, and he noticed that strangers were soon made welcome. He found that city ringers on the whole rang faster than ringers from the country and rural areas. He welcomed the following visitors: R. B. Smith (Marple, Cheshire), Miss J. Thomas and friend (Oakham), T. O. Piercy (Newcastle), Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart (Stanmore, Middlesex), K. Dunstan (King's Langley), J. Webb (Lichfield), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Joan Cotton and Norman Cotton (Overseale), Mr. and Mrs. G. Lane (Castle Bromwich), Mr. V. Green and friend (Stanmore), E. Cole (Heckington), Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. Morley (Belper), Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carlisle (Sandiacre, Derby), Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor (Derby) and Miss Jean Hoy and friend (Oakham). He coupled with the toast Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clarke (Whetton, Nottingham).

Mr. J. W. Clarke, in a well-chosen speech, thanked the Leicester Guild for their welcome, and added that this was his first visit to a Leicester dinner.

The social evening which followed was arranged by Mr. Frank Measures (vice-president), and included the Beltonian Handbell Ringers, led by Mr. S. Harrison, a quartet from Aylestone Parish Church choir, whistling by Mr. Bailey, from Burbage, games and dancing.

The task of toastmaster was ably performed by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

On October 17th the Middlesex Association were once again hosts to the Ladies' Guild and the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hillingdon. The bells of St. John's and those of St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, were put to good use during the afternoon, ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

During the service the Vicar was asked by the St. John's ringers to accept the restoration of the historical peal tablet which records early peals of Grandsire Triples rung at Hillingdon. Prayers were said, and a touch of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' was rung by A. R. Twinn, F. C. Price, F. W. Goodfellow and W. H. Coles.

An excellent tea followed the service, some 80 persons attending. Following the Vicar's welcome, and the replies, Mr. Goodfellow spoke about Mr. W. W. Webb who, owing to illness, was unable to attend the meeting for the first time in many years. The gathering wished him a speedy recovery.

The social evening commenced with games, after which some delightful colour slides were shown. Later in the evening, the bitter annual battle for the coveted trophy took place between the Oxford Guild and the hosts. The latter retained the cup for a further year as a result of a resounding victory! Two talented younger members of the local band, a singer and a violinist, entertained the gathering.

Norfolk Veteran Of 87

The 87th birthday of Mr. H. W. Liddbetter, of Acle, Norfolk, was celebrated on November 11th by a successful peal attempt on the bells of the Parish Church, and a gathering of ringers at Hollycroft afterwards.

Mr. Liddbetter and his daughters entertained the company to supper, and afterwards handbells were rung. A titbit of the evening was a conversation in Norfolk dialect between the Rector and Mr. Nolan Golden.

Although Mr. Liddbetter retired from peal ringing two years ago, he is still a very active service ringer and always ready to help.

Good luck and good health, Mr. Liddbetter!

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DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Over 60 ringers from all parts of Dorset took part in the annual ringing festival at Blandford Forum on October 31st. This was a record number and speaks well for the enthusiasm of Dorset ringers. This festival is made possible under the will of a late citizen of Blandford—Samuel Francis Pond—who also left provision for the curfew to be sounded daily.

There was ringing for all, from rounds up to Kent Treble Bob Major, on the fine 8-bell ring of the lovely Renaissance parish church. The ringers were welcomed at tea in the Town Hall by the deputy Mayor—the Mayoress, the Town Clerk and the Rector of Blandford also being present.

The service touch was Grandsire Triples, during which the deputy Mayor and Mayoress visited the belfry and watched the ringing. The festival service was held on the eve of All Saints' Day, and it was a great joy to join in the first Evensong of this great festival of the Church. An interesting address by the Rector on English bell customs of earlier days, and special prayers for the occasion, happily combined the lesser festival with the greater. A collection was taken for the World Refugee Year.

After the service, ringing continued in Blandford and in neighbouring towers to round off a good day.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Tewkesbury Branch Annual Meeting

A most successful annual meeting was held at Tewkesbury Abbey on October 31st, attended by many old friends from various parts of the country. We were especially honoured by the presence of Mr. F. Skidmore, the Ringing Master of the Association, and Mr. C. Rouse, the secretary. The evening service was conducted by Canon B. Purefoy, the Rev. M. Seacombe and the Rev. J. Breay. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies, and we were entertained by a witty speech from Canon Purefoy, who once again drew attention to the need for retuning and rehanging the bells, although he was bound to agree, after consulting the oracles amongst us, that it appeared that the bells were by no means the worst in the country.

The business meeting which followed resulted in the appointment of new officers. Mr. E. W. Penn was appointed chairman in place of the Rev. E. V. Smith, who did not seek re-election, and Miss N. Price was appointed secretary in place of Mr. G. H. Burrows, who also did not seek re-election. The retiring officers were sincerely thanked for their considerable services. Mr. E. T. Newbury was re-elected Ringing Master. It was decided to have a District practice at Hasfield on December 5th, to have three ordinary meetings at Beckford, Chaceley and Eldersfield, and the annual meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey. The meeting discussed the question of the division of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and it was generally hoped that more information would be forthcoming to enable members to make up their minds on the matter. Mr. Rouse was, however, able to enlighten the meeting on a number of abstruse points.

Attention was drawn to the Christmas cards on sale for the restoration of the Abbey bells.

The evening provided ringing in many methods from rounds to Stedman Cinques, and a most pleasant meeting was brought to a conclusion by a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

E. W. P.

ALVINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Horrit (first quarter) 1, R. Thomas 2, D. Sims 3, J. Long 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells.

ACTIVITIES OF THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Presentation To Mr. A. G. Hill

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Christ Church, Erith. The Rev. S. Groom, late Vicar of Holy Trinity, Sidcup, and one-time curate at Christ Church, officiated at the service in the enforced absence of the Rev. K. Jocelyn (Vicar) owing to ill health. The service embodied an interesting address, which included an invitation to the congregation to remember the late Canon A. W. Boulden, who gave the tower and bells to the church in 1915, and to whom the Rev. S. Groom was curate. Mr. Gordon Phillips accompanied the singing at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford.

After the service, a company of 74, including visitors from the Ashford, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts, partook of a splendid tea in the Church Hall, prepared and served by the wives and friends of the local ringers.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. S. Groom presiding. Five ringers were elected members of the Association, and the election of one member, previous to a peal attempt, was ratified.

The annual review of the year's work was read by Mr. A. G. Hill and adopted. The report indicated a quietly satisfactory state of affairs and rather more activity by peal and quarter peal ringers, a small increase in membership and encouraging news of reorganisation at Bromley Common and Beckenham. One regrettable announcement was that ringing had ceased at Woolwich, though the Association still had one or two loyal members there.

SECRETARY FOR 35 YEARS

Miss M. R. Andrews, of Bexley, was appointed hon. District secretary, being elected by the unanimous vote of the assembly. At this point, Mr. E. Barnett, in a short but completely adequate speech, thanked the retiring District secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) for his services, extending over a period of 35 years, and presented him with a cheque in the name of the Lewisham District and one or two other members who had associated themselves with this valedictory gesture. Mr. Hill thanked Mr. Barnett and the District generally for their kind words and unmerited generosity, and wished his successor a long and happy tenure of office.

Miss Andrews' appointment at that meeting, and Mr. A. S. Richards' election as hon. auditor at the annual general meeting, meant that two new District representatives had to be chosen. Mrs. O. D. Barnett (Crayford) and Miss F. Cannon (Greenwich) were elected unanimously. Mr. I. H. Oram (Association peal secretary) was re-elected District Ringing Master.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was selected for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 23rd.

The motion submitted by the Rochester District, seeking to impose a levy on all adult peal ringers taking part in Kent County peals, was then discussed. Speakers saw no reason for the levy and it was decided, with three adverse votes, that the District's representative be instructed to convey the opposition of the District to the next committee meeting.

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KENT VETERANS RING A QUARTER.—

On Saturday, October 31st, there met at Linton, Kent, a band of Kent County Association stalwarts, all of whom had 50 or more years' membership of the Association.

Unfortunately one of the original band was taken ill during the previous day, with the result that the intended peal attempt had to be abandoned. Mr. W. Gosling, of Boxley (also a 50-years' member), who was to have been a spectator, kindly offered to attempt a quarter, despite his physical handicap.

The band shown in our photograph (left to right) are: W. Gosling, L. Head, F. Macey, C. Norris, J. Unwin, E. Barnett, S. Dobbie and S. Walter. For details, see quarter peal page.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Shields 1, T. Milstead 2, H. Luck 3, A. Stone 4, A. Hinkley 5, J. Russell (cond.) 6, J. Tumber covering. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. F. Cockburn, for many years churchwarden, interred in the churchyard this day.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, G. Acott 2, G. Godfrey 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. King 5, H. Woolley 6. For Evensong.

(Continued from previous column)

Mr. I. H. Oram and Mr. A. G. Hill deplored the disappointing response to the Surrey Association's invitation to visit Beddington for the annual combined meeting on October 10th, and urged that such events be supported to better effect in future years.

Cordial votes of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. S. Groom), the ladies who had so successfully undertaken the catering, the organist, and all others instrumental in arranging so successful a meeting, concluded the business.

Rochester District

This year's annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Sittingbourne on October 17th. The fine bells of St. Michael's were rung to various methods, under the watchful eye of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. S. Jarrett)—his last duty before retiring from this office. A short ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Meacham (Vicar) and the lesson was read by the well-known ringer, Rev. P. T. Robbins, the newly-instituted Vicar of Lower Halstow. We were very pleased to welcome him and his good lady and family to the Rochester District.

Some 85 ringers and friends sat down to tea, which was kindly given by the Sittingbourne ringers and friends. At the business meeting the Rev. J. D. Meacham was elected chairman. The District secretary (Mr. T. Barton) in his report stated that 12 peals had been rung in the District, a drop of eight peals, but that membership was now up to 174. Six new members were elected to the Association.

The following officers were elected: Mr. T. Barton, District secretary; Mr. F. Cheal and Mr. A. Dunk, District representatives; and Mr. G. A. Naylor, Ringing Master. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. E. C. Barton, who has retired from being one of the District's representatives, also to Mr. C. S. Jarrett for his term of office as Ringing Master. Mr. T. Beaumont passed a well-deserved vote of thanks to those responsible for such a happy meeting. F. L. C.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, at St. Laurence-in-Thane, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Miles (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss P. Fennell (first in method) 3, Miss M. Taylor (first 'inside') 4, M. E. Miles (first 'inside') 5, S. J. Gee 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A WELCOME CHANGE'

Dear Sir,—Though it was rather facetiously written, I for one found Harold Chant's last article interesting and a welcome change from the generally dreary reports of meetings and outings which occupy too much space in this journal; but I was cynically amused to read A. H. May's letter on space wastage in an issue of the 'R.W.' containing a lengthy account of the Yorkshire Association dinner and also a front page article on the same function. You, sir, could have printed either: you ought not to have printed both.—Yours faithfully,
Wakefield, Yorks. DAVID CUBITT.

CLUN IMPERIAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Mayne's letter: the method rung at Clun was No. 228 in the C.C. Collection, and I shall be glad, therefore, if the Peals Analysis Committee will record it as a peal of Hedingham Bob Major, having regard to the fact that it has already been rung under this name.

I have endeavoured to keep a note of the peals rung in the Plain Major methods, but apparently this one escaped my notice, and I should like to apologise to the members of the band who were led to believe that they were partaking in a peal in a new method when on a day's outing on the Shropshire/Herefordshire border.

Having regard to the time that has elapsed since the Central Council's Plain Major methods book was issued, the information contained in Mr. Blagrove's article in your issue of November 6th is much appreciated, and it is to be hoped that this will be continued to give first performances up to date. Unfortunately, this information was not available when we visited Clun.

Can the C.C.C. number for Hingham Little Imperial Bob Major be quoted, please? The correct spelling of Cholmondely is as written here. Highbury Bob Major was rung on tower bells at Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk, on September 30th last.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Upton-by-Chester.

A SCOUTERS' PEAL?

Dear Sir,—All those of us who are fortunate enough to have both Scouting and Ringing at heart will welcome warmly the introduction of the new Scout badges for ringing. The Scouting movement could prove a very wonderful source of new recruits. Tower captains and others should seize the opportunity of contacting their local Scoutmasters and inquire whether it is possible to talk to the boys on the subject.

My real point in writing, however, is to ascertain whether there would be any interest in a Scouters' peal—to give the badges an appropriate start. If bell-ringers who are also Scouters or in any way connected with Scouting would contact me, if they are interested, I shall be very pleased to try to organise such a peal.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. PENN.

District Commissioner for Boy Scouts.
Tewkesbury District.

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Tewkesbury.

THE NEW PRICE

Dear Sir,—It is not often that I am constrained to write to you, but I read of the increase in price of the 'R.W.' with grave misgivings. Lest I be misunderstood, let me say at once that I would gladly pay another 6d. per week, if I thought it was justified, but I am convinced that the increase in price is not the answer to your financial problems; in fact, I believe it will only increase them.

I know I am sticking my chin out, but I want to suggest that a fixed charge should be made for the publication of peals and quarter peals, which should be of sufficient dimensions to enable the 'R.W.' to pay its way. I can almost hear the howls already, but my point is that week after week after week we see the same old names appearing in the peal and quarter peal columns, with monotonous regularity, and I would like to know in what other paper could they obtain such cheap publicity?

I have rung few peals myself, but I am not, repeat not, averse to peal ringing, except when it reaches a state bordering on fanaticism. I have yet to meet the ordinary Sunday service ringer (who after all is the backbone of the Exercise) who is the least bit interested in whether Bill Brown has rung 1,000 peals or Tom Smith has 'circled' such-and-such a tower.

My advice is, sir, be bold, fix a charge; they will still go on ringing their peals and getting them published—they love it.

I am afraid that, feeling as I do, the time will soon come when I shall discontinue my purchase of 'The Ringing World,' and I shall be sorry.—Yours faithfully,

MONTAGUE J. SOPER.

Potters Bar, Middlesex.

P.S.—I started ringing in 1908; my father and grandfather were ringers at Wolverton in Hampshire.—M. J. S.

ITINERANT RINGER AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I say that I fully support Mr. William Birmingham? The purpose of the Church and that for ringing many peals is as wide apart as Conservatism and Socialism, or oil and water. My wife and I have in our retirement taken to caravan life, travelling the country and ringing on Sundays wherever we may be. Consequently we see, as Mr. Birmingham, the other side of this peal ringing, and agree with the priest whom we met and who exclaimed: 'It is no responsibility of the Church to raise large sums of money merely to amuse ringers to ring peals, often to the annoyance of nearby residents.'—Yours sincerely,

HENRY C. PURCELL.

MARRIED COUPLES' MINOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—I'm afraid we suffered from the Editor's blue pencil and did not claim the first 'married couples' peal of Minor at Deeping St. Nicholas, but inquired if this was the first in seven Minor methods by such a band.—Yours faithfully,

E. T. CHAPMAN.

Spalding.

THE DEVON TOUR

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to enter any controversy on the above subject, but as I made all the arrangements at this end I trust you will allow me to say something.

Having read all the letters which have been published, one can only come to the conclusion that the whole thing has been a 'storm in a teacup,' and it never ought to have been started.

With regard to the letter from the general secretary of the Guild, there were a few points which needed explaining, so I took the trouble to write to him direct and give him my observations.

I am sure that the tourists will agree with me when I say that every effort was made to avoid any unpleasantness which might have arisen, and I went so far as to point out in all applications for bells that a peal would consist of not less than 5,000 changes, and would take about three hours to ring.

Mr. Atkins mentions the Wolborough peal being rung on a Sunday. Well, I took part in a peal there on a Sunday a few years after the war, and nothing was heard of it afterwards, but when the possibilities of a Sunday peal was raised on this occasion, I contacted a tower where there are at present no ringers. The Vicar was not keen on the idea, owing to people living near the church, but he readily offered me the bells on any of the weekdays, an offer which I gladly accepted. I think the Rector of Wolborough could have easily taken this step, too, but as he gave his permission for the Sunday attempt neither the tourists nor myself can be blamed for that.

I hope that this correspondence will now close.—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

FORTHRIGHT VIEWS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Recently there seems to be some movement towards restricting forthright views in 'Letters to the Editor.' The word 'bickering' has been used by the critics of this most interesting feature of our journal—Mr. Alan Ward used it in his recent letter.

I am not of the opinion that 'bickering' is the correct term to apply to fair criticism, and I would say that the correspondence of which Mr. Ward complains is definitely fair criticism. I would further suggest that it would be a pity to suppress such letters: indeed, it seems to me that the correspondence appearing in our present issues is by no means as spirited as that written and published, say, 25 years ago and earlier.

Another point, this sort of correspondence (Mr. York-Bramble would term it 'somewhat incisive' correspondence) tends to stimulate interest in our journal in much the same way that the strip cartoon boosts the sale of a daily newspaper. A well-known ringer once said to me: 'I like there to be a bit of a *do* going on in our correspondence columns, especially if the letter-writers are good.'

We have several good writers in the Exercise, and I for one look forward to their continued contributions.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. POSTON

An outstanding personality in ringing in Herefordshire, Mr. William Poston, of Pool Mill, Bridstow, died on November 2nd, aged 85 years. For 60 years he was a ringer and chorister at Bridstow Parish Church, churchwarden since 1937, and also hon. treasurer and secretary to the Parochial Church Council.

Born in 1874 at Evancoyd, Radnorshire, he started his ringing career in 1894 at Hempsted, Glos, and in that year rang his first peal. He obtained further ringing experience at Merthyr Tydfil and Ewyas Harold, and in 1899, when he came to Bridstow, he was appointed conductor of the band.

During his period of office at Bridstow Church the bells were twice augmented, first to six in 1910 and to the full octave in 1924. He took a great interest in maintaining a band for Sunday services, and he also found time to conduct numerous peals, both at Bridstow and at other towns in the district. In all, he took part in 252 peals, of which 244 were for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, of which he conducted 206.

From 1919 until 1954 he was Master of the Ross District of the Guild, and when he retired in 1953 he was presented with a chiming clock in recognition of his great services. He was also District secretary between the years 1938 and 1945. As an instructor he established a reputation for good handling and striking, and would not countenance bad ringing on a Sunday.

Until he retired in 1953 he was gardener at Bridstow Vicarage. Joining the Bridstow Parish Council in 1904, he later became clerk, an office he held until his death. He was also assistant overseer and registration officer and secretary of the Bridstow Men's Club for 32 years. Deeply interested in local history, he was the author of 'A History of Bridstow and Wilton Castle.' He is survived by two sons, Mr. W. T. Poston, of Ross, and Mr. Reginald Poston, of Peterstow. His wife predeceased him

in 1941 and his second son, Walter, died in 1957.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral service at Bridstow Church on November 5th, which was conducted by Preb. P. A. Lushington, assisted by Canon A. J. Winnington-Ingram and Preb. A. L. Moir. The many wreaths included tributes from the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, and the Ross District.

During the evening muffled touches were rung on Bridstow Church bells by the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild: A. W. Davis, A. T. Poulton, R. Poston, H. Powell, H. W. Swain, A. T. Wingate, J. Eisel, J. Read and H. Munn.

MR. HORACE V. ROBINSON

The Gloucester and Bristol Association has lost, with the passing of Mr. Horace Robinson, of Wickwar, a vice-president who was described by his rector as a great Christian gentleman. He died on November 3rd, and was buried on the 7th in the churchyard at Wickwar. In this church he had rung for over 50 years and sang in the choir for even longer. He was 70 years old.

At the funeral service the Rector was assisted by the Rev. W. A. Peel, chairman of the Wotton Branch. The Association was represented by the Master (Mr. F. Skidmore), Mr. H. Hobbs (Branch Ringing Master), Mrs. C. Rouse (Branch secretary) and many others. Half-muffled ringing took place both before and after the service.

Mr. Robinson was an excellent teacher, noted for his kindness and patience with the young ringers. For about 35 years he was captain of Wickwar tower and for ten years Ringing Master of his Branch, resigning through ill health two years ago. He had rung in 17 peals, all in his own Branch area, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Bob Major. His last was Grandsire Triples in 1953.

RAVERS LOOSE AGAIN

MANY ringers, especially those in the Home Counties, will have it indelibly printed on their minds just what the fog was like on November 7th, but it did not dampen the spirits of six Raving Ringers who met to attempt a peal. For our engineering expert the day began at 5.15 a.m. in Mrs. Granger's wash-house. His vintage Austin was soon trundling over the Cotswolds from Tewkesbury to collect other certified members from Oxfordshire in the sea of fog.

They arrived bedecked in the most awe-inspiring regalia to protect them from the cold, and together with other more local members set out to ring a peal of Minor in four methods at Hitcham, near Slough. The sound of this handy six was wafted into the gloom as extents of Reverse Canterbury and Single Oxford were rung, but later a shift in St. Clement's put paid to the attempt. We consoled ourselves with a well-struck half-muffled quarter, then had lunch, provided by a local ringer's mother.

Once more out in the fog both vehicles narrowly escaped serious collisions before the massive bulk of Bray tower loomed up, and augmented by several Hitcham ringers we rang the eight after a wedding. The rather suggestive shape of a peal board here gave rise to nefarious humour!

Members of the Exercise who have visited Braywood know just what the tower is like to find in the best of weather conditions, but in this fog even the Ringing Master, who had been there twice before, took a wrong turning! There is no light in the belfry, and darkness was falling as we finished ringing. Perhaps it is as well that the church is soon to be demolished, and rumour has it that the bells may now go to either Dorney or Taplow.

Later, in frantic efforts to find Clewer Church, the writer led the old Austin down a track which gave on to a large field. We pressed on in hope, but being confronted with nothing but fog and grass eventually decided to turn round. The mystery deepened when a large sign loomed out of the murk, saying 'To Reading and the West.' Further on there was another which said 'No left turn.' We ignored it and turned left back on to the main road. It was only then that the fog divulged its secret in another large sign further down the road—'Windsor Race Course, Car Park No. 2'!

Our ringing at Clewer was greatly enjoyed, partly from members' efforts to strike the clapperless third in touches of Minor, and because of the R.M.'s refusal to stand face to the wall so we could ring Reverse Erin by the white line on his trousers. It is only to be hoped that the Erin slow work is still intact on Mr. Butler's blackboard!

Ringing at Langley followed tea at the Grenada, Slough, and after filling the old car's petrol tank we crawled to Fulmer for the final ring. A touch of Cambridge Minor, which eluded us on the Welsh tour, was finally brought round here.

The party returned to the R.M.'s house for refreshment and the toast of 'Absent Ravers,' then members faded into the foggy small hours with spirits as high as ever. We would like to record our thanks to Howard Oglesby, the organiser, and to those who waited patiently at the towers for us to crawl out of the murk.

R. K. R.

NEWS OF THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

Concern was voiced by Mr. R. Collins, at the nomination meeting of the Chertsey District held at Christ Church, Esher, on November 14th, at the practice of ringing peals in the Winchester Diocese for the Guildford Guild. He said it would be better to ring these peals as non-Association rather than embarrass the Guild.

Major Bragg replied that the Guild executive would discuss it.

The Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) was in the chair, and all the retiring officers were nominated. Mr. John Maybrey was nominated to serve on the executive committee in place of Mr. G. Talbot, who has left the District. The Master paid tribute to the work Mr. Talbot had done.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne made a strong appeal for more support for 'The Ringing World,' particularly for postal subscribers.

The service, conducted by the Rector, was inspiring, and Mrs. Maybrey and her helpers were thanked for an outstanding tea. Over 40 ringers were present and ringing up to Cambridge Major took place till 8.45 p.m.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Johnstone 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, Miss R. Corner 3, Miss M. Goode 4, Miss A. Carpenter 5, J. Macdemott 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. For harvest festival.

Leatherhead District

With the approaching dedication of Guildford Cathedral it behoves the Guild to think about the bells for it, said the Master at the Leatherhead District's meeting at Dorking on October 17th. Towards this end it was essential for the bells fund to be better supported. Mr. Parrott suggested that a collection be taken at each meeting for the fund, and it was decided to start straight away. The hat was passed round and the fund benefited by £1 16s.

Members were also asked to think about suggestions for a suitable memorial to Alf Pulling, and a new Ringing Master, as Mr. H. V. Young would soon be leaving to live in Somerset.

Previous to the meeting there had been ringing at Ranmore, followed by a service and an address by the Rev. C. Munt (this was our first service there for many years), and tea had been provided in St. Martin's Hall by Miss Clear and her lady helpers, which 35 had tried (unsuccessfully) to clear. After the meeting ringing was resumed at Dorking.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, V. Neil 6. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Drury.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Carson 1, Caroline Carpenter (first 'inside') 2, Anne Garnet 3, A. Bishop 4, Susan Rawlings 5, G. Goodman (cond.) 6.

The Ladies' Guild

Though the gentlemen outnumbered the ladies, for most of the time the bells were kept going at the Central District meeting at St. Mary-le-Bow, Stratford, on October 31st. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector (Rev. F. Metrick) and Mr. Michael Austin, the organist.

SOUTHAMPTON AND READING UNIVERSITIES' TOUR OF EAST ANGLIA

The starting point for this year's joint cycling tour was St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where we joined the band in ringing for Evensong. Later at the youth hostel, when all, including the solitary hitch-hiker, had assembled, we learned that Don, ex-master of S.U.A., and the tour's organiser, had been taken ill on his way to Norwich. As one member said, 'his particular brand of humour was sadly missed during the week.'

We spent Monday in and around Norwich, being guided through Tombland's nether regions by Bridget Mutimer and David Heighton. First St. Giles' and then St. Michael's, where we preferred to read the old peal boards telling of ringers' prowess than ring the bells. It seemed reasonable to ring Norwich Surprise at St. George's, Colegate, although most of the band had to hurriedly look up the method. At the next tower, St. John-de-Sepulchre's we found it extremely difficult to hear the bells from inside, but later that night learnt that they are far from inaudible outside, as the warden's daughter had been prevented from concentrating on her exam because of our ringing. On the way to this tower any doubts about the S.U.G.'s master's cycling ability were fully justified when he fell headlong into the road after patting the indicator of a stationary car.

After a brisk ride out to Ketteringham and Hethersett, we returned to Norwich for supper, and spent the evening exploring the town. That night David discovered his pyjamas carefully sewn up, and after inadequate inquiries on his part, the innocent secretary found his pyjamas much later, airing on a bush in the rain!

MOLLIE'S AERIAL TRIP

Leaving Norwich behind us on Tuesday, we had our first encounter with Norfolk's flat countryside. Those unacquainted with the area failed to appreciate or even acknowledge its flatness until later in the week, when North Essex was reached. However, Pat was always there to push along any straggler. Between Saxlingham and Pulham Market, Mollie—not to be outdone by Dave—took an 'aerial trip' around a hedge top and landed in a ditch. Faith in our two masters now totally shattered, John took over as pilot and was next seen at Pulham Market tucking into his customary square meal.

Two easy-going rings of eight at Pulham Market and Pulham St. Mary gave us an opportunity for good ringing, and Dave's hitherto elusive touch of Stedman, containing Queens, Whittington's and Tittums, at last came round. The heavy eight at Diss required more effort than we could muster to ring well, as the long ride on a road unsheltered from the sun had temporarily exhausted us, and we welcomed the help of two resident ringers. While the foreman was demonstrating the carillon, fame descended upon us in the form of a reporter from the local paper, which later published an article about the tour.

The youth hostel for the next two nights was at Finningham, two tiny cottages miles from civilisation, which must hold the record for the ability to pack the largest number of people into the smallest possible space without undue lack of comfort. Here, to compensate for our lack of handbells, we made an octave out of glasses of water (even a large flower vase and cracked china mug were given an audition before the final result was achieved), and the dining room resounded to courses of Plain Bob and 'The Bluebells of Scotland.'

Only three towers were scheduled for Wednesday fortunately, for this day proved to be the hottest in the week. Tar was melting on the road and sticking to our wheels, making cycling difficult. At one point the front mud-guard on Adrian's bike burst into flames and

had to be extinguished. Stedman, Kent and Cambridge were rung at Wickham Skeith (a six) before we were treated to iced orange squash and biscuits by a neighbour. Thorndon bells, another six, are badly in need of attention, and we rang only three short touches of Doubles here before setting off for Stowmarket, but apparently even the bells found it too hot for ringing, and the sixth rope came unspliced after only ten minutes' ringing, and we retired to a milk bar. That evening we went to the Bull at 'Backbeyond,' where Ray recited poetry accompanied by Geoff. on the piano, and then a touch of pat-a-cake rounded off the day's ringing.

EXPOSED BELFRY

First stop next day was at Cotton, with its belfry partially exposed to the open air. The bells went well to a touch of Stedman and Yorkshire. Then we were joined for the rest of the week by Mary Russell before leaving for Stonham Aspal. The ring of ten here we found tricky. Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal went reasonably well, but Cambridge Royal broke down after three leads.

At Debenham the Vicar welcomed us to the church, which has one of the finest eighties in the district. After clambering through a coal cellar at Framdsen, we brought round the course of Pudsey that had broken down at Debenham. Our departure from Framdsen coincided with the start of a sharp thunderstorm, and capes were brought out for the first time. Ringing at Helmingham came to a temporary halt when the third refused to be set by any except Pat, although Ray offered double whiskies to all successful attempts. Superlative was rung here for the first time during the week. The last ring of the day, at Ashbocking, produced a pleasant course of London Minor. Naughton Mill, a first-class youth hostel, was home for the night. We spent the evening indoors variously occupied.

Friday's schedule included more good heavy eighties, the first of which was Lavenham and its famous tenor. Next, Sudbury, where we had only a short time to ring and one touch of Little Bob was over before the tenor man had discovered how he started. Long Melford and Clare both gave us some difficulty, but at each a fair touch of Stedman was rung. Two sixes completed the day's ringing at Cavendish and Castle Hedingham, and at each we tried Undershaft Doubles unsuccessfully, and once again Ray's double whisky reward went unclaimed.

A course of Cambridge tapped round smartly at Halstead next morning, the last day. There followed a long climb to Stisted for Kent and Oxford. After lunch in Bocking, Rayne was visited, where Undershaft Doubles at last came round. Great Dunmow, with another fine eight, was the week's final tower.

We extend our thanks to the incumbents of the 33 churches visited, to Don Exell and David Blackwell for making all arrangements, to the two Ringing Masters, Dave and Mollie, and finally to the green two-seater which took all excess luggage, tired bikes and riders, all of whom contributed to an enjoyable week.

Footnote.—Impression left with one publication: 'Ringers?—oh yes, all knees and bottoms!' A. K. G. J. and J. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Visitors from Devon and Swindon attended the Devizes Branch meeting at Holt on November 7th, when there was a good attendance. The Vicar (Rev. E. L. Brewis) conducted the service, and tea was provided in the Village Hall. Methods rung reached London.

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Four teams entered the 6-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association, held at Ripponden on October 24th.

Before the draw took place, and after the judge and marker had been placed in their listening post, Shelley company representative asked permission of the committee to ring first in the competition as some of their members desired to attend the centenary dinner of the Barnsley Society. This request the committee granted, and the other three places were drawn for.

The judge was Mr. H. Armitage, of Huddersfield, and the marker was Mr. B. Buckley, of Friezland.

The result of the draw and the contest was as follows:—

Shelley: 5 penalties, 81 faults; total 86.
Friezland: No penalties, 65 faults; total 65.
Meltham: 10 penalties, 86 faults; total 96.
Huddersfield: 10 penalties, 175 faults; total 185.

Friezland were therefore declared the winners of the silver challenge cup.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company of ringers, special mention being made of Mr. Frank Rhodes, who provided everyone with a tea.

Elland was provisionally fixed for the next tower of meeting on April 23rd. This meeting will be a ringing meeting and *not* a contest, and the tower captain appointed is the president.

WORK ON WOODBURY BELLS

The eight bells of Woodbury, Devon, Parish Church will not be rung for some time as they are to be rehung in a new frame. The seventh bell is to be recast and the rest tuned. These bells have always been a bit tricky to handle as there is a considerable amount of movement of the tower when ringing. When rehung they will be brought lower in the tower.

Work has now been started on them and it is hoped that the bells will be back in their new frame by next Easter. This work, of course, is going to be costly—about £2,000—and of this amount the churchpeople have raised about £1,450 in a little over a year, and are going all out to clear the other £550 by the end of this year.

If anyone who has heard or rung on this grand old ring would like to send a donation, please send to the Vicar or J. L. S. Glanvill, Woodbury, near Exeter, Devon. All contributions, however small, will be welcome.

J. L. S. G.

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MAY—LANE.—The engagement is announced between Douglas A. R. May, of 7, St. Thomas' Cottages, East Clandon, Surrey, and Jill M. Lane, of Melbury, Lansdown, Boxgrove Road, Guildford. 5296

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WONERSH, SURREY.—Practices in future at Wonersh, Surrey, will be held on Wednesday evenings.—W. E. Enticknap. 5301

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, March 19th. The annual Guild festival will be held in Oxford on July 2nd, 1960. 5323

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The weekend course, arranged at the request of the Guild, will be held at Big Wood, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, from April 29th to May 1st. Details will be sent to all towers within the Guild. Information can also be obtained from Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 5325

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—Dedication of new treble bell, Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, Dec. 8th.—G. H. Lane, 10, Hawthorne Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. 5320

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge (Holy Trinity), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 5277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Godmanchester, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5256

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing: St. Mary's, Barnes, 3. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Putney, 4.15 to 5.15; All Saints', Wandsworth, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Dinner 7.15 p.m., The Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road. 5255

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Peterchurch (6), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—T. E. Wood. 5314

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The last meeting of 1959 will be held at Ossett on November 28th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. The secretary regrets the short notice of meeting, but for some reason or other this notice was not printed in the previous issue of 'The Ringing World.' 5312

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Old Windsor, Saturday, Nov. 28th, 3.15 p.m. 5149

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 5258

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaminster, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5268

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rayleigh, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 5265

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Mansfield and North Notts Districts at Cuckney (6), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—D. H. Rooke, H. Denman, Dis. Secs. 5226

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Dec. 2nd; 6.30 p.m. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 1960, not Jan. 16th as previously arranged.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. James', Taunton, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 5276

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Portishead (8), Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Divine Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5210

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 5317

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 1st to Mr. R. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 5248

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Names for tea to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle. 5318

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, Morton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss M. Frost, 122, Main Road, Morton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5293

EDENHAM, Lincs.—Dedication of memorial to Arthur I. Holmes, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to W. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs. Ringing till 9 p.m. All welcome. 5263

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, Dec. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Mureft, Dis. Sec. 5313

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5305

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, Watermoor, 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. Lewis, sen., 31, Chester Street, Cirencester. Parish Church bells 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Sec. 5291

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th. St. Mary Redcliffe. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 5294

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, Dec. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 3rd.—Mary Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Churchdown. 5298

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, Dec. 5th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5285

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Quarterly meeting, Harborne, St. Peter, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Ringing 6 to 7 p.m., approx. Please notify for tea not later than Tuesday, Dec. 1st, to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham. 17. 5324

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lancaster Districts.—Joint meeting, Heversham, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, P. Handley, Secs. 5316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—J. Pilkington, Sec., 407, Whalley Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington, Lanes. 5290

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Annual meeting, Standish, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Dec. 2nd Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 5315

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Kirby Muxloe, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, please, to Mr. L. Achurch, Glenfield Lane, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester. 5292

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, at Kirton-in-Holland. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Room, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 30th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 5269

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, Stoke-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, to the Rector's Office, 27, Church Street, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5283

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, certain, please, to Mr. A. W. Bird, Shrublands Cottages, Magdalen Way, Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk.—P. Newstead. 5297

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to D. Hurst, 4, High Street, Bletchley.—F. Vickers. 5309

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Spratton (5), Saturday, Dec. 5th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5310

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dec. 5th, Steeple Langford. Bells (5) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Cups of tea in Parish Hall. Please bring your own food. Wilton (6) available in evening.—Miss Eloit, Hon. Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5280

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Blandford, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Visitors welcome. Please notify by Dec. 2nd Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. (Bourton 316.) 5287

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Y.W.C.A. Institute, Great Russell Street (rear of Dominion Theatre), 5.15 p.m. 5306

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, Llanblethian, Glam (6). Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers, especially learners, welcome.—D. P., Hon. Sec. 5289

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A special joint meeting of the Woodbridge, Ipswich and Eastern half of Hadleigh Districts will be held at Ipswich, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Election of officers for new S.E. District. Bells: St. Margaret's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 4.30. Meeting 5 at St. Mary-le-Tower. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—C. R. Lovett. 5275

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 5282

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 5299

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 5247

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Apsley End (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; King's Langley (8), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing will be arranged. 5311

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, at St. John's Church, Bournemouth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, to Mr. H. A. Mitchell, 107, Kinson Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth. St. Peter's, Bournemouth, bells available from 6 to 7.30 p.m.—W. T. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 5300

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, King's Langley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Hempstead Road, King's Langley. No name, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5302

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Newington, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss H. Dadson, 105, London Road, Newington, near Sittingbourne. 5304

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Saturday, Dec. 12th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business following. Names by Dec. 8th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5261

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Important—names must be sent by Tuesday, Dec. 8th, to me.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 5297

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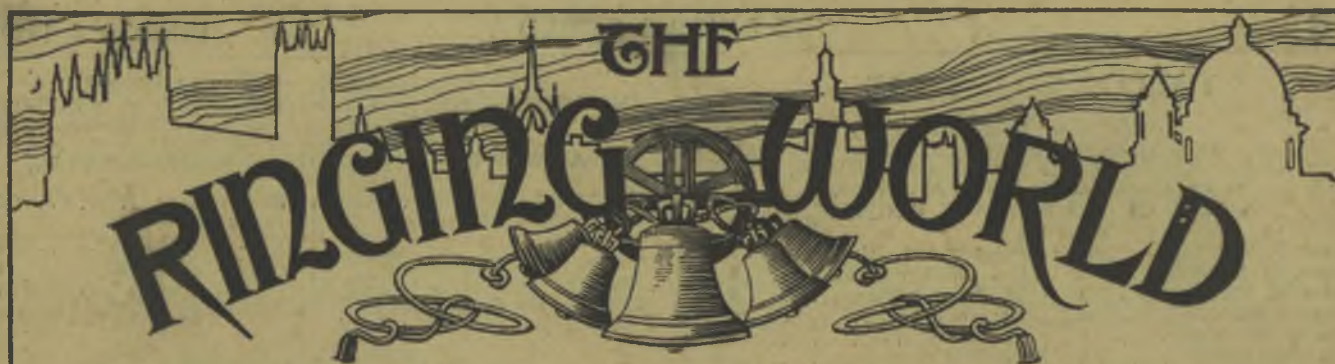
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PLAIN BOB CATERS

IT was William Shipway who expressed the opinion that of all forms of ringing, that of ringing ten bells provided the greatest entertainment. Few people who have been privileged to have the opportunity to ring peals on all numbers of bells would find it easy to disagree with this statement. For whether it be Caters (of which Shipway was chiefly thinking) or Royal, in which so many fascinating methods may engage our attention, there are, in 10-bell ringing, a charm and an elegance unsurpassed on any other number of bells.

The recent peal of Plain Bob Caters at Warwick, and the interesting views of the performance that have appeared in our columns, awaken thoughts on the limited number of Caters methods available for the practitioner and on the merits and demerits of the methods that are rung. If we wish to test the soundness of the view that Bob Caters is of little value, or to assess the opinion that the method is rightly worthy of being practised, it will be well to set it alongside some of its rivals and see what advantages and disadvantages it has in comparison with Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich.

A feature of Plain Bob, of course, is the regularity and simplicity of its coursing order. This, together with the immunity of the heavy bells from the influence of calls, provides for the sustaining of musical positions over long periods. So, the plan of calling in Bob Caters will, if the bells are (let us say) cast into the Tittums, permit the regular coursing of 7, 8, 9 in six of the eight leads of each course. And if the sixth be fixed either before the seventh or after the ninth then the music of this more attractive arrangement is sustained for five of the leads of the course. This is no mean musical property. Added to this, we may note that only 35 full courses are needed for a 5,040, and that 24 of these may have the sixth behind the ninth, or alternatively, 24 courses may be used with the sixth before the seventh; and, of course, the Handstroke Home position sets before us the possibility of another 24 courses of its excellent music.

With these attractive musical potentialities where, then, lie the weaknesses of Bob Caters? The defects are probably two—a certain monotony in the work and an absence of double dodging. The fact that the heavy bells are un-

affected by calls makes for the ringing of long, complete courses, but those courses, with their stereotyped mould and their lack of excitement in operation, may become a trivial round monotonous to ring and intolerable for any considerable length of time. The absence of double dodging is a serious defect, for double dodging has been described as the most beautiful phenomenon in the whole of change-ringing, and with considerable justification. In Bob Caters the mind longs for the variation of the double dodge, and the ear anticipates the repetition of the musical experience, only to be continually disappointed.

The rivals of Plain Bob Caters are powerful, despite their own defects. They avoid, of course, the slur of four blows behind; but they also avoid monotony, and they are replete with double dodging. Stedman Caters may have no music in the middle of the course unless the sixth is seconds-place bell, and then the unrivalled 7689 of the course-end is sacrificed. There is no musical advantage in keeping the sixth at home. Yet the brilliance of the course-end music, and the indefinable charm that the method has for many ringers, will hold Stedman Caters in a challenging position. Grandsire Caters, with its incredible variety of calling, its long and short courses, its double dodging, and the participation of all the bells in the bob work, successfully avoids monotony and yet provides a continuity of coursing order in which the music of the heavy bells is never absent. The fourth great rival, Double Norwich Caters, has, strangely enough, never offered a serious challenge in the Caters world. It has what some ringers consider an important blemish—an unusual and rather awkward bob. It cannot maintain the clean flow of coursing order manifested in Grandsire and Plain Bob, and the value of the sixth at home in the Tittums is negligible. Yet when it is rung it provides startling musical surprises, some of them of surpassing beauty both in the unexpectedness of their arrival and in the suddenness of their metamorphosis. It would seem, indeed, to combine the advantages of all the Caters methods. Yet it has not so far become the favourite.

Such, then, are the popular Caters methods, and which are worth ringing must always be a matter of opinion and taste. Whether we agree with Mr. Allen or with Mr. Payne we may believe that Plain Bob Caters, 'properly composed' (as John Carter would say), can provide music worth hearing.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35½ cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON .. Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 8
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK .. 9
HOWARD SCOTT .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. 10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 11
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

JOAN BERESFORD .. Treble	FRANK V. GANT .. 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 8
*MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 3	CHARLES E. WILMINGTON .. 9
†ROBERT J. CHAPMAN .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 10
*LIONEL S. WOODS .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 11
†HARRY TURNER .. 6	FRANK C. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal of Cinques. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Stedman Cinques.

Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Darby, B.A.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*GILLIAN HUSSEY .. Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 6
†ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 2	†JANE K. A. COOK .. 7
†JOHN C. BALDWIN .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 8
‡SANDRA LEWIS .. 4	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 9
§GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 5	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' § First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

HAROLD SPENCER .. Treble	*WILLIAM FAY .. 6
*ROHILLA M. COOKE .. 2	PETER F. WINDLEY .. 7
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	BERT SUTTON .. 8
SIDNEY R. ELWICK .. 4	FRED HODGSON .. 9
THOMAS M. COX .. 5	THOMAS COOKE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 6
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 7
*RITA M. JOWETT .. 3	FREDERICK SEAGER .. 8
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	PETER M. DAWSON .. 9
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

* First peal on ten bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	*BRIAN WILDE .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	*DAVID W. FRIEND .. 8
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5	EDMUND MALIN .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20½ cwt.

MICHAEL SPRACKLING .. Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 6
F. BRIAN COOKSON .. 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 7
*FLORENCE L. SMITH .. 3	†FREDERICK JUKES .. 8
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 4	†RAY SMITH .. 9
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 5	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by F. BRIAN COOKSON.

* First 10-bell peal. † First of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.
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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. 6
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HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. 8
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. 9
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

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Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	FRANK LEWIS .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 6
ALBERT DISERENS .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
HELEN M. DISERENS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5200 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

J. DAVID ADAMS .. Treble	STUART ELLISON .. 5
ERIC ELLISON .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 3	JOHN R. KENNETT .. 7
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 4	ALEX RICHARDSON .. Tenor

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Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Tessa P. Kemp and Brian J. Woodruffe.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

REGINALD W. REX .. Treble	FRANK LEWIS .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 2	LEWIS J. COBB .. 6
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

Rung for Evensong on All Saints' Day.

**BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR GIBBS Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 5
*GILLIAN TAVERNER 2	†ALAN J. FROST 6
†ROBIN WILSON 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
†DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

*First peal, apart from the treble to Minor. †First in the method.
First of Lincolnshire as conductor.

**GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN NELSON Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	DEREK TAYLOR 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

**ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON Treble	*DON C. EXELL 5
*ARTHUR H. REED 2	*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
*PHILIP N. TUBBS 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 7
*D. JOHN HUNT 4	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

*First peal in the method. First of Belgrave for the Association.

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

EDWARD E. DAVEY Treble	ROY DUESBURY 5
EDWARD B. SMITH 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	WALTER R. FELGATE 7
*MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 4	H. FRANK PIKE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MAURICE E. DOWNS.

*25th peal.

**LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of The Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	RALPH BICKERS 6
JACK PILGRIM 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
C. JACK GIBSON 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

GORDON H. LANE Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
JOSEPH R. LOWE 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
*GORDON H. LANE 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
DEREK P. JONES 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

*First peal in the method, and 50th peal.

A birthday compliment to Norman Cotton.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 Bristol, Superlative and Pudsey, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	JOHN FREEMAN 5
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

*First peal of Spliced Surprise.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. Treble	JOHN L. GIRT 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	*WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
*HUBERT A. METSON .. 4	WALTER RUFFLES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

*First peal in the method.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PETER BORER Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 5
*SHEILA DOBBIE 2	*WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

*First peal in the method.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5088 LITTLETON IMPERIAL MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	GEOFFREY PARTING 7
JOHN S. DEAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 221).

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	*H. GEORGE HART .. 5
*ELSIE K. HART .. 2	*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 6
*ALICK CUTLER .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*VERNON GREEN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
 *First peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

MARGATE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
JOHN R. COOPER .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
 First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In three methods, being 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire, 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method.
 Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Treble	*GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4	†ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
 *First peal of Major. †First of Spliced Surprise Major.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
 *First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 50th peal of Yorkshire.

Rung for the Feast of St. Cecilia.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob; (3) Oxford, Capel, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) St. Clement's College Bob; 29 changes of method.
 Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	CAROL FERNLEY .. 4
EILEEN FEARN .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4), (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.
 ERIC ELLISON .. Treble
 GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2
 J. DAVID ADAMS .. 3

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Rung by the local band as a welcome to the Rev. John Watts, assistant curate.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge S., D. Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and two extents Plain Bob.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
JOHN J. PRENTICE .. Treble	JOHN L. GIRT .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
HUBERT MITSON .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, 240 calls, all singles.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
KEITH R. BIRKIN .. Treble	J. DAVID ADAMS .. 4
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. 5
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The conductor's 200th peal on tower bells.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*WALTER J. BLACK .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4
†G. PETER GUNNING .. 2	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
*DENNIS SUTTON .. 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation to six.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 six-scores (ten callings).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*PAMELA M. TRIM .. Treble	*DOUGLAS EADES .. 4
ROGER ABBOTT .. 2	†DERRICK J. WITHERS .. 5
ERIC C. WADMAN .. 3	DAVID HOARE .. Tenor

Conducted by DERRICK J. WITHERS.

*First peal. †First of Doubles. First as conductor.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*HEATHER M. PULLON (16) Treble	†MARTIN D. FELLOWS (14) 4
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS (11) 2	‡PAUL CATTERMOLE (18) .. 5
*JAMES E. PULLON (12) .. 3	*T. JOHN BIRCH (17) .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

*First peal. †First on six bells. ‡First in the method.
 Believed to be the youngest team to ring a peal for the Association: average age 15 years 2 months.
 Rung to commemorate the restoration this year of this 800-year-old church.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four different callings).	16 cwt. 10 lb.
*F. GEORGE EDMANS .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 4
*HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 2	*GEORGE E. GREEN .. 5
*JAMES LINNELL .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

*First peal in the method. First of London rung on the bells.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 51, 34, 48, 50, 29, 52).
 Tenor 28 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	PAUL MARTIN .. 4
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
THOMAS O. PIERCY .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

**KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

 Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Grand-
sire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

*ALAN J. CLARKE (13) .. Treble	STEPHEN J. PERRY .. 3
WILLIAM C. RHODES .. 2	LESLIE L. WILLIS .. 4

GORDON H. LANE .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal. The last peal on the bells before being augmented to six.

**SIDDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN HOPE .. Treble	PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 4
ERNEST H. JEFFERIES .. 2	BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 5
*HERBERT L. COOKE .. 3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal of Minor. First on the bells since rehanging.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

 Being nine methods in seven extents: College Single, Double and Single
Court, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob,
Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

 A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Bur-
bidge, of Ancaster, Lincs, who were married at this church. Mrs.
Burbidge is sister of the conductor.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM WATKIN .. Treble	ERIC YOUNG .. 4
*GLENDA ROWLEY .. 2	*WILLIAM G. TALBOT .. 5
ALBERT LAWTON .. 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

Rung for the golden wedding of Henry and Elizabeth Watkin.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. J. COOK .. Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 4
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. 2	FRANCIS C. MOGWOOD .. 5
†JOHN A. POWELL .. 3	‡JIM MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS C. MOGWOOD.

* First peal on treble. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

A compliment to Prince Charles on his birthday.

**COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**
On Sun., Nov. 15, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

 Being one extent of London and two extents each of Beverley, Surfleet
and Cambridge. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	FRANK LEWIS .. 4
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

Rung for the Feast of St. Machutus, B.C.

**DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**
On Mon., Nov. 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*TREVOR R. SMITH .. Treble	*WALTER S. SMITH .. 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 2	*BRIAN W. SMITH .. 5
*DERYCK DRURY .. 3	JOHN M. BLAICKIE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal.

 Rung on the occasion of the retirement of the Rev. G. A. Tyson
after serving 43 years in the Ministry.

**WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Syston District.)

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents differently called, every call a single.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT .. Treble	OWEN NORTHWOOD .. 4
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 2	PETER R. JOHNSON .. 5
DEREK M. SAWYER .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

 Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new altar and furnish-
ings by the Archdeacon of Leicester on the previous day.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

 Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Thelwall
and Double Oxford, (3) Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge
Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY .. 4
JOHN G. AMES .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

ASHBRITTLÉ, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*IVOR G. HUGHES .. Treble	†DAVID T. NORTH .. 4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. 2	*FREDERICK J. CASELEY .. 5
*GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 3	‡GORDON WALFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

 * First peal of Surprise. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Cambridge
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PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 COVENTRY DELIGHT MINOR

Being four extents and a 2,160 (C.C.C. Nos. 114, 115, 118, 120 and 121).
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOHN K. SMITH Treble	DAVID G. BRUNNING .. 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.25).

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Kent T.B., two of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

*KEITH D. WAPLES Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 4
*RONALD W. PICTON 2	†D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. 5
WALTER AYRE 3	BRIAN M. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal in more than one method. †First in three methods 'inside.' The conductor's 750th peal.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 COTSWOLD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

IVOR GOULTER Treble	PETER WAKEFIELD 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
DAVID STAPLES 3	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

*100th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1959, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

AT 44, BEECHFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS 3—4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Nov. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT 2, SUNNYSIDE, NEWPORT ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 120's and six 240's.

*DAVID W. FRIEND 1—2 | BARNABAS G. KEY 3—4

E. MARION KEY 5—6

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal 'in hand,' and first of Doubles.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5
MICHAEL THOMAS 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
TOM CHAPMAN 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 8
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor	

Composed by P. C. WRIGHT.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 18th, 2,817 Stedman Caters: F. C. Mogford 1, Miss A. Grainger 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, D. J. Hunt 5, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 6, P. J. Bird 7, R. J. Bowden 8, A. M. Tyler 9, A. A. Hilliar 10.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, B. R. White 2, B. Coggins (first of Caters) 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, J. Drewitt 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, E. Drewitt 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: June Dear 1, R. Castledine 2, P. Flack (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, L. Hughes 4, J. Dear 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Beeson (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, F. W. Bird 3, W. Dunn 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, V. Griggs 6, A. Streeter 7, J. Burgess 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Walker (first of Triples) 1, G. North 2, C. W. T. Riddleston 3, W. A. Riddington 4, F. A. Page 5, A. W. Bond 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, F. J. Lewis 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss G. Hussey (first in method) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, V. J. Williams 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung before the Family Communion as a 60th birthday compliment to A. Charles Baker. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob): R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, Miss G. Hussey 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, F. Skidmore 4, A. C. Baker 5, M. J. Hoskins (first quarter) 6, F. R. Hussey 7, P. A. Hunt 8. First quarter in four methods by all. Rung on the dedication festival for the public ministration of baptism.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Betty Faunch 1, Maryl Cross-thwaite 2, D. Lawson 3, Judy Moir 4, C. Cross-thwaite 5, J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all except 5.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Alphege's Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Luck 1, D. A. Chapman 2, Elizabeth Rogers 3, L. V. Chamberlain 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, N. J. Davies (first as cond.) 6. An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mary Powell 1, R. G. Beck 2, Monica Horseman 3, E. Wadman 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, H. Baber (first of Major) 6, J. Brain 7, D. Purnell (first of Major as cond.) 8.

CHILTON TRINITY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,300 Winchendon Place Bob Doubles: M. J. Horseman 1, J. Brain 2, R. D. Short 3, M. Stone 4, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Cook 1, C. W. Batton 2, W. R. Hendry 3, D. Smith 4, L. J. Francombe 5, H. J. Ferris (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. Smart (captain of the ringers) and for the 83rd birthday of Mr. W. J. Coombes (Vicar's warden).

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Chaplin 1, F. V. Gant 2, J. Carrot 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, M. Bland 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For morning service and as a compliment to Mr. G. J. Andrews, who this day completed 30 years as organist and choirmaster.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Munt 1, C. Lloyd (first of Stedman) 2, Ethel Clear 3, G. F. Pratt 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, Rev. C. Munt 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, B. Coward 8. First quarter of Stedman by a local band at this church.

DUDLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Brown (first away from tenor) 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, M. Sprackling 3, Martin Fellows (cond.) 4, Michael Fellows 5, D. Thurston (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 22nd, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Smith 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, G. M. Harvey 3, H. J. Eldred 4, S. Croft 5, F. Ranson 6, D. Theodora 7, D. C. Morgan 8. First of Triples by 1 and 8. Birthday compliment to F. Ranson and his daughter Vera.

EWELME, OXON.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. J. Winfield, jun. (first away from tenor) 1, Miss P. Reason 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker 4, R. Tuckwell (cond.) 5, H. J. Winfield 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. J. Cross (82), verger at this church from 1936 until retiring last year.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, Miss A. M. Severs 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann 5. A farewell to Miss A. M. Severs on leaving for York. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann 5. First in the method by all the band. Rung for St. Martin's Day Evensong.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Miss Tessa P. Kemp 1, K. R. Birkin 2, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3, J. D. Adams 4, K. Ellison 5, S. Ellison 6, E. Ellison 7, N. J. Goodman 8. First of Major for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

GARROLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. G. Banham 1, O. W. Garnham 2, L. W. King 3, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason 4, H. B. Fuller 5, C. F. W. Philippo (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Stanley Nunn, ringer at this church interred this day.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): F. Salter (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Beach 2, Mrs. M. Pailing 3, Miss D. Armstrong 4, N. Pailing 5, D. Beach 6, F. Bradley 7, Geo. Clift 8. First touch of Treble Bob Major for 2 and 6.

HAWKCHURCH, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hayball (first on a working bell) 1, C. Webb (cond.) 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparks 4, Preb. E. V. Cox 5, W. Webb 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Woolven 1, F. E. Crutenden 2, E. F. Packham 3, Mrs. C. A. Crutenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, D. J. Parsons 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, R. Langridge 8. A 70th birthday compliment to A. L. Ryman, a member of the local band.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: Jean Warner (first quarter) 1, Gwen May 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, J. King (cond.) 5, D. George 6. First in the method for all except 5. For Evensong.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Old April Day, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jennifer Sceny 1, Mary F. Carr 2, H. Oglesby (cond.) 3, T. Evans 4, G. J. Berry 5, Ann Secar 6. For Matins in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Reading.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): S. Meredith and R. Blackshaw 1, R. Mills 2, D. Armstrong 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For evening service. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Meredith 1, F. Bradley and D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, J. Meredith (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for evening service.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. R. Norris (first quarter on a working bell) 1, Joyce D. Walsh 2, M. Wooldridge 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Pauline Hood (first quarter) 6, K. C. Knight 7, D. Robinson 8. A compliment to Harry Richardson, a member of Hurstpierpoint band of ringers, on his 87th birthday.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, All Saints' and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Christy 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5. For morning service, also as a birthday compliment to the captain, the ringer of 2.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Clarke (first quarter, aged 13) 1, B. R. Cummings 2, J. Basford (first 'inside') 3, S. J. Perry 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Perry (first quarter, aged 14) 1, E. Drake (first 'inside') 2, T. H. Smith 3, W. G. Lane 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5. Both rung by members of the local band.

LYDD, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Terry (first quarter) 1, H. S. Humphrey 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, R. Swift (cond.) 4, A. J. Hicks 5, L. Terry 6. For Confirmation service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, G. Jeanes 2, G. Gaylard 3, R. P. Selway 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, H. G. Keeley 6, J. Looker 7, A. W. Dyer 8. A silver wedding compliment to the Rev. G. L. Tiarks (Vicar) and Mrs. Tiarks.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4-6-8 covering): T. Dodd 1, T. Pritchard 2, Miss E. Jones 3, J. L. Stanier 4, F. W. Jones 5, Miss D. Lewis 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, H. Hyde 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—On Nov. 17th, at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Mitchell 1, J. Robinson 2, B. Rumney 3, E. M. Quinn 4, G. Rumney 5, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 4 and 5. A compliment to Derek F. Yates and Barbara Llewellyn on their engagement.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 21st, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): Anne C. Garnett 1, Susan Rawlings 2, R. Bird 3, A. Bagworth 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6. First of London for 1, 2 and 4.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Morris 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. Corbett 3, R. E. Tallis 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Shaw 1, R. D. Henebury 2, Helen M. Thacker (first in method 'inside') 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6. For Evensong.

PIDDELTRENTIDE, DORSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Rose 1, Miss C. Smith 2, E. H. Amery 3, R. J. Vardy 4, J. W. Rose (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. H. C. Cooper Anderson on his retirement.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Buncombe 1, Kathleen W. Apps 2, R. P. Bullen 3, W. Rogers (cond.) 4, F. Hammond 5, J. F. Buncombe 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, Monica Horseman 2, E. Ford (first of Kent) 3, R. D. Short 4, J. Brain (first of Kent Minor) 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): J. R. Hutchings 1, P. Hart 2, Helen Sharland (first quarter) 3, W. J. Richards 4, T. Furbear (first 'inside') 5, J. Furbear (first as cond.) 6, A. G. Selley 7, F. J. Down 8. A welcome to the Rev. Colin Marr after his induction as Rector.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hodson 1, W. Buckley 2, Christine Glover (15, first in method) 3, Sheila Hodson 4, L. Bowden 5, Glenda Rowley 6, E. Young (cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday by the Sunday service band.

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian A. Williamson 1, T. J. Gray 2, F. E. Grant 3, Sheila J. Rench 4, P. K. Williamson 5. First quarter for 2, 3 and 4. First quarter on the bells.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Glead 1, T. Pritchard 2, F. Garland 3, T. Wits 4, W. Deane (cond.) 5, M. Simpson 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. T. Clarke (cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, Mary Powell 3, E. Ford (first of Stedman) 4, J. Brain 5, M. Stone 6.

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We are already looking forward to Christmas. Our popular Christmas greetings feature will appear in the issue of December 18th (price 4s. for 36 words). The issue of December 25th (Christmas Day) will go to press on Saturday, December 19th. This means that Notices must be received before that date to ensure insertion.

A big difference.—The peal rung at Willenhamp (page 682) was Kent Treble Bob Royal—not Minor. Our apologies.

Belton, Lincs, bells have been augmented to six. Two new trebles were dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln on November 4th.

The tower representing Northern Ireland in the Christmas Day broadcast will be St. Donard's, Belfast. This tower is also doing a programme on bells in the Northern Ireland Home Service on December 24th, at 7 p.m.

'Even if "The Ringing World" was put up to 1s. a week I think most of us would still take it. We don't expect the impossible, and I am sure most ringers are not downright mean.'—Stephen Ivins.

'The decision to increase the price of "The Ringing World" to 8d. should be accepted by all loyal readers. Don't take too much notice of those who like to have a grumble. They like to find something to grouse about.'—W. Shepherd, Addlestone.

With the object of interesting parishioners in their bells, an admirable series of articles has appeared in the parish magazine of St. Nicholas', Harpenden, written by Mrs. Mary A. Coburn and Mr. J. D. Painter. The articles not only deal with the history of the bells but the development of change-ringing. We hope to publish this information at a later date.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By the laws of progression it seems that the stupendous task of ringing the 40,320 extent of Major will eventually be achieved. Mr. Stephen Ivins and his gallant band narrowed the gap by ringing 28,850 changes at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on November 22nd. Congratulations to all concerned.

The London Surprise Royal at Grundisburgh on November 21st was the 150th peal of Surprise by Charles J. Sedgley, and his first on the treble.

Sending 1s. per rope for a peal of London Minor at Great Horwood, Bucks, Mr. F. G. Edmans comments: 'Where else could you get three hours' entertainment or pleasure?'

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett, of the East Grinstead Guild, on their silver wedding anniversary. A quarter peal was rung at Wadhurst on November 18th in honour of the occasion.

Meeting short, through illness, for an attempt of Albanian Surprise Royal at Southover, Sussex, on November 21st, the band rang a good peal of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods.

Miss Gillian Tavener, whose first peal, apart from the treble to Minor, was at Burton Latimer, Northants, put up a very creditable performance in ringing Lincolnshire Surprise Major. Unfortunately, her teacher, Mr. Pat Chapman, missed the peal through an attack of 'flu.

The peal of Plain Bob Royal at Bradford Cathedral on November 19th was conspicuous for the good work of young ringers. Barry Schofield, who is only 11, rang his first peal on ten, and Miss Rita Jowett has not been ringing very long and she, too, rang an almost faultless peal.

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HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE AT SELBY ABBEY

Saturday, October 19th, was a double anniversary date at Selby Abbey, Yorks, being the 50th anniversary of the installation of the bells after the great fire in 1906, and the half-century as a ringer completed by Mr. Horace S. Morley.

Four of the eight bells fell during the fire and the other four had to be taken down. The bells were recast at Loughborough and increased into a ring of ten bells and reopened on October 19th, 1909.

Mr. Morley joined the tower six months before the new bells were used, when the late Mr. F. Cryer was captain, and took over the position of captain over 20 years ago, a position which he still holds. Chairman of the Selby and District Society of Change Ringers since the formation of the Society after the last war, he is secretary of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, a position he has held for the past 28 years. For 21 years he looked after the Abbey clock and carillon, climbing the steps to the clock four times weekly.

It is interesting to note that at a broadcast of the bells by the B.B.C. some time ago, the announcer jocularly referred over the air that the bells could really be called 'Horace's Bells.' To mark the occasion, ringers from Sherburn-in-Elmet, Goole, Hemingbrough and Selby Abbey attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters, but unfortunately, owing to a change course, this was unsuccessful. His numerous ringing friends wish him good health and many more years to continue as an active ringer.

L. M. W.

NIGHTLY PRACTICES RECALLED AT GOFER DINNER

THE seventh annual Gofer dinner of the Newark Parish Church ringers was held at the Bowling Green Hotel on Friday, November 13th. Much to the relief of the organisers, the typical Gofer weather of the previous day cleared early on the Friday morning and enabled the 53 ringers and friends to arrive safely.

After a most enjoyable meal, the loyal toast was proposed by the president, Canon J. H. D. Grinter.

The toast of 'The Society' was submitted by Mr. M. Wilson, who recalled some of the earlier incidents in the history of the Society. It was given new life, he said, by its re-formation in 1896, and it was during this year that, after practising consistently every night of the week, much to the annoyance of a local shopkeeper opposite, who threatened to sue them for loss of trade, they finally rang for Sunday service for the first time in July, 1896.

Mr. Wilson recalled many of the earlier ringers who had served the Society well during the early years, including one founder member (Mr. C. H. Chapman) who was present.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Raithby), in reply, thanked Mr. Wilson for his kind words. During the past year, he stated, the bells had been rung for every service, and only twice had they only been down to eight bells. He thanked the ringers for their support and especially the younger members, who had come forward at the end of last year and who had given such yeoman service since.

Mr. E. F. Taylor proposed the health of the President, and said how pleased he was to be able to welcome back the Vicar, restored once again to full health after his serious illness.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked the Society for their good wishes and said how glad he was to be back. He recalled many amusing incidents which had happened to him whilst convalescing and since his return.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed in a light vein by the secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. He welcomed the visiting ringers, wives, husbands and sweethearts of ringers, but not, apparently, sisters! The toast was acknowledged by Mr. E. Warren-Butler.

Entertainment was provided by the songs of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodward and the monologues of Mr. Matt Wilson.

The company included the president (Canon J. H. D. Grinter), the Master and Mrs. Raithby, Mr. E. F. Taylor and Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Cove, Mr. and Mrs. F. Derry, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mumford, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden and Mr. and Mrs. E. Warren-Butler.

Messrs. C. H. Chapman, A. E. Chilton, C. J. Copp, G. E. Foster, M. Grinter, L. Hemstock, D. Hough, C. Jackson, A. Lacy, J. L. Millhouse, J. Pearson, F. Pickard, J. Pratchett, B. Plummer, G. Randles, D. Simpson, J. Smalley, C. Town and M. Wilson.

The Misses N. Bibby, G. Burchnell, K. Burchnell, J. Canner, M. Chilton, A. Cove, B. Millhouse, J. Richardson, E. Rose and E. Tutty.

Rang 28,850 Changes In Loughborough Attempt

A very gallant attempt for the extent of Plain Bob Major was made at Loughborough Bell Foundry on November 21st.

After a false start of 25 minutes, due to the conductor not learning the composition properly, we got off to a good start at 7.35 a.m.

The band stood: John A. Anderson 1, Alan J. Frost 2, Dennis Knox 3, Patrick I. Chapman 4, Barrie Hendry 5, Norman V. Harding 6, Edgar J. Smith 7, Stephen Ivvin (conductor) 8.

The first few parts were rung at a fairly steady speed, and the first peal came up in 2 hours 20 minutes. After this the ringing increased in speed, and the halfway came up in 9 hours 16 minutes. The trips (missed dodges) up to this point could be counted on one's fingers, and everything was most encouraging. Discipline was strict enough to satisfy even *Jayfus*, and practically nothing was eaten by anyone.

The band had really got their second wind by now, and the ringing was proceeding like clockwork at a speed of 2.15 for 5,040. When the 12-hour mark passed there was every hope of success. From the standard of striking it was hard to believe that we had rung the clock round, as the tape-recordings taken at intervals will prove.

Trouble came when the conductor called a bob 'Fifths' a blow late, although within two or three changes the ringing resumed its steady beat. We had then been ringing almost 13 hours.

About half-an-hour later one of the ringers had some trouble with his rope, and incorrect instructions as to what he should have been doing led to some confusion. This was speedily rectified, but the conductor felt, personally, that it was a pity to mar an otherwise excellent effort, and 'Stand' was called. In this opinion, however, he was in a very small minority—him-

self alone, in fact! However, the fact that there was no incompetence on anyone's part soon mellowed the disappointment, and we felt that such a gallant end would be a challenge to other bands making the attempt.

The end came in the third lead of the 259th course, after 28,850 changes, approximately, in 13 hours 18 minutes. STEPHEN IVVIN.

REDEDICATION

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE

Although the weather was far from pleasant on November 7th, ringers from all over the diocese and several towers beyond were present at Hartlebury for the rededication of the bells after retuning and rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The ceremony was performed by the Rector (Rev. W. H. S. Davies), who used the Association's form of service. He gave an excellent address, outlining the efforts which had been made to bring about this restoration, which was carried through concurrently with extensive repairs to the fabric of the church, following a plan which had its inception in the time of his predecessor.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn 'Now thank we all our God,' followed by the Blessing, after which the majority of the assembled company adjourned to the school, at the invitation of the churchwardens (Messrs. E. H. Sobey and M. C. Grazebrook), where a bountiful buffet tea was waiting.

Further ringing followed, with something for everyone, much satisfaction being expressed at the excellent job which Messrs. John Taylor had done. The regular Friday evening practices are now resumed, and visitors may be sure of a welcome. B. C. A.

Ancient Society Of College Youths

At a meeting held on November 14th at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., the following were elected officers for the year 1960:—

Master, Mr. James G. A. Prior; secretary, Mr. John Chilcott; treasurer, Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts; senior steward, Mr. Michael P. Moreton; junior steward, Mr. William T. Cook; trustees, Messrs. Ernest G. Fenn and J. Frank Smallwood.

The following were elected Central Council representatives: Messrs. John Chilcott, J. Frank Smallwood, Cyril G. J. Watts and Wilfred Williams.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS' 1959 TOUR

ALL roads lead to —! On Bank Holiday week-end this year the blank would have read Grantham, for it was here that the Pilgrims had the first ring of their tour, ringing for morning service. What a lovely ten to start a really glorious week.

After lunch we journeyed to Harthill, with its medium eight, which I had thought little of on my first visit; but I was happy on this my second acquaintance with them to rate them much higher. From here to Campsall (my new tower), where ringing was delayed by a baptism service. Here Eric Critchley came to see us, and it was grand to see him in circulation again after his operation. Tea was at Pontefract, and after this our coach did a shuttle service between St. Giles' and All Saints', so that all the party had a ring at both these towers. So on to Leeds, our resting place for two nights.

'HIS OWN MIDDEN'

Monday was spent in the heart of the West Riding, with the 'cock crowing on his own midden,' and I think the Pilgrims will agree that apart from 'Yorkshire ends' (sorry, Pauline), there was something to crow about. Starting at Tadcaster, a town with three breweries and a lovely ring of eight at a ton (should those two items have been reversed?), the route was via Collingham—a lovely village—, past the gates of Harewood House and along the valley of the Wharf to Otley. The 16 cwt. tenor here was the lightest ring of the day. Lunch was at Ilkley, and here, between touches, ringers went to view the Snowdon window. Skirting the moor where someone courted Mary Jane and caught their death of cold (translated specially for Roddy), and following the valley, we arrived at Skipton, and a grand eight (crowing again) were soon away to some well-struck touches.

Tea and ringing, in that order, were at Keighley, the most industrial town of the day. Acting as guide, I found a new moorland road to Guiseley (thanks, Jim, for suggesting it). There we were met by Cyril Walsh who, with a straight face but with a twinkle in his eye, said: 'I expected a party dressed in brown habits with hoods, and staffs in their hands, when I came to meet the Pilgrims.' After a quick ring here (we were rather behind schedule) we set off for Headingley, and here again the shuttle service operated between St. Chad's and St. Michael's. That was the end of the scheduled list, but by taxi, Corporation bus and our coach, a dash was made to enable those who had not previously grabbed the tower to ring at Leeds Parish Church—the only 12 of the week.

The first three towers on Tuesday possessed rings of eight, all round the same weight and each from a different foundry: all are good and each has its good points. They were: Pudsey, newest of the three, by Mears and Stainbank; then Northowram, by Gillett and Johnston; and so to the hills for Sowerby St. Peter's, by Taylors. From here to Huddersfield for lunch and a ring on the fine ten there, and also the eight at Almondbury. This was the last tower in Yorkshire, and we journeyed from here over the moors, passing the Holme Moss television station, into Derbyshire, where we rang at Glossop and Fairfield before seeking our hotel at Buxton.

NOT BEST FORM

Wednesday's list had five tens and an eight, and for some reason we didn't seem to strike our best form. We started at Leek, in Staffs, then over the border to Crewe, Cheshire, where we looked like making a better show but it was not to be. After lunch, Hanley and Newcastle followed a similar pattern, and Stoke St. Peter, the eight of the day, did not produce our best. At Stafford St. Mary's things looked like going better, till someone forgot 8-7 places in Cambridge. To crown all, the guide (yours truly) took a wrong turning, and the lanes got narrower and narrower and Burton seemed a long way off. We got there eventually and were split up among three hotels.

Thursday's first tower was Burton St. Modwen, having a very nice eight; we left on time, but the next tower soon upset the timetable. The heavy six at Hoar Cross were well and truly enjoyed and time passed much too quickly. In consequence we were late at Uttoxeter and also for lunch at Ashbourne. Between lunch and bedtime we rang at four very nice Derbyshire towers—Youlgrave, the heaviest, at 26½ cwt., 'The Cathedral of the Peak,' St. John's, Tideswell, and after tea, Bakewell (and no tarts), and last but not least Ashover.

IN DERBY

Thursday and Friday nights were spent in Derby, and Friday morning's ringing was at four Derby towers—St. Andrew's and the Cathedral, both having nice tens, St. Luke's, a very heavy eight, and St. Peter's, much lighter. After lunch, Duffield—the tower and the method—was enjoyed on this ten by all, as was the eight at Eastwood, which followed. Tea at Southwell was followed by ringing at the Minster: this cack-handed (Yorkshire for anticlockwise) ring of eight was not everyone's cup of tea; but everyone enjoyed the eight at Ilkeston which followed and ended the day's ringing.

Back at the hotel a social evening was enjoyed. Presentations were made to Jim and Sylvia and to our coach driver. Then a poet (?) gave a report of the week's activities, which got 'verse and verse' as it went on, and also more scurrilous and scandalous: still, he's still alive.

Saturday started with ringing at Nottingham St. Peter's, and here I had to leave and head back to the county of broad acres and broader vowels, but from my previous experience of the next three towers on the list—Bottesford, Calston Bassett and Melton Mowbray—I feel sure the others would have a nice day.

Thanks are due to a long list of people: to all who helped to make this week in six counties a memorable one. May I, on behalf of the Pilgrims, say a really big 'Thank you.'

I. S.

P.S.—The original report was lost in the post.—Ed.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th. 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. Swift 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, J. Carr 3, Daphne Pankhurst 4, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 5, C. Pilbeam 6. Ring half-muffled in memory of the Rev. W. J. B. Crouch, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

THOUGHTS ON PEALS

Have you ever rung a peal or ever tried to arrange one? There is more to a peal than merely 'grabbing it.'

Some years ago—1946 to be precise—that noted all-round ringer, 'young Tom Groombridge' from some correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on peal-grabbing, thought I was a ringer of doubtful ability (which was correct) trying to get into a good peal band (which was not correct), and suggested that if I wanted peals I should try to arrange them.

Later on I was 'invited' to stand in several peals. My 'first', naturally, was at my own tower, by the invitation of my technical advisers, Dick Langford and George Packer — Caters.

A little later I was invited by another fine ringer-conductor, Howard Howell, of Walsall, for a peal of Cinques. Then a failure at Repton, Triples, with Sid Jones and Walter Whitehead. The next was Doubles at Marchington, Staffs, and at Montgomery for an Odd Fellows peal with Sam Jones, junior. Then with Sam again at Eccleston for his father's 86th birthday—by the way, happy birthday, 'Father' Sam.

I think everybody will agree that these were enough to whet anyone's appetite, so I thought it was high time I tried what I had been advised to do—try arranging a peal. By now a very high standard had been set both in churches, bells and bands.

The first thing is, of course, the bells, and the proper person for permission is the incumbent, be he dean, vicar or rector. In many cases the perfect liaison between the clergy and his ringers helps considerably, and that's how it should be. Choose a nice church with good bells; ask for the bells and the goodwill of the ringers to ring them. If the incumbent knows the applicant as do the ringers, that helps with getting the bells.

As to the band, the more ringing friends you have the harder it is to choose: including the ladies, of course, there are some very capable ringers. Probably in the band there will be a 'first pealer.'

Speaking of the ladies, some time ago I arranged a peal at what has recently been described as 'our greatest cathedral,' and included a 'gracious lady.' After the ringing the band adjourned for liquid refreshment and, naturally, invited the lady, who seemed rather surprised until it was pointed out that she also was the only lady in the tower. Incidentally, another gracious lady was 'baby-sitting' for the ringer. These friendships and associations are a lovely part of the ringing world life. The ladies are a very valuable asset, and help to keep us straight.

After posting the invitations, then the headache begins. You know the Bible parable of the wedding feast—'and they all began with one accord to make excuses . . .—especially if you don't give them reasonable notice.

Time is an important factor. For a 2.30 p.m. attempt don't come rolling up at 3 to 3.15. After the usual pleasantries, if necessary the adjustments of ropes: if you do have to alter them, please readjust them.

I have just arranged another peal, so 'Look to,' go for Stedman; keep your eyes open, listen to it, and good luck, happy ringing, and a successful peal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A REMINDER ON LONG LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—While condoling with the band who rang such a long way last Saturday (November 21st) at Loughborough towards the 40,320 Plain Bob Major, I suggest that they might well, if successful, have given cause for future discussion and dissension, and suggest that next time they be more careful.

The Central Council's rule relating to notification of record attempts requires that the day and hour of starting the attempt be published. Mr. Ivins' letter in 'R.W.' of November 13th gave the date (22nd), which was incorrect, and did not give a starting time. So the whole object of the rule, which is clearly so that anyone, especially the holders of the existing record, may listen to the attempt, was defeated. —Yours, etc.,

W. G. WILSON.

Ealing.

OLD RINGER'S COMMENTS

Dear Sir,—I know of quite a few of the older ringers who gave up taking the 'R.W.' when the price was increased before. It is hoped that a similar occurrence does not defeat its own end. Peal records would be just as interesting if printed similar to the quarter peals, thus saving a lot of space. Reports of outings or tours are only interesting when items of interest concerning church, bells or scenery are mentioned. No one else wants to know what Monica or Bill did or didn't do, the interested parties already know.

By the way, I wonder who the silly people are who give or sell bells to scrap merchants—also who the scrap metal dealers are who don't know the value of bell metal? Or is Percy pulling our leg?—Yours faithfully,

A. BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

No. 1 READER'S VIEWS

Dear Sir,—I hope you will allow me to say a few words regarding 'The Ringing World.' Some little time has elapsed since a fine gentleman whom I escorted to measure the tenor at my home said to me: 'Young man, do you take a ringing paper?' I said: 'Yes, the "Bell News".' He then produced 'The Ringing World,' No. 1, and I am pleased to say I have had it ever since.

What concerns me now most is this. I am now enjoying my pension, nearing my 70th birthday. Now I ask all ringers whose names appear regularly, what is our paper for? If we send in a notice of a meeting we pay for it. I would have thought the only way to keep it solvent and within the reach of some of us was not to rely on cheap advertisements and to pay for peals they send in to publish.

If the Oxford Guild members who proposed giving £20 from Guild funds would subscribe more themselves, it would not give away part of the subscriptions of those members who subscribe regularly and never once have a peal or quarter peal sent in without sending a donation.

I am afraid I shall have to be like a few other ringers and give the increased suggested subscription before paying for other people's pleasure.—Yours, etc.,

J. KEYTE.

Freeland, Oxford.

CARBIS BAY DEDICATION

Dear Sir,—The report of the above states: 'The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon I. S. Jenkins.' I am glad to say, however, that I am still Vicar of Carbis Bay, and conducted the service. Canon Jenkins, Vicar of St. Ives, read the lesson. I am making this correction so that my many friends will know that they can still write to me whenever they want to come to try Cornwall's new light ten.

This is an opportunity to thank all those who, over the last two-and-a-half years, have supported the completion of the tower, because of which it has been possible to add the two trebles. Many and generous have been the gifts from visiting ringers. The co-operation, too, of all, has been marvellous, and none more than of my own local band. During the five months of building operations ringing took place twice every Sunday and on Friday evenings. Only on one practice night did we have to give up when, with no roof, an unexpected thunderstorm brought rain dropping on us through the ceiling. Dust and rubble on the floor perturbed no one. Even the hanging of the two trebles made no difference.

Mr. John Walker started on a Monday morning, and despite the rearrangement he had to do, he dropped from among the bells on the Friday evening, telling us with his happy smile that the ten bells were ready to try; and so off we went to a sound several of the band had never heard before.

My gratitude for the support received in what at first thoughts seemed an impossible undertaking, at the hallowing of the bells, and finally at the dedication, can only be repaid by welcoming those who wish to come to try and enjoy the only ten in a parish church in Cornwall.—Yours sincerely,

A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

GIRL GUIDES' RINGER'S BADGE

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the rules by which a Scout can obtain the Ringer's Badge. I enclose the rules which apply to the Girl Guides in the hope you can publish, Miss J. Emery, a Guide who rings regularly in our tower, has just passed her test, and is awaiting her badge.—Yours faithfully,

P. J. EDNAMS.

Great Horwood, Bucks.

GIRL GUIDES' RINGER'S BADGE

Below is a list of requirements to obtain the badge.

1. Be able to ring rounds accurately.
2. Be able to raise and lower a bell, in peal preferably.
3. Be able to ring two standard methods—(a) Grandsire, or (b) either Plain Bob Doubles or Plain Bob Minor preferred.
4. Be able to explain the technical terms used in ringing in her own tower.
5. Describe the parts of a bell, and how it is hung.
6. Demonstrate ability to splice a rope, and show that she understands the importance of rope maintenance.

COMMENTS ON OLD BELLS

Dear Sir,—Following the remarks in Belfry Gossip, several people have written to me, inquiring (1) the price to pay for old bells, if any good; (2) for information about small bells (other than handbells) suitable for tune playing; (3) whether I could pen a few articles on tune playing.

Though not in the scrap or second-hand trade, I can, on pretty good authority, state that the present day catalogue price for old bells of bell metal (not steel bells) is 1s. 1d. per lb.

Small bells, like large, will at times have hair cracks and casting flaws, noticeable only by holding up the bells and sounding them. Such bells do not pay to be recast and so are best left alone. The shape and design of small bells (as with large) have a lot to do with their tone. They differ in a variety of ways in their designs.

Some have short waists and flat, almost razor-edged, crowns: those are not always the best-toned. Other have flat crowns but longer waists: these generally give a better sound than the first. Some there are with slightly raised crowns and rounded at the rim instead of 'razor-edged.' If the lip (or sound bow) of these is fairly thick, they are a rule the best-toned, especially if the lip is deep and not short, as are some.

As in large bells, the size does not always indicate depth of note: a small bell can sometimes be in a deeper note than another half as big again. The second is, I believe, heavier than the third at Finedon Church; there is some peculiarity of this sort, too, at Kineton, and at Irchester there is a difference of 9 cwt. between the seventh and the tenor of their eight—12½ cwt. against 21½ cwt.

As for tunes, one could keep on writing for ever about these—especially on an octave eight, and equally so on the first eight of 12, if one is interested in hymn playing. Some really lovely tunes can be got on the last named, as, for example, 'Bright the vision,' or that sweet little tune to No. 98, English Hymnal, sometimes sung to 'Peace, perfect peace' in place of the one more commonly known: neither of these can be got on an octave owing to the flat second necessary.

Something like 20 to 30 are possible on the last six of an octave, but only a very few on five. I only know of three: 'Now the day is over,' the Advent Litany ('God the Father, God the Son') and a tune sung by the Salvation Army a lot to the words 'Nothing but the blood of Jesus.'—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

THE 'EXTREAM'

Dear Sir,—I believe that it is Mr. Ernest Morris, in his 'History and Art,' who gives the following figures for the 'Extreme' in Grandsire Doubles, by which a great variety of 120's may be called:—

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LETTERS—Continued

A SUGGESTION

Dear Sir,—It appears, from the report of a meeting published in 'The Ringing World,' that the cost of 'The Ringing World' is to be increased as from January next, and that there will be the usual spate of letters arguing for and against.

Some of the letters will undoubtedly give constructive criticism, whilst others will probably reflect the reverse side of human nature, and show how mean we really can be.

If we expect to be provided with a paper that is exclusive to our particular hobby, then we must expect to pay an exclusive price.

We are told that one of the things we must try to do is to increase the sales, and I would like to suggest something on the following lines.

There must be many towers where money is paid from the church in to the belfry funds, and where many of the ringers do not desire to be paid directly for services rendered. There will also be many towers where one 'Ringing World' is purchased for the general use of the ringers, and although it may be delivered somewhere either Thursday or Friday, does not reach the belfry until the Sunday, and sometimes later.

Meetings may have been advertised in the current issue for the Saturday, of which many ringers are unaware.

I would therefore like to put forward for consideration by interested persons that the annual postal subscription to 'The Ringing World' be paid from the belfry funds for the members of a tower, which may have the effect of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and perhaps also increase the attendance at some of the badly-supported ringing meetings.—Yours fraternally,

FRED HODGSON.

Darlington.

IN DEFENCE OF 'THE MASTER MIND'

Dear Sir,—The last article by Mr. H. Chant seems to have caused some unrest amongst the 'trippers.'

Now, sir, let me put the lid on this bickering. Professor Dodge resides in the land of 'Cartwheelers,' violent and champion ringers of Great Britain, who think that some information from the 'master mind' is much better reading than the tower-grabbing trip reports.

I shall also throw a challenge to anyone interested. Professor Dodge's pupils consider themselves the champions of Great Britain, and the title will be rung for at the next shield contest in the summer of 1960. Only those teams who can ring a 720 of Minor, any method, with no more than 45 faults need compete.—Yours, etc.,

'ARTFUL DODGER.'

Huddersfield.

MR. YORK-BRAMBLE AND THE RABBITS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—We must beg to be allowed to correct your misprint in the issue of November 27th. Mr. York-Bramble was elected the first honorary life member for his feat in bringing down the Cambridge which a member had failed to wreck. For the Rabbits' Guild to honour him for bringing it round would, of course, be pointless.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. W. D.,
Secretary, R.G.

Edgbaston.

OBITUARY

MR. MORRIS A. TURNER

Mr. M. A. Turner was a ringer at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, for many years, until he emigrated to the United States before the Great War. He paid two return visits to this country, in 1956 and 1958. On the first visit he rang two peals but, during the second, ill health forced him to restrict ringing activities.

His death in Philadelphia, at the age of 78, bereaves the former tower captain at Kettering—his brother, Mr. Robert F. Turner—to whom our sympathy is extended.

On November 17th the bells were rung half-muffled in his memory. A touch of 432 Stedman Triples, one of 'Alf's' favourite methods, was followed by some plain courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. May he rest in peace.
S. R. C.

MR. STANLEY NUNN

By the sudden death of Mr. Stanley Nunn, in his 64th year on October 30th, Garboldisham, Norfolk, loses a great character and an enthusiastic bell-ringer.

Stanley, as he was known all over South Norfolk and Suffolk, had a varied life. He was son of a miller who worked the old windmill in Garboldisham, his birthplace. Educated at Framlingham College, he was apprenticed to Brooke Marine, of Lowestoft. Experience in steam engines, trawlers and ships gained there stood him in good stead, and following service abroad in the 1914-18 war with the Ordnance Corps, he was a taxi driver in Paris—an unusual job for any Englishman, and an experience from which Stanley could bring forth a spate of amusing yarns. He returned to England in 1924, having been a cinema owner in France, and started up a motor garage, in which the quality of his work had become a byword in these parts.

Following the sad death of his wife in 1956, he took up bell-ringing. Although a fair handler he could never master method ringing; but this

did not damp his enthusiasm for call-changes or rounds. But his main love was bell-hanging. The good condition of the mechanism at Blo-Norton is mainly due to Stanley's ingenuity and patience; and he was always ready to give advice and carry out practical repairs in a sensible and economic way at any tower. He was something of an antiquarian, and loved to drive his old Austin car many hundreds of miles to visit churches in out-of-the-way places. His red, beaming face at the wheel of his car, full of other ringers, will be missed, from the roads of East Anglia.

The packed church at Garboldisham on Nov. 4th bears testimony to the respect owed to him on the day of his funeral. Wreaths included one in the shape of a bell, complete with headstock, and inscribed 'N.D.A.' in pink carnation petals from the South Branch of the Norwich Association. A quarter peal, half-muffled, was rung to mark the occasion by two separate bands—his own faithful company at Blo-Norton and a South Branch band at Garboldisham.
P. J.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Sheffield and District Society held their meeting at Treeton on November 7th, the Vicar made a strong appeal to the Society for help with the training of the local company. The youth leader, said the Vicar, was teaching a few young people to handle a bell, but his own ability was limited, and outside aid was necessary if the team was to start change-ringing. The team would welcome anyone who might help, even if only occasional visits.

Through the arrival of visitors from Wakefield, Bradford and Todmorden, a good standard of ringing was maintained. Unfortunately only three towers were represented.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-West Branch

The Rev. John Scott, of Clawton, was elected chairman of the N.W. Branch at its annual meeting on November 7th at Hartland. He succeeds Mr. F. C. Smale, who has resigned, and the meeting proposed that life membership should be conferred on Mr. Smale. The other officers were re-elected. Some 30 members attended, and ringing was of a good standard, including Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Thanks were accorded the Vicar for conducting the service, the organist, and those who kindly supplied the tea.

Mid-Devon Branch

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Buckfast Abbey attracted ringers from Babbacombe, Teignmouth, Chudleigh, Axminster and Taunton, who, with members of the Abbey team, climbed the 126 steps to the ringing chamber.

Touche of Grandsire Caters, Bob Triples, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were successfully rung in the presence of the president, Preb. E. V. Cox.

The highlight was the chiming of the seven-ton Hosanna bell. Following tea at Buckfastleigh, a business meeting was held, at which Mrs. R. Border, Mr. C. Skidmore and Mr. N. J. Goodman were confirmed as life members. Ian Hay, Philipa Russell, Elizabeth Rossiter and Patricia Sharp were elected members of the Guild, and a certificate was presented to A. van Doorninck. The meeting ended with a visit to Holne Church, where a number of call-changes were rung.

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RINGING CONDITIONS IN WORCESTER

THE recent peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Worcester Cathedral has given rise to a spate of letters in the 'Worcester Evening News and Times.' Complaints have also been made concerning the ringing of bells at All Saints' and St. John's churches. A few of the letters are in praise of church bell music.

The Dean has taken a sensible view of the protests. He has since met the ringers and told them not to worry about what they had read, and that as far as he was concerned there was no question of altering the ringing arrangements. He felt that the complainants were in a minority.

We think our readers will be interested in the following conditions governing ringing in Worcester, supplied to us by Mr. David Beacham:—

(1) We always make a point of giving advance notice in the local Press of peal attempts at the Cathedral. Unfortunately, on this occasion the notice was not published, through a misunderstanding, although submitted.

(2) In an endeavour to be reasonable about peals, it is our rule to make one peal attempt a year on the ten or 12 and one a year on the middle eight. The last peal was in February, 1958 (Stedman Cinques), of which notice was given and no complaints received.

(3) Peals are normally rung in the afternoon.

(4) The bells are rung for about 35 minutes every Sunday, mornings and evenings alternately. There is no practice ringing. We have about two visiting bands every year.

(5) The bells of St. John's are rung every Sunday evening for an hour, and practice night is generally every other week. The bells are reasonably quiet.

(6) All Saints' bells are rung alternate Sunday mornings for half-an-hour and practice alternate weeks. These bells are also reasonably quiet.

(7) If asked to cease ringing due to sickness, etc., in the vicinity, we do so.

(8) We agree that the Cathedral bells are noisy outside (hardly surprising!), but feel our ringing arrangements are very reasonable.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT

The fog of the preceding days did not deter 24 members, representing 13 towers, of the Society from attending a most successful meeting at All Saints' Church, Hessle, on November 14th. A wide variety of methods was rung, ranging from rounds to London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rev. M. Emmel, and a short and sparkling address was given by the Rev. J. Johnson, who afterwards joined in the evening ringing. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall by the local ladies, and was followed by the business meeting, when Mr. Peter Came, of Danbury, Essex, was elected a member. Cottingham was selected as the venue for the annual general meeting in February.

5,056 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. E. CRITCHLEY
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Rung at Waterford Cathedral, Eire, August 4th, 1959, conducted by D. P. Jones.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS

The first outing of the young band who ring the new five at Church Gresley, near Burton, took place on one of the closing days of the glorious summer, being transported in cars by the Rev. K. Roy Upton (Vicar), the Rev. David F. Towers (curate) and Mr. D. P. Jones (instructor). Although only call-changes were attempted, useful experience was gained on the light sixes visited, help being provided by local ringers.

The journey to Taxal, in its pretty valley, lay over high places in the Peak District and Buxton, passing the nearly-empty Fernilee Reservoir, emphasising the severe drought in the Stockport area. Disley was next visited before crossing the valley for a meal at Strines, Marple.

The afternoon was spent touring Longsight, Manchester, railway locomotive depot, where over 60 engines were seen and a thorough inspection made inside a large new diesel locomotive, also in the coaling plant. Next, enjoyable hours were spent in the nearby amusements and zoo at Belle Vue Park, before proceeding to Chelford and Bosley, the final towers.

WALTHAM ABBEY

Waltham Abbey ringers enjoyed their outing on September 12th in the Thames Valley area. The pleasant ten at Rickmansworth were first rung. At Marlow, however, ringing was rather disrupted on account of a funeral, but Mr. Poole spared no effort to ensure that everyone had a chance to ring.

Interests were divided at enley, where some 'relaxed' by rowing, but those who went to St. Mary's Church enjoyed the ringing. An hour's ringing at Wallingford preceded tea, and later came Thame and Tring towers to end an enjoyable day, for which we owe thanks to incumbents and those ringers who made us so welcome.

M. C. A.

YATTON VISIT PLYMOUTH AREA

In the early hours of November 14th, another of Bert Price's popular outings commenced. The party of eight on 50 consisted of the Yatton ringers and friends, and representatives of the following towers: Keynsham, Chew Magna, Winford, Kingston Seymour, Mark, Locking, Worle, Kewstoke, Wington, Uphill and Beckford (Worcs).

The venue this time was the Plymouth area, and thanks are due to British Railways for making excellent travel arrangements, both train (reserved compartments) and coach. On arrival at Plymouth we were met by Mr. Sims, who came with us as pilot, and we are grateful to him and also the driver of the luxurious coach who negotiated the narrow, winding Devonshire lanes with uncanny skill. We passed through some beautiful scenery, but unfortunately much of it was blotted out by rain which scarcely ceased all day.

Our first tower was Stoke Damerel, Plymouth (a substitute for Emmanuel, under repair); after a short while ringing came to an abrupt end on the arrival of a bride for her wedding. We then moved on to Plympton, and after a break for refreshments spent two happy hours on the delightful bells at Plympton St. Mary (8) and Plympton St. Maurice (8).

The half-hour coach drive, which took us both sides of the River Yarn to Revelstoke, Noss Mayo and the bells (8), was much enjoyed, as also was the drive back to Plymouth around the Hoe and through the shopping centre, now well lit up, to the Magnet Café, where an excellent meal was served and much appreciated by all. Here we met Mr. T. G. Myers, captain of St. Andrew's, who had made all the tower arrangements; later at St. Andrew's (10), where the ringing was again greatly enjoyed, Mr. Myers was heartily thanked by Mr. Price for all he had done.

Ringling during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, plus Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The journey home commenced at 8.5 p.m., but high spirits that had not been damped by the rain made the necessary rest and sleep a delayed action—I am glad to report 'no broken stays!'. Our toast to Mr. Price for organising another lovely outing. P. P.

BRISTOL RINGERS IN SOMERSET

About 30 members of the University of Bristol Society and the St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers enjoyed a very successful coach outing to some of the finest of Somerset towers on November 21st. An hour's run over the Mendips on a soft autumn afternoon brought us to Chewton Mendip, in its hollow, with the pinnaled church tower rising above. We paid tribute to this melodious eight with a patriotic three leads of Bristol. Then on to Shepton Mallet, where we had great difficulty with ropes which had shrunk because of the damp weather.

Tea had been provided for us at The Bell in Evercreech. Such a wonderful spread is an infrequent and welcome sight on U.B.S.C.R. outings! Afterwards, the eight at Ditchet went rewardingly to a musical touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob, and then the last tower of the day was St. Peter's, Evercreech, home of the 'radio bells.' Everyone was given a good chance to enjoy these to Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters, with plenty of rounds for the learners.

A farewell visit to The Bell, and an unusually quiet ride home, brought this thoroughly enjoyable outing to an end. Many thanks to Miss Jane Cook and Mr. Albert Tyler for smooth, efficient organisation. B. W. A.

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YOUNG RINGERS' PEAL AT DROITWICH

On November 14th a peal was rung to commemorate the restoration of the 800-year-old Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich. The average age of the band was 15 years 2 months, and all the band are past or present pupils of Bromsgrove High School (1, 3, 5), King Edward's, Stourbridge (2, 4), and King's, Worcester (6). It is believed to be the youngest team to ring a peal for the Association.

The team included four first peelers, but the striking was very good when it is considered that the ringers of 1 and 3 have only been ringing for eight months, and the treble bell was rung without a stay—no mean achievement for a first pealer!

Congratulation is especially due to the two 12-year-olds on 2 and 3, who rang very well despite their small size.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

Some 50 ringers attended the Ashford District meeting held at Saltwood on November 21st. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. Stanton) who, in his address, gave some interesting information about old bell-founders and bells in the district. Tea was provided and served by the Saltwood ringers and their friends.

Two new members—Mr. J. D. Burnett, of Saltwood, and Mr. P. J. Denne, of Wittersham—joined the Association. Mr. J. Willis, speaking on behalf of the meeting, thanked the Rector and the Saltwood ringers for their kindness.

Mr. T. Cullingworth acted as Ringing Master in the tower, and there was some good ringing in a variety of methods until 9 o'clock.

C. T. H.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

At the monthly meeting at Royston on November 14th a report was presented by Mr. Noel F. Moxon on the jubilee dinner, at which everything was satisfactory. Mr. Moxon was warmly thanked by Mr. Harold Chant for making the arrangements.

Mr. Alec Beaumont, of Wentworth, and Mr. Stephen Kestor, of Ecclesfield, were elected members, and Conisbrough, near Doncaster, was selected for the meeting on December 12th. The Vicar (Rev. R. E. K. Law), who presided, was thanked for the use of the bells, and Mr. Frank Mitchell and the local company for the arrangements. Attention was drawn by Mr. Moxon to a ringing course to be held at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, about Eastertime. The meeting was closed by the Vicar with the ringers' prayers.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.—This annual feature, whereby readers can send their seasonal good wishes to other friends in the Exercise, will appear in our issue of December 18th. Price 4s. for 36 words, additional words 14d. each. Last date for inclusion, Monday, December 14th.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—No practice on Monday, Dec. 7th, owing to meeting in Church. Transferred to Tonbridge for that evening, 7.45. All welcome. 5354

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1960 (16s.). Non-members welcome. Annual tour, Whirlow Grange, Sheffield, Aug. 6th to 13th. Any member who has not received a circular should write to D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 5343

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, March 19th. The annual Guild festival will be held in Oxford on July 2nd, 1960. 5323

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The week-end course, arranged at the request of the Guild, will be held at Big Wood, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, from April 29th to May 1st. Details will be sent to all towers within the Guild. Information can also be obtained from Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 5325

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—Dedication of new treble bell, Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, Dec. 8th.—G. H. Lane, 10, Hawthorne Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. 5320

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—R. J. Fox. 5346

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, at Hutton (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in plenty 5 p.m. Warm welcome to all. 5356

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 5317

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, Dec. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5313

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5305

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, Dec. 5th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5285

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—F. Vickers. 5309

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Warmminster, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Service 5 p.m.—E. J. Hitchins. 5341

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Y.W.C.A. Institute, Great Russell Street (rear of Dominion Theatre), 5.15 p.m. 5306

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5299

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Apsley End (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; King's Langley (8), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing will be arranged. 5311

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Dec. 7th, 7 p.m. 5327

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice, Cranford, Friday, Dec. 11th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 5198

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Dec. 12th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott, Sec. 5342

BARNSELEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Conisbrough, near Doncaster, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify not later than Dec. 8th Mrs. Braithwaite, Vicarage, Conisbrough, Doncaster. 5328

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Kewstock, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 5322

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Silsoe, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Special methods, Surfleet and Fulbeck. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5365

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Fairwarp, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tea at The Foresters Arms. Please send tea card.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 5351

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 5364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. A. T. Collins, 20, Percy Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 5344

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Slow Branch.—Meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome.—F. Newton, Hon. Sec. 5360

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Lydney, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farn, Newnham, Glos. 5355

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business following. Names by Dec. 8th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5261

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss S. P. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5371

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, King's Langley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Hempstead Road, King's Langley. No name, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5302

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m., Hertingfordbury.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Newington, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss H. Dadson, 105, London Road, Newington, near Sittingbourne. 5304

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Bath, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea at the Beaufort Café, 3, Balustrade. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea not later than Dec. 10th to Mrs. M. de Jong, Vanaarken, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 5321

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, Greasley, Notts. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea no later than Dec. 12th to Mrs. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts. No names, no tea. Everyone welcome. 5359

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to Mr. A. H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Garston, Liverpool, 19.—T. E. Radcliffe. 5366

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bring own food. Direct P 20 bus from Preston. Frequent buses on A6 to Withy Trees.—L. Walmsley. 5368

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, Moor-side (Oldham). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Nominations for secretary. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 5349

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Rectory. Names by 9th to Mr. T. Harris, 21, Greenhill, Hathern.—C. W. Hall. 5319

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Billesdon (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Old School, 5 p.m. Names for tea by 10th at the latest to Miss P. M. Geary, Stone House, Billesdon. 5362

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5358

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Earl Shilton, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, 9th, please, to Mr. Geo. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5373

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, St. Paul's, Hounslow, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m., Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, followed by service and further ringing, All Saints', Isleworth. Names for tea, please.—Miss Powell, Tulse Hill (8190). 5353

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hardwicke, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 5361

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, St. Aldate's. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Dec. 9th, to Mr. E. Venn, 233, Banbury Road, Oxford.—A. J. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5350

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 6.30 p.m. Special method, Oxford Treble Bob Major.—B. C. Castle. 5348

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llandilo, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Dec. 5th to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 5326

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Chad's (12), Shrewsbury, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5367

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Binsted, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by December 9th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 5345

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Pickering (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to R. L. Scarth, 26, Hallgarth, Pickering. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 5369

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 19th, Blaydon St. Cuthbert, 2.30 p.m. Names by Thursday, Dec. 17th, essential, to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street. 5349

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Western District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5372

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Batley, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parrots Café, Commercial Street, followed by business meeting in School, near church. Names for tea by Thursday, Dec. 17th, to Dr. D. Atkins, c/o Staincliffe General Hospital, Dewsbury.—A. E. Marsh. 5357

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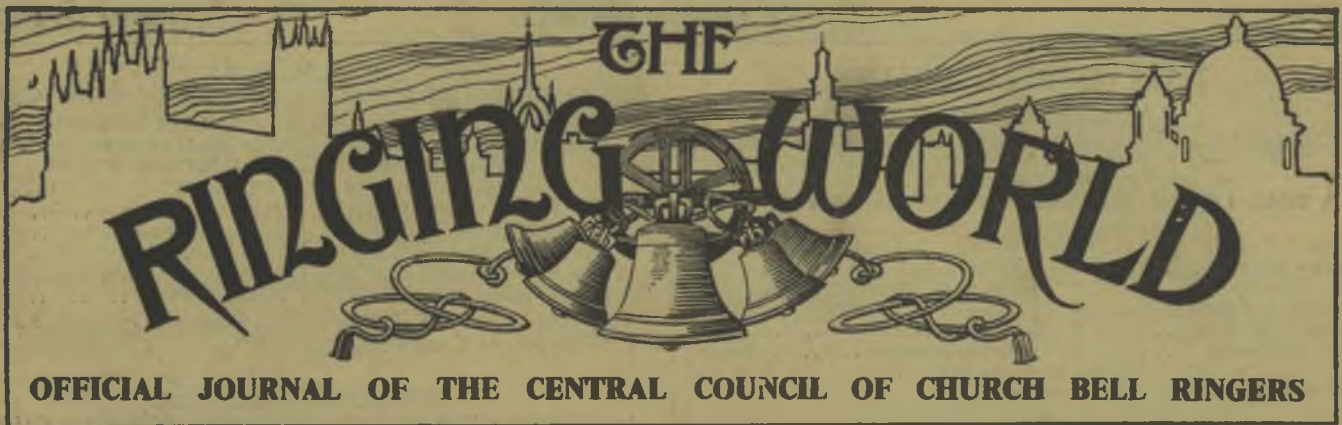
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THE SAMPLING OF YOUTH

'You can't get the young ones to stick to it nowadays.'

THIS observation is often heard in towers up and down the country from ringers. 'You start them off,' they will tell you. 'They are keen at first. You get them up to ringing rounds and perhaps doing a bit of hunting, and then they're off. Pictures, courting, night school, or just can't be bothered any more.' 'Must have taught nearly every youngster in the town to handle a bell some time or other,' some will add; but one and all will agree that 'you can't get the young ones to stick to it nowadays.'

It's a revealing sentence is this, especially that sting in the tail—the 'nowadays.' Teenagers, we are given to understand, have not always been like this, and there never has been such a lot before. Sometimes the 'nowadays' is followed by 'Now, when I was a youngster . . .', and sometimes this is not actually spoken; but it is generally clear enough that comparisons are being drawn between the speaker's youth—be it five or 50 years ago—and today's, and today's are found to compare pretty unfavourably. It is not surprising really, because after all we *did* stick it and they do not; we have the experience of subsequent years through which to filter our memories, they have not; we have put away childish things, they have not. No, they cannot stand comparison with *us*! But what are we comparing, anyhow?—the child with the man, not the child of today with the child of yesterday. It does, of course, cut both ways, since the youngsters are probably also drawing their comparisons and vowing and hoping they will never become such old stick-in-the-muds. If it were really true that each generation failed to match up to its predecessor, what glorious pinnacle of achievement and sobriety man must have occupied in the days of William the Conqueror, or Nero, or the Babylonian Empire or the Stone Age! History books give the lie to this: man has not been slithering downhill generation after generation.

No, we are not being fair if we put all the blame on the youngsters. Boys and girls in their 'teens are living excit-

ing lives, all sorts of new experiences and vistas are opening out every day; it is the hors d'œuvres of their lives, when they sample a bit of this and a bit of that. It is not a time to stick to anything; the heavy, solid dishes are soon to follow—earning a living, marriage, running a home—they *will* have to be stuck to.

Are we right to look upon every youngster who enters the belfry as a potential lifetime ringer, and expect him to acquire the serious-minded adult approach to it? Some may become lifetime ringers, most will not; but rather, let us rejoice that they have chosen ringing as one of the dishes they are sampling, and let us see that the dish is as attractive as possible. They may learn nothing about ringing; but who knows what else of value they may acquire in the Christian atmosphere of our belfry?

'He'll never make a ringer,' sometimes we say, encouragingly, about one who is sticking it but making rather heavy weather of it. Who are we to judge? Better 'judges' than we have been wrong on this very point before now; and even if we do turn out to be right, he might well have learnt something from making the effort to be a ringer that will be of lasting value to him. We had best keep opinions like this to ourselves.

The young, too, are perceptive of the ways of adults. They are not slow to criticise us when we are inefficient and bungling. Used to the rigid discipline and organisation at school, they expect a lesson to be a lesson, and they expect that if it is said to start at 7.30 it will start at 7.30, not five-to-eight. They are quick to sense the hypocrisy of ringing for service and not attending it, and quick, too, unfortunately, to follow suit. They want to respect the adults they meet but will not give respect where it is not due. The youngsters of today are good for us.

Must we look upon teaching teenagers to ring as a deadly chore? Suppose we *have* taught every youngster in the parish to handle a bell—have we not taught them at least one thing worth knowing? It is certain, at least, that if we do keep teaching scores of youngsters to handle a bell, and still have not got a band of ringers, there is something wrong with the present generation of *us*, not them!

P. G.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

DIANA J. PERRINS Treble	MICHAEL ELSON 7
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
JOHN PINFOLD 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON 9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 10
RODERICK W. PIPE 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
JOHN McDONALD 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Maximus in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE Treble	JOHN McDONALD 7
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	JOHN WALDEN 8
MARGARET A. SWANN 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
RUTH M. BORDER 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 10
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5	PETER BORDER 11
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT.

* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY Treble	RICHARD GRANT 7
DOREEN D. DUTTON 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 8
*ROBERT B. SMITH 3	JOHN A. ACRES 9
†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 4	E. ALAN JACQUES 10
S. ANTHONY JESSON 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
†JACK P. KESTERTON 6	‡THOMAS O. PIERCY Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First on 12 bells. 50th peal for Richard Grant; 500th peal for Shirley Burton.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

E. CHARLES BAILEY Treble	†CLIFFORD R. LOVETT 6
JAMES B. MORLEY 2	*PETER M. ADCOCK 7
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOKE 3	*ERNEST G. PEARCE 8
*GEOFFREY R. DREW 4	‡TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 9
*ROGER L. K. WHITELE 5	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ 25th peal this year. First of Royal as conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	ANTHONY E. COX 6
MRS. A. E. COX 2	DENNIS KNOX 7
SHEILA WALLACE 3	GEOFFREY HARRISON 8
*MARGARET TILBURY 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL 9
†DEREK FRANCIS 5	SYDNEY M. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of these bells to 12.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
MICHAEL ELSON 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London Royal.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 6
*MICHAEL W. SEYMOUR .. 2	DENNIS KNOX 7
FRANK C. PRICE 3	ALBERT R. G. TWINN 8
JOAN BERESFORD 4	WILLIAM H. COLES 9
MICHAEL J. PALMER 5	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First 10-bell peal.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Tyler.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER Treble	ARTHUR HATCH 6
STANLEY WALMSLEY 2	JOHN JACKSON 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 3	*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 8
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 4	FRANK STEAD 9
CYRIL CROSTSWAITE 5	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON (No. 10).

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTSWAITE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	JOHN D. KAPE 5
*SHEILA WALLACE 2	†ARTHUR FOXALL 6
MRS. A. E. COX 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
ANTHONY E. COX 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

Rung half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

PETER J. MORTON Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY .. 2	ANTHONY AGER 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD 7
PAUL J. RIGBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung for the festival of St. Edmund of Canterbury.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT Treble	†NICHOLAS J. MARTIN 5
*ANDREW N. STUBBS 2	DAVID T. DARBY 6
JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON 7
JOHN G. PUSEY 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

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

A birthday compliment to David T. Darby; also to the mother of the tenor ringer.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	J. HARRY COOK 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 2	GEOFFREY BOWCUTT 6
ALFRED HINMAN 3	ROLAND COOK 7
RONALD RUSSELL 4	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
This peal contains 15 courses of 8, 6, 7's, 15 of 7, 8, 6's and 15 of 6, 7, 8's.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
A. PETER WHITEHEAD 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM A. DOWSE 4	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal in the method for all the band.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Neil Bennett.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

COLIN CONWAY Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS 5
*FRED PRICE 2	JAMES E. DANIELS 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	JOHN HARTLESS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL Treble	ROY DUESBURY 5
ROGER K. WHITTELL 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN 6
HARRY D. LISTER 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS 7
CHARLES A. ANDREWS 4	EDMUND E. DAVEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Whittell on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Also a compliment to Mr. R. Clouston and Miss C. Fountain Page, married this day at Lavenham.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
*BEVAN WILLGRESS 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 6
PETER ADCOCK 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday. Also in honour of the birth of a son (Nicholas Richard Goddard) to the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. G. Thurlow, a brother for Stephen.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.54).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

DARESBUY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 25, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN RYDER Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON 5
†JOHN HAYES 2	CECIL RADDON 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	HAROLD WARRALL 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

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

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*THOMAS WILKINSON Treble	STANLEY ANDERTON 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	PETER CROOK 6
JOHN FROOME 3	PETER CROOK, JUN. 7
†M. JOHN HALLIWELL 4	RICHARD DAVIES Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

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

Rung as a farewell tribute to Archdeacon Lambert, who is leaving the district.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 QUEENSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	TERRY EARLE 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

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BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,792 Cambridge, 1,504 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 100 changes of method, and all the work of all the methods for each bell.

NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. Treble	*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 6
JOHN G. PUSEY .. 3	DAVID T. DARBY .. 7
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
*First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 2,080 London, 800 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
PETER BORDER .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. G. F. Barker.

BRISTOL (EAST).

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 49 lb. in G sharp.
*ELIZABETH M. JACKSON .. Treble	ANGELA GRAINGER .. 5
ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 2	MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. 6
*BERYL W. ABBOTT .. 3	ANTONY BENNETT .. 7
JANE K. A. COOK .. 4	DAVID HEIGHTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.

*First peal on eight bells. First on eight bells as conductor.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

JOHN S. RANK .. Treble	JOHN S. SEAGER .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	*BARRY HOLLAND .. 6
*DENNIS HOLLAND .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
SYDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

*First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES .. 5
MURIEL R. PAGE .. 2	WILLIAM J. BUTON .. 6
*ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 3). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

*First peal of Yorkshire.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

*VICTOR SAVAGE .. Treble	†RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	*†PATRICK J. BIRD .. 6
*DON C. EXELL .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 7
*D. JOHN HUNT .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

*First peal in the method. †First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡50th peal.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

JAMES E. DANIELS .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
HERBERT A. ABRAHAMS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells. The conductor's 60th tower in Hampshire for a peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
HENRY HUBBALL .. 2	†ROBERT EDWARDS .. 6
*YVONNE EDWARDS .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
*First peal of Major. †First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES HAYLINGS .. Treble	*LEONARD DOVEY .. 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE .. 3	ARTHUR JOPP .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

*First peal of Minor.

A compliment to Alan F. Davies and Judith M. Price, on their engagement.

EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

IVOR G. JONES .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 4
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 2	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. 5
*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

*First peal 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1959, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (2) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob and Double Bob.

RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 5
*ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*700th peal for the Guild. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

EAST WOODHAY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. 4
BRIAN MILLS .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 5
*HAZEL WHITE .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

*First peal of Minor. First of Minor in more than one method on the bells.

**BUNNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.*

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In ten methods, being seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Ockley, (3) Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise and Norbury, (5) Capel, (6) Sandal, (7) London Scholars' and Kingston. Tenor 13½ cwt.
MRS. PAMELA CLARKE .. Treble | J. DAVID CLARKE 4
BRIAN M. BUSWELL 2 | JOHN MEREDITH 5
RICHARD CLIFTON 3 | ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in ten T.B. by all except the conductor.

MEREWORTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in G.
*ANN GEORGE Treble | *EDWARD J. JENNER 4
MARGARET A. LADD 2 | †STANLEY JENNER 5
†GEORGE FRY 3 | LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

*First peal in six methods. †25th peal together. The conductor's 50th peal.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*BETTY FAUNCH Treble | *DONALD LAWSON 4
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 2 | NICHOLAS M. NEWBY 5
*†JUDY MOIR 3 | RAYMOND SUART Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

*First peal in two methods. †First 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate the visit of Princess Alexandra to Millom, to open the new Comprehensive School, earlier in the month.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.
*CYNTHIA CLAYTON Treble | ROGER MAHER 4
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK 2 | GORDON ROTHWELL 5
†JOHN ROBINSON 3 | JOHN P. PARTINGTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN P. PARTINGTON.

*First peal of Minor. †First on an 'inside' bell, and of Minor.
First as conductor.

SWALCLIFFE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.
*WILLIAM IVINGS Treble | †ROBERT A. REEVES 4
†EDMUND E. PEARSON 2 | GEORGE W. HOLLAND 5
†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3 | WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

*First peal in the method. †First of Minor in the method. ‡First of Surprise 'inside.'

WEST TANFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. Treble | *WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 4
FRED HODGSON 2 | EDWARD HUDSON 5
JOHN A. BROWN 3 | THOMAS COOKE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

*First peal in four methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven plain methods, each extent being called differently, viz.: (1) Hereward Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Double Court, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RITA A. GOWER Treble | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
*ROSEMARY E. GOWER 2 | LAWRENCE T. POPE 5
RAYMOND J. CARLTON 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

*First peal in seven methods. 50th peal on the bells, all of which have been arranged by the local band and have contained a nucleus of local ringers.

Rung to welcome Peter Justin Carlton, born on November 4th, to Jeanne Carlton, wife of the ringer of the third.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
*ROGER W. BARKER Treble | CLIVE M. SMITH 4
†JILL V. MORGAN 2 | §MICHAEL W. FAIREY 5
‡JEFFREY B. WEBB 3 | BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First 'inside.' ‡First of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' §First of Surprise.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Fri., Nov. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ALAN R. BRIDGES Treble | CECIL W. PIPE 4
JAMES BENNETT 2 | *ERNEST PEARCE 5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3 | LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

*First peal in seven methods. Mr. James Bennett has now 'completed the circle.'

Rung in memoriam Ernest G. Cooke on the second anniversary of his death. He was churchwarden, sexton and bell-ringer at this church for many years.

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FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

E. JANE LANGTON Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.
MIKAELA ERIK 2	MICHAEL R. ROSE 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 5
	F. ERIC ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.
A 21st birthday compliment to J. Michael Lakin, Master of the Society.

NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

E. MARION KEY Treble	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.
*ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND 3
	CLIVE M. SMITH 4
BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on five bells. First in the method by all the hand, on the bells, and for the Society.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*PETER R. JONES Treble	VIVIAN T. O. BOASE 4
†JOHN McCULLOCH 2	EDWIN JONES 5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER .. 3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JONES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. First as conductor,
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the present church.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Alnwick, Newcastle, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Ipswich and Cambridge.

EDWARD B. LEGGETT .. Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
THOMAS BIRD 4	
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN 5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's.

JAMES T. ROOKE Treble	Tenor 14½ cwt.
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 4	
MALCOLM FOSTER 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

HANDBELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 3, HONINGTON CRESCENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 17 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court: 293 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
JOHN FREEMAN 3-4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in 17 methods. † First in 17 methods 'in hand.'

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Nov. 21st, a half peal of Grandsire Doubles (21 sixscores, 10 different callings): C. Rouse 1, O. Mills 2, C. Legg 3, H. Hobbs 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, F. Roberts 6.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: O. G. Smart 1, Miss C. White 2, Miss H. White 3, R. W. Rex 4, G. K. Dodd 5, R. Tolman 6, A. L. Mitchell 7, R. F. Crook (cond.) 8.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Proctor (first quarter) 1, J. Riley 2, Mrs. R. Worrall 3, B. Corbishley 4, R. Worrall (cond.) 5, G. Armit 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Proctor.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss B. Russell 3, Miss V. Look 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6. A farewell to Miss V. Look, who is leaving Bath for Brackley, North Hants.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 3 leading): C. Pearce 1, Miss T. Jones 2, Mrs. G. Randall 3, J. Phippen 4, G. C. Grant (cond.) 5, E. E. Bray 6, L. A. Fear 7, P. R. Saunders 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard Burnett, for many years a choirman at St. George's Church, Beckington.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, J. Bowdon 2, W. Cholwill 3, C. Sangwin 4, R. Pearce 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Cholwill 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Honey, late churchwarden and ringer of this tower.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Stephen's in-the-City, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Elisabeth Bowden 1, Monica Horseman 2, B. A. Shackleton (first of Royal 'inside') 3, M. J. Horseman 4, Joan Gray 5, J. Brain 6, D. Exell 7, R. G. Hooper 8, D. J. Hunt 9, J. H. Gilbert (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 5 and 7. Also at St. Mary Redcliffe, 1,310 Stedman Cinquses: B. A. Shackleton 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, Monica Horseman 4, D. J. Hunt 5, J. Stallard 6, D. C. Exell 7, J. Brain 8, M. J. Horseman 9, D. G. Yeoman 10, E. F. Hancock 11, J. H. Gilbert 12. First of Cinquses for all except 2, 3, 5, 11 and 12. For Evensong. Also at Christ Church with St. Ewen, on Nov. 25th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Monica Horseman 1, J. Stallard 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, L. Pearce 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman 6, D. G. Yeo 7, D. J. Hunt 8. For St. Catherine's Day.

CALVERLEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Quick (cond.) 1, M. W. Toze 2, H. Purchase 3, D. Bellamy 4, R. A. Toze 5, A. Collard 6.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Mayes 1, Jill Mayes 2, D. Newis 3, Sheila Percival 4, A. Dilley 5, J. Hobson 6, P. Tompkins 7, J. Hulme (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the men who gave their lives in the two world wars.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Kingcott 1, Monica Horseman 2, H. W. Knight 3, M. J. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, G. Prescott 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Brain 8. For the patronal festival, also an 85th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Christine Fanning 1, C. Smyth 2, J. R. A. Muller 3, Janet Taylor 4, J. Kirkaldy 5, W. H. Jackson 6, E. Eldridge (cond.) 7, B. Lake 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

DALTON-IN-FURNES, LANCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, J. Aske 2, K. Newby 3, W. Wall 4, W. T. Turner 5, H. Woods 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8. For Confirmation.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On St. Andrew's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Napper 1, B. White 2, D. Jordan 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, C. Garlick 5, F. A. White 6, G. W. Bishop 7, W. Corderov 8.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Russell 1, Mrs. Willmott Dobbie 2, Mrs. M. Layton 3, J. Atkins 4, R. T. Russell 5, J. Lindon 6, D. Layton (cond.) 7, Miss M. Parkin 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Layton.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. E. Bebb (first quarter) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 3, P. J. Joyce 4, W. W. Wright (cond.) 5, J. C. Basher 6. Rung when only five ringers arrived on a practice evening.

GORING, OXON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Gill Brown 1, Patricia Heather 2, Janet K. Secker 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, Lucy E. E. Allen 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the accession to the throne of King Edgar, by members of the Reading University Society.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Clarke 1, Mrs. A. Gilbert 2, S. Scott 3, M. W. Gilbert 4, J. T. Mannering 5, M. L. Howe (cond.) 6. Rung for the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Gwen May 1, Pamela Bird 1, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, C. N. Chinnery 5, D. Wright (cond.) 6. First of Kent Treble Bob Minor for all. For Evensong.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Hutchings 1, Mrs. M. Stephens 2, P. Inskip 3, Mrs. C. Izzard 4, G. Hutchings 5, W. Izzard 6, L. Turner 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. T. H. W. Barker, Vicar of Kempston, 1929/47, interred here this day.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Euston (cond.) 1, A. Queen 2, Miss E. Pearson 3, A. Lewry 4, D. Sibson 5, C. Wood 6, H. Clark 7, H. Andrews 8. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Andrews 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, Miss E. Langton 3, G. Parsons 4, R. Newman 5, D. Sibson 6, M. Sinden 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 15th at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Erik 1, Miss E. Langton 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, A. Queen 5, J. Seager 6, D. Sibson 7, H. Andrews 8. Also at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Nov. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Euston 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, G. Parsons 3, T. H. Holmes 4, L. V. Chamberlain 5, D. Sibson 6, T. C. Phillimore 7, J. Marks 8, D. A. Chapman (comp. and cond.) 9, B. J. Luck 10. For Evensong.

LONDON, WORCS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): E. T. Newbury (cond.) 1, M. Hawkes 2, F. Hawkes 3, E. W. Penn 4, A. Halling 5, D. Williams 6.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Iving 1, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 2, W. J. Cross 3, W. Minnear 4, E. Honour 5, H. Adams 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Y. C. Porter 1, F. E. Day 2, H. W. Milford 3, W. G. Lavers 4, S. O'Shaughnessy 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8. For the patronal festival and the second anniversary of the reconsecration.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,312 Essex Treble Bob Major: F. May 1, Miss V. Hester 2, W. Smith 3, G. Sandwell 4, W. Ellis 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Bob Triples: E. Blower 1, M. Hallett 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, H. Wordboys 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, P. Sadler 2, M. Hallett 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Lawrence's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian Brown 1, Patricia Heather 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, Janet K. Secker 4, Lucy E. E. Allen 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, J. P. Blond (cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mollie Tibbury, master of the Reading University Society.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Carson (first quarter) 1, Christine Rodgers (first 'inside') 2, Miss N. Chaddock 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, Susan Chaddock 5, G. S. Lee 6, N. Chaddock 7, P. Walker 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. G. S. Lee, who died on November 26th, 1957.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Nov. 20th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. R. Turner (first quarter) 1, I. R. Slee (first 'inside') 2, P. Stevens 3, J. L. Queen 4, R. Dobson (first quarter) 5, I. Collins 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Arbury 1, J. Ayres (first of Stedman) 2, C. J. Turner 3, P. C. Davis 4, E. J. Manley 5, C. C. Deem 6, C. C. Turner (first as cond.) 7, K. Clarke 8.

SLEAFORD, Lincs.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Fenney 1, R. Asher 2, D. Brown 3, A. Bird (first 'inside' on eight) 4, W. Weston 5, A. Dixon 6, R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, C. Asher 8. To mark the completion by Canon Waudby of 21 years as Vicar of Sleaford.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,279 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Dedworth): Patricia Ryan (first quarter) 1, D. E. House 2, Janice E. Williamson 3, M. J. Thomas 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, B. Harvey 6. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Jones 1, D. E. House 2, Nita Fricker 3, Janice E. Williamson 4, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, Patricia Ryan 6. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 2, Pamela Jones 3, D. E. House 4, Janice E. Williamson 5, B. Harvey 6.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Maddocks 1, K. Hall 2, F. Howard (first quarter) 3, G. Rumney 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. M. Quinn 6.

STEAP, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill A. Jessop (first quarter, 16) 1, Cecily C. Roberts 2, C. E. Wakefield (first 'inside', 15) 3, C. R. Jelley (16) 4, C. M. Press (cond., 15) 5, Rev. D. J. Snelgar 6. Rung half-muffled by the Vicar and members of Bedales School in memory of Mrs. H. B. Jacks (Bedales, 1946-59), who died suddenly on November 6th.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Broxton (first quarter) 1, Nadine Price 2, N. Sprackling 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6, P. Warren 7, A. Halling 8. For evening service.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. W. Sinfield 1, M. Pearson (first quarter) 2, P. Pratt 3, R. J. Scott 4, I. Knox 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Arthur Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, R. Hawkes (first 'inside') 3, Albert Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, D. Williams 6.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Bishop 1, Jean Bassett (first 'inside' on eight) 2, Edith Bassett 3, A. Hemsley (first on eight) 4, C. Pilbeam 5, L. W. Giles 6, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 7, J. Wilcox 8. The first quarter on eight by a local band. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bassett.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Laws 1, D. Hawkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, K. Scrimshaw 7, T. Pearson 8. Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. H. R. Darby, B.A., as Vicar of Waltham Abbey; also to celebrate the christening of Janet Mary Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Chapman, both of this tower.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bull 1, Ed. F. M. Samson 2, Audrie Samson 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, C. G. Cherrett 5, C. T. Brown (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 5. Rung in memory of Mrs. Farrow, wife of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Vicar of East Lulworth, who died on November 24th.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings, Elizabeth Carson 2, Caroline Carpenter 3, Anne Garnett 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. West (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, B. Allen 3, A. Spreadbury (first as cond.) 4, W. Vince 5, P. Foss (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles by all the band except 5. Rung for Evensong and a farewell compliment to Ben Allen, who is moving to Wickford, Essex.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Tomlin 1, M. Hallett 2, W. Smith 3, F. May 4, R. Harrison 5, W. Ellis 6, A. House (cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8.

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The picture of 'Ambridge' ringers and belfry in the 'Borchester Echo' has intrigued one of our readers. Could any reader supply the identity? An 8-bell peal board on the wall is one clue. Has the art of bell-ringing been introduced into this famous diary?

BELFRY

A peal of Prittlewell Surprise Maximus was rung on November 28th at Saffron Walden, conducted by Mr. G. William Critchley.

Tomorrow (Saturday) is the 61st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham. We are pleased to state that both are well and very thankful too!

Mr. Edward G. Battle, ringer and clerk at St. Peter's, Wenhaston, has died. To his memory a peal of Minor was rung on the church bells on November 30th.

Peals of Minor rung by the College Youths are not a frequent occurrence, but a recent spate of birthdays at Warsop, Notts, resulted in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung as a birthday compliment to H. T. Rooke, George Challans, J. T. Rooke and Frank Cook, who are all Sunday service ringers at Warsop.

Three bishops have a date with the teenagers in the 'Sunday Break,' A.B.C.'s religious programme for the younger generation. They are Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, of the Church of South India, on December 27th, the Bishop of Aberdeen and the Orkneys, on April 24th, and the Bishop of Coventry on May 8th.

Replying to criticism in Yarmouth 'Mercury' that the bells are very subdued, the Vicar (Rev. Gilbert Thurlow) states: 'We began by making them soft, rather than making them so loud that everyone in the neighbourhood would complain. We can always make them louder by removing some of the wooden panels that block the windows.'

GOSSIP

The dedication of Farnham Parish Church bells took place last Saturday evening. After the service there was an hour's ringing, and the remarkable transformation by Messrs. John Taylor from the former lumpy ring afforded great pleasure to all who participated. An officers' peal attempt was arranged for the following Tuesday. The new tenor is about 19 cwt. and the bells are very quiet in the ringing chamber.

A new use for handbells—a cure for flatulence. Authority: Guild of Medical Ringers (see report).

The first peal at Thurcaston, Leics, was on April 17th, 1920, and the 100th peal on November 28th, 1959, both being the same transposition and both conducted by Ernest Morris. The latter was also rung to mark the engagement of Miss Carole Dawes and Mr. Keith Leake, both local ringers, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bindley, wife of the local tower keeper.

'The Ringing World' on December 25th (Christmas Day) will go to press on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Will correspondents please post as early as possible notices and other communications for that issue, remembering that postal delays invariably occur in the period before Christmas. Greetings should reach us by Monday, December 14th, for our issue of December 18th.

The band who rang the peal at Nantwich would like to place on record their indebtedness and thanks to Frank Morton (Wistaston), called from bed after being on nights to stand in at 20 minutes' notice, for Mr. A. J. Pitman, adrift on British Railways. Frank is the young, energetic 6-bell tower Ringing Master of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild. The hospitality and transport laid on by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stenson were also much appreciated.

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SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING 1958

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Cinques 5, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 3, Minor 1. Total 12.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 10, Triples 10, Minor 14, Doubles 20 (1 conducted). Total 58 (1).

Bedfordshire.—Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 14, Triples 4, Minor 15, Doubles 5. Total 45.

Cambridge University.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 14 (1), Triples 1, Minor 5 (3). Total 22 (4).

Chester.—Maximus 1, Royal 9 (1), Caters 3, Major 48 (1), Triples 3, Minor 30 (5), Doubles 7 (4). Total 101 (11).

Cleveland and North Yorkshire.—Nil.

Coventry.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 9 (1). Total 20 (1).

Cumberland and North Westmorland.—Major 2, Minor 2. Total 4.

Derbyshire.—Royal 4, Caters 1, Major 33, Triples 3, Minor 24 (3), Doubles 25 (22). Total 90 (25).

Devonshire.—Maximus 1, Major 4, Triples 5, Minor 4, Doubles 14. Total 28.

Dudley and District.—Caters 1. Total 1.

Durham and Newcastle.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Major 12, Triples 4, Minor 9. Total 28.

East Derbyshire and Notts.—Doubles 1. Total 1.

East Grinstead.—Major 1. Total 1.

Ely.—Major 21, Triples 3, Minor 28 (2), Doubles 8. Total 60 (2).

Essex.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 20, Triples 1, Minor 36, Doubles 2. Total 64.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Cinques 2, Royal 1, Caters 9, Major 8, Triples 6, Minor 12 (1), Doubles 17. Total 55 (1).

Guildford.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 7, Triples 2, Minor 8, Doubles 3. Total 22.

Hereford.—Triples 1, Doubles 9. Total 10.

Hertford.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 36 (3), Triples 4, Minor 35 (1), Doubles 4 (1). Total 86 (5).

Irish Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 12 (1), Minor 2 (1), Doubles 1. Total 20 (2).

Kent.—Royal 4, Caters 6, Major 52 (1), Triples 16, Minor 26, Doubles 6. Total 110 (1).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 1. Total 1.

Lancashire.—Maximus 3, Royal 10, Caters 5, Major 58 (2), Triples 21, Minor 25 (5), Doubles 7. Total 129 (7).

Leicester.—Maximus 8, Cinques 5 (1), Royal 22 (2), Caters 6 (3), Major 64 (11), Triples 18 (7), Minor 41 (7), Doubles 17 (1). Total 181 (32).

Lincoln.—Maximus 2 (1), Cinques 2, Royal 7 (2), Major 35 (4), Triples 2, Minor 46, Doubles 8. Total 102 (7).

Llandaff and Monmouth.—Cinques 1, Major 5, Triples 8, Minor 5, Doubles 14. Total 33.

London.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 1. Total 6.

Midland Counties.—Royal 1, Major 18, Triples 3, Minor 11. Total 33.

Middlesex.—Maximus 1, Caters 1, Major 37 (1), Triples 4, Minor 13, Doubles 1. Total 57 (1).

National Police Guild.—Caters 1. Total 1.

New South Wales.—Triples 1. Total 1.

North Staffs.—Major 3, Triples 4, Minor 2, Doubles 6. Total 15.

North Wales.—Triples 1, Minor 2, Doubles 3. Total 6.

Norwich.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 39, Triples 6, Minor 48 (2), Doubles 17. Total 114 (2).

Oxford.—Cinques 3, Royal 5, Caters 6, Major 60, Triples 21, Minor 25 (1), Doubles 16 (1). Total 136 (2).

Oxford Society.—Cinques 1, Caters 2, Major 3 (1), Triples 3, Minor 1. Total 10 (1).

Oxford University.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 7, Triples 1, Minor 3. Total 13.

Peterborough.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 23, Triples 2, Minor 27, Doubles 39. Total 93.

St. David's.—Major 1. Total 1.

Christmas Bells On The Air

On the morning of Christmas Day, at 9.10 in the Home Service, greetings will ring out from the towers of Blackburn Cathedral; the Parish Church of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, Dorset; St. Donard's Church, Belfast; St. Mary's Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire; Elkstone Parish Church, Gloucestershire; Holy Trinity Parish Church, St. Andrews, Fife; St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, Breconshire; and (recorded) from the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem.

The Beaconsfield bells (foreman of ringers, Harry Wingrove) will also be heard ushering in Christmas at 12.1 a.m., prior to the service to be broadcast from that church.

St. Martin's.—Royal 6, Caters 1, Major 34, Triples 1, Minor 5 (1). Total 47 (1).

Salisbury.—Cinques 1, Major 9, Triples 3, Minor 3, Doubles 3. Total 19.

Scottish Association.—Royal 1, Major 3, Triples 1. Total 5.

Sheffield and District.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 1. Total 7.

Shropshire.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 1. Total 10.

Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 1, Caters 2, Major 1, Triples 1. Total 5.

Sherwood Youths.—Major 1, Minor 1 (1). Total 2 (1).

Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Maximus 2, Royal 5, Caters 8, Major 16 (1), Triples 6, Minor 11, Doubles 8 (2). Total 56 (3).

Southwell.—Royal 2, Major 8, Triples 6, Minor 43, Doubles 15. Total 74.

Suffolk.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 32, Triples 2, Minor 38, Doubles 6. Total 82.

Surrey.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 15, Triples 8, Minor 8, Doubles 4. Total 39.

Sussex.—Royal 4, Major 19, Triples 10, Minor 16, Doubles 7. Total 56.

Swansea and Brecon.—Doubles 3. Total 3.

Truro.—Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total 13.

Universities Association.—Major 3 (1), Minor 1 (1). Total 4 (2).

University of London.—Cinques 1, Royal 1 (1), Caters 1, Major 4, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 9 (1).

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Royal 8, Caters 4, Major 32 (3), Triples 9 (2), Minor 22 (2), Doubles 4. Total 79 (7).

Worcester and Districts.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 2 (2), Major 20, Triples 9 (2), Minor 12, Doubles 12. Total 61 (4).

Yorkshire.—Cinques 1, Royal 12, Caters 4, Major 53, Triples 6, Minor 45 (5), Doubles 11 (11). Total 132 (16).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 8, Triples 2, Minor 16, Doubles 11. Total 39.

Total: Tower bells, 2,371; handbells 140. Grand total: 2,511.

W. AYRE (Convener),
K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
H. MILES.

METHOD ANALYSIS

More detailed analysis of methods having had ten or more peals rung in them during 1958.

Maximus.—Yorkshire 10.
Cinques.—Stedman 25.

Royal.—Cambridge 36, Yorkshire 20, London 10, Kent T.B. 12, Plain Bob 37.

Caters.—Grandsire 43, Stedman 39.

Major.—S. Surprise 3 and more 49, Bristol 48, Cambridge 121, Lincolnshire 26, London 57, Pudsey 12, Rutland 28, Superlative 31, Yorkshire 96, Kent T.B. 44, D. Norwich 72, Plain Bob 185, Little Bob 11.

Triples.—Grandsire 142, Stedman 59, Plain Bob 14.

Minor.—30 or more methods, 11; 20 to 29, 15; 14 to 19, 13; 8 to 13, 30.

Doubles.—30 or more methods, 11.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual metropolitan meeting of the Guild took place on November 28th, when three towers in the south-west of London were visited. They were those of St. Mary's, Barnes, St. Mary's, Putney, and All Saints', Wandsworth. The attendance of members was not quite as encouraging as on previous occasions, but thanks to several 'visitors' who dropped in, there were quite enough to enjoy some good touches.

The thanks of the Guild are sincerely extended to the respective incumbents and to the tower captains who so kindly met us and made the arrangements. The meeting was brought to a happy end with the usual dinner, which was digested to the carminative effects of the handbells.

D. L. G.

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THE LESSON



This charming picture will delight every ringer's eyes. In the tiny village of Marston Trussell, Market Harborough, with a population of 130 people, the bells had been silent until recently since Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Now 12 people have been enlisted to ring this light ring. Mr. Millward, of Clipston, Northants, is here seen giving one of the pupils a lesson. Two teams are being built up and there are great hopes that they will be able to ring for the Nativity. The Rector, the Rev. H. Whiteman, stands in the doorway.

These bells were rededicated on August 15th, after restoration by Messrs. John Taylor, which included the recasting of the tenor. The five bells were cast by Hugh Watts, of Leicester, between 1612 and 1623. The canons are retained on the front five.

'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' (OR: WHAT THE DICKENS IS GOING ON?)

AN express bus heading north on October 30th was the bearer of 16 Manchester University Guild members, several rucksacks and eight handbells. From Ambleside Youth Hostel next morning the party set out on foot in the direction of Hawkshead, by way of Brathay, where it took to the woods—except Patricia and George, who later circulated the story that they dare not because of a man with a very large (and doubtlessly shaggy) dog. After wandering purely by accident on to the main road, and the inevitable photographs by the sign 'To The Drunken Duck,' the party climbed the hill to the said house to admire the view and the brew. Having rung (handbells), we pressed on and into a Hawkshead café to be joined for dinner by the 'mechanised' few.

The non-pealers having rung on the delightful bells, the 'bobbies' (i.e., pealers) went off into changes, and came to a sickening halt some minutes later. Enthusiastically persuaded by the Vicar, the band started again: a peal has never been lost on the 11 cwt. eight, and the Vicar wasn't going to be deprived of the record by eight MUG's! During the ringing many visitors peered into the ground floor ringing room; two elderly ladies in particular were heard stage-whispering: 'What are they doing?' 'Bell-ringing.' 'Oh, yes, I see.' Despite this, and the second ringer's attempt to run in at a non-existent bob after 2 hours 49 minutes, rounds came up after 2 hours 50 minutes—the first peal of Surprise Major on the bells and the first of Rutland for the Guild.

After thanking the Vicar and local ringers, the band commandeered the local taxi to the ferry, thence by bus to Kendal Y.H. for a late supper and to hear of the others' visit to Bowness. During the hours of darkness, George's socks were again heard walking the corridors (this time in shoes), but they did not awaken Pat—she had had too many plums for supper.

Sunday dawned: the 'mechanised' rang on Ambleside's 'glorious' 32 cwt. eight and the hardy ones walked to Crosthwaite to be welcomed by the Vicar and ring for morning service; unfortunately some had again taken a 'short cut' and did in fact arrive at Underbarrow—about two miles away and having but one small bell. They eventually reached Crosthwaite in time to ring in the peal of Bob Minor (with one or two 'firsts'), and arrive back in Kendal to hear the last courses of the Bob Royal peal—again with one or two 'firsts.'

After evening service ringing, the party could be seen leaving the town, disguised variously as hikers, walkers and 'men from the Prudential' bound for wetter climes, each one having achieved at least one peal, each one wishing to thank sincerely the vicars and local ringers for their welcomes, co-operation and enthusiasm (without which it would not have been worth while), and Jim and Pat for organising this 'quiet' week-end.

Your chronicler, in or out of the belfry.

B. A. T.

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RINGERS VISIT DISNEY LAND

A well-attended meeting of the Newark District of the Southwell Guild and the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Guild was held at the little village Church of St. Peter, Norton Disney, on November 28th.

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to his parish, and even congratulated them on finding it. A splendid tea, arranged and served by the Vicar's wife and helpers, was partaken of in the Village Hall, surrounded by pictures of Disney characters personally autographed by Walt Disney when he visited the village of his forefathers a few years ago.

Both business meetings were soon dealt with, the Vicar kindly taking the chair, and the collection of £1 6s. 6d. for the bell repair fund was divided between the two Districts. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and his wife were proposed by Mr. J. Freeman, of Lincoln, and Mr. J. W. Raithby, of Newark.

More ringing followed on these pleasant six in a variety of methods, including plenty of rounds for the many learners present.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BE THANKFUL FOR JOY AND PLEASURE OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—Enough of this moralising about peal ringing and 'tower grabbing'! If the puritans would only be logical they would realise that on grounds of mere necessity there is no case for ringing of any kind, just as there is no case for music in church services, or vestments or flowers on the altar. Blind and deaf people have to manage without these things.

Rather let us be thankful for the joy and pleasure we obtain from our ringing; and if others, having more time and a greater inclination, are able to obtain more pleasure than we do, let us wish them well.

Most of the silly letters which appear in 'The Ringing World' from these curmudgeonly moralists are utterly nonsensical. What may be termed pleasure ringing is only possible if permission has first been granted; and if the incumbent and local ringers are willing for the bells to be used, what concern is it of the busybodies who write disparaging letters to 'The Ringing World'?

As to the priest who, according to your itinerant correspondent, is alleged to have said: 'It is no responsibility of the Church to raise large sums of money merely to amuse ringers to ring peals, often to the annoyance of nearby residents,' I would quite agree. However, he has the remedy in his own hands—he need not give permission for his bells to be rung; but for goodness' sake let him mind his own business and not presume to speak for the many of his clerical brethren who delight to welcome visiting ringers, and some of whom, even in these days of clerical 'hard-upness,' express their pleasure by offering a 'cuppa' to their visitors.

It has been my great pleasure to go about all over the place ringing peals, and on outings of all sorts; and I would here record my thanks to the innumerable local ringers and clergy who so often turn out to meet us and bid us welcome, and ask us to come again.

Of course, there are occasional lapses from good behaviour on the part of some visiting ringers, such as failing to ask the locals to ring with them or failing to leave everything as they found it; but these instances are few and far between and usually result from youthful exuberance rather than 'snootiness' or intended discourtesy.

Let the reformers give the peal ringers and 'tower snatchers' a rest for a bit. Perhaps they could, with advantage, turn their moralising to things like the standard of striking at the average meeting (people never seem to think of nuisance to the neighbours in this connection), or perhaps, who knows, to the state of ringing in their own tower or other towers in their District.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks.

P.S.—I am sorry to embarrass my old friend Jim Pipe, but it would perhaps be a good opportunity to record that on their annual tours 'Pipe's Pilgrims' make a very generous donation at each tower they visit.—P. A. C.

PEAL RINGING AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—'The Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The C.C. state that all peals, to be officially recognised, must be published in the 'R.W.'. They obviously want this (with essential footnotes, such as 'first in the method'), as this allows the Peals Analysis Committee to draw up certain facts and figures each year.

Whatever some people may think, the analyses which they carefully prepare do give some indication of the health of the Exercise as a whole; e.g., although there are exceptions, the majority of peal ringers are loyal supporters of the art and are regular Sunday service ringers.

Therefore, if the 'R.W.' can only pay its way by making a charge for peals, this charge must come from the C.C. itself and not from the peal ringers.

I, like most peal ringers, have my own reasons for ringing peals, and it certainly is not so that my name can appear in print and thus obtain 'cheap publicity,' as Mr. Soper ('R.W.', November 27th) suggests.

Another most important point is that a lot of peal ringers are annual postal subscribers to the 'R.W.'. We are told that the postal subscribers pay their way, but they only form 37½ per cent. of the total number who take the journal. Why, therefore, should a postal subscriber pay still more by having a levy put on his peal ringing and so subsidise those who have their copy from the newsagent?

Why do people take the journal from newsagents? As far as I can make out, there are only two possible reasons:—

- (a) It is cheaper that way.
- (b) 'Their newsagent was kind to them during the war, and so they don't want to cancel the order now.'

Regarding (a), we have been told this is going to be altered so that we all pay approximately the same.

For (b) there is only one question to be answered: Which is most dear to you—your newsagent or the Exercise and the 'R.W.'?

As for me, I don't mind how much I pay so long as it only costs the same whether I get it through a newsagent or through the post. I know £1 15s. is going to be a lot of money to pay out in January, but at least I won't have 8d. added to my paper bill each week!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID HEIGHTON.

Bristol.

COVEHITHE CHURCH, SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—With reference to the concluding paragraph of Mr. W. E. Box's letter in your issue of November 20th. The 'one church in another' is not unique.

Curiously enough, there is another instance of this only five miles away from Covehithe as the crow flies—at Walberswick.—Yours faithfully,

E. M. PALIN.

Ranmoor, Sheffield.

EXTENSIONS OF WHITWICK AND LYME

Dear Sir,—The latest effort in method extension is so misfounded that it calls for some comment. For years various dubious extensions have caused much controversy. Now Mr. Brian G. Warwick and his band seem bent on leading us back into chaos. How anyone can think that Whitwick and Lyme Surprise Royal are satisfactory extensions is quite beyond me.

The Methods Committee of the Central Council, produced in 1953 a sane and very generous report on extension, which was adopted at the Bournemouth meeting. This was published in 'The Ringing World' for the 17th, 24th and 31st of July, 1953.

In point of fact, it is quite evident that Mr. Warwick has not read the report, or if he has, that he has not applied the rules laid down in this case. These methods simply do not conform to the requirements. It is clear that no difficulty arises with the extension of the work above the treble since this is Cambridge. If the formula explained in the report is used to extend the work of Lyme and Whitwick Surprise Major under the treble, one obtains in each case nine possible extensions to Royal. Of these, only one in each case has plain bob lead-ends. These are the following:—

LYME

-30-4-50-16-70-18-12-3.14-34.9.

WHITWICK

-30-4-50-16-70-18-12-3.14-12.9.

which are therefore the only possible extensions. Personally, I feel that the report is over-generous in this case: I don't think Whitwick or Lyme extend at all. But that is only an opinion. Here are the rules, and we must work with them.

The closing paragraph of the Committee's report reads as follows:—

'In view of the impossibility of regularising the position of incorrect extensions which have been rung in the past, except by wholesale renaming, the Committee proposes that these recommendations become operative in respect of any new method extension rung after the date of the adoption of this report and that those previously rung to peals may continue to hold the names under which they were originally rung.'

Unless it is to be inconsistent, I can see no action open to the Council other than the renaming of these methods.—Yours faithfully,
Harrow. JOHN R. MAYNE.

FAIREST WAY

Dear Sir,—May I take this opportunity to say how glad I am that at last the decision has been made to improve the finances of 'The Ringing World' by increasing the price. This is certainly the fairest way to strengthen your financial position, rather than taxing any one particular section of the Exercise by introducing peal booking fees. I am sure that no good ringer will object to paying an extra few shillings a year to such a good cause as 'The Ringing World,' which does so much for the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE N. MELTON.

Ipswich.

(Correspondence continued next page)

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LETTERS—Continued**HON SECRETARIES' PEAL OF
50 YEARS AGO**

Dear Sir,—The following interesting news item appeared in the '50 Years Ago' column of our local paper recently.

'On Saturday, October 30th, 1909, in 2 hours and 25 minutes, 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the residence of Mr. F. S. W. Butler, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough, being Holt's Original, by F. S. W. Butler 1-2, Clem Glen 3-4 (conductor), A. Wash 5-6, S. F. Palmer 7-8. This was the first handbell peal rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Each ringer was an honorary secretary: F. S. W. Butler the Gainsborough and District, C. Glen the Yorkshire Association, A. Nash the Barnsley and District and S. F. Palmer the Sheffield and District. Mr. S. F. Palmer is, I believe, the sole survivor of this historic event.

—Yours sincerely, GEO. L. A. LUNN.

Lea, Gainsborough.

PEAL RINGERS AND DONATIONS

Dear Sir,—A. V. Davis wants 'forthright views': well, here is one to supplement Montague J. Soper's letter to you.

You have published 48 peals this week and eight donations connected with same. Knowing the precarious financial position of the 'R.W.', how on earth the other 40 dare send theirs in beats me.

I do not ring in peals. Service ringing, attendance at meetings and an occasional quarter peal is my limit, and that being the case I enclose a donation to cover the cost of inserting this letter.—Yours sincerely,

N. ROBINSON.

Willingham, Cambridge.

SHIPS' BELLS

Dear Sir,—With all these ships going to the scrap heap these days, has anyone wondered what happens to all the ships' bells? They are fortunately not being broken up but are being sold. There are at the moment over 300 bells of all sizes, and all highly polished, with the ship's name and date on them, some going back as far as 1918.

If anybody would like to buy a unique set of 6, 8, or even 12 ships' bells and hang them for ringing, it would possibly rank as one of the lightest rings. And as for the price, well, anybody could buy one for they are going as cheaply as £1 and go upwards to £10; so the only thing to do to get them is to telephone the Director of Stores at the Admiralty.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant, Hants.

COVEHITHE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Last August Bank Holiday weekend I walked to Covehithe with my wife, and we sheltered from the wind in the church porch to eat our sandwiches. An old countryman soon appeared and began weeding the churchyard path, whom we asked whether he could tell us why the outer shell of the church was ruined. He answered that he didn't know for sure, though some said that Cromwell had done it; but, if we asked him, he didn't believe that Cromwell could have done half the damage he was said to, knocking down churches up and down the country, for why?—because he was only 59 when he died and so he couldn't have had time to do it all!

In answer to Mr. Box's inquiry whether the 'one church in another' is unique, I believe that there is a similar building in the village of Walberswick, a few miles to the south. Presumably both of these villages shrank in population when the sea encroached rapidly upon this part of Suffolk in the 18th and 19th centuries.

—Yours sincerely,

R. J. COOK.

Carshalton, Surrey.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**West Dorset Branch**

About 60 members attended the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held at Beaminster on November 28th. The organist and choir of St. Mary's led the singing. The Vicar of Beaminster conducted the service and gave the address, while Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson.

Tea was served by the wives and friends of Beaminster ringers, led by Mrs. Pannell. At the business meeting Canon Cox, who has been Branch chairman for 30 years, was quite firm that he must now retire. The Rev. J. S. Arthur (Vicar of Beaminster) was elected chairman. Mr. C. W. Powell, of Lyme Regis, was elected vice-chairman. The remaining officers were re-elected.

Regarding the rehanging of the bells at Askerswell, the Rev. O. L. Willmott told members that a sixth bell had been given, but they had received advice not to use a metal frame, being situated near the sea. The new wooden frame would involve much more cost. The Branch therefore donated another £5 towards this extra cost.

'The Ringing World' was discussed, and everyone seemed to be in agreement that a charge of up to 1s. per rope should be made for the publication of peals.

Five new ringing members and 11 non-resident members were elected. Ringing included Cambridge Surprise Major.

Winchester District Ringers' Outing

On September 5th a party of 34 ringers and friends from the Winchester District spent a very enjoyable day in Sussex. During the day ringing took place at Midhurst, Petworth, Pulborough, Steyning and Shoreham.

At Arundel, an excellent tea was enjoyed before ringing at the Parish Church. In the evening ringing took place at Westbourne and South Harting.

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**MR. RANALD CLOUSTON
MARRIED AT LAVENHAM**

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston, who is hon. technical consultant on bells to the Central Council for the Care of Churches, and hon. technical adviser to the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, was married at Lavenham Parish Church on November 21st to Miss Christobel Fountain Page, daughter of Preb. M. F. Page and Mrs. Page, of Stowupland, Suffolk. The bride's father was formerly Rector of Lavenham, and she is a State registered nurse and midwife, and practised midwifery at the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, and for the past year at the Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dennis Fountain Page, brother of the bride, assisted by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. A. H. Morris), the Archdeacon of Ipswich (Ven. T. R. Browne) and Canon H. W. S. Cotton, Rector of Lavenham.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ivory brocade dress with long sleeves and a boat-shaped neckline, and a slight train, with shoulder-length veil topped by a tiara. Her bouquet was of white carnations, freesias and chrysanthemums, and she wore an old gold pendant which was a christening present.

Her attendants were Mrs. Priscilla Gillett, a friend, and Miss Elizabeth Offord, her niece, who wore old gold taffeta, with headdresses of autumnal flowers with nylon fur cape stoles. Best man was Mr. Olaf Harald Clouston, brother of the bridegroom.

A reception was held at Lavenham Guildhall, and the honeymoon was spent on the south coast. Their address is Lavenham, 1, Cannon's Close, Radlett, Herts.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
West Lindsey Branch**

The West Lindsey Branch was fortunate to have such a fine day for its meeting at Blyton on November 21st, when this 5-bell tower attracted some 40 ringers, including the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. A. Freeman), together with visitors from Yorkshire and Coventry.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Calthrop) and the lesson was read by the Vicar of Hibaldstow (Rev. F. Insull). The business meeting followed an excellent tea in the Wesley Chapel Schoolroom and was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker).

During an interesting account of the recent rebuilding of Hibaldstow Church tower, the Vicar stated that work was going ahead to rehang the existing three bells, with the eventual aim of augmenting them to six. The bells, one of which was being recast, were now at the bell-founders', and after being tuned they would be hung in a 6-bell frame with modern fittings. It was unanimously agreed that an immediate grant of £10 be made from the Belfry Repair Fund and a further grant be considered at a later stage.

More news of bell-hanging activity in the district came from the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn), who reported that Belton bells had now been augmented to six and the two new trebles had been dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln when he visited the church for a Confirmation service on November 4th.

It was agreed that a dinner and social evening be held in the New Year, but that it should not be held on the same day as the annual meeting.

Many more ringers arrived after tea, when Messingham bells were available, and the 4-bell tower of Scotter proved remarkably popular during the evening.

TWO PIONEER BANDS OF LONG AGO

By T. OGDEN

NOT so very long ago a little windfall—quite unexpectedly—came my way, and with part of it I decided to treat myself to a copy of 'The Story of Handbells,' the author of which is Mr. Scott Brink Parry, of Reading, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. This book can be obtained in this country from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, 34, Whitechapel Rd., London, E.1, price 24s. 6d. post free.

In chapter 2 the author describes the history of ringing bands in America, and goes on to state:—

'In 1844 Barnum (of Circus fame) went to England, during which time he arranged to meet in Liverpool a Band of Lancashire Handbell Ringers' and

'With typical American enterprise, Barnum hired the group for a tour of the United States, and returned in 1847, bringing with him the Lancashire Ringers. Attached to his generous offer to the Ringers was the stipulation that they be billed as "Swiss Bell Ringers" and that they dress in Swiss costume and grow long moustaches. When they objected on the grounds that they spoke only English, Barnum assured them that if they kept their Lancashire dialect unspoiled by purer accents, the American public would never know the difference! And so, because of Barnum's insistence that the Lancashire ringers appear as "Swiss" ringers the misnomer that handbells and tune ringing are indigenous to Switzerland has continued to the present day.'

FIRST PEAL IN U.S.A.?

Later, the author continues: 'Ringers remained in the States long enough, however, to ring the first successful peal in this country (U.S.A.) on Sunday, June 9th, 1950, on the ring of eight bells at Christ Church, Philadelphia.'

I have not been able to discover further details of either the method rung or the names of the ringers of this notable first peal. Perhaps one of our American readers could furnish some information about it; an item of particular interest would be the home towers of the individuals concerned.

However, before we jump to the conclusion that this Lancashire band of 1847 were the first Englishmen to introduce tune ringing on handbells (Mr. S. B. Parry does not claim that they were) and change-ringing on tower bells to the U.S.A., let us see if we can find anything on this side of the Atlantic that will perhaps throw a little more light on this interesting subject.

The 'Oldham Chronicle' published its very first edition on Saturday, May 6th, 1854, and in its columns, under the heading of "Local and District News" appears the following:—

'The Campanologist Band or Swiss Bell-ringers celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of their departure from Oldham, on Friday, the 14th, ult., at the Coach-and-Horses Inn, Church-lane, the establishment of Mr. Ernest Macdonald, where the last three anniversaries have been commemorated. The members did ample justice to the capital supper provided by their worthy host; after which songs, toasts and sentiments went briskly round: and in the course of "the wee short hours ayont the twal" the company broke up highly delighted with the evening's entertainment. The anniversary has always been punctually observed in every part of the globe to which the peregrinations of the band have conducted them—not only throughout England, Scotland, and Ireland; but also in France, Spain, Canada, the United States, Cuba, etc.'

This report is the earliest mention concerning handbell ringing in the Oldham District that I know of, but this band must have been in existence some tens of years previously, as their celebration was held to commemorate the band's departure from Oldham on April 14th, 1841, (but where to, we are left to guess!).

Another excerpt from the 'Oldham Chronicle,' this time of Saturday, February 27th, 1954, states:—

'Just over a century ago a group of Hollinwood handbell ringers (all Hollinwood men) playing as the Swiss Bell Ringers visited many Continental countries, and also made a tour of America. On Wednesday, December 4th, 1844, and Saturday, December 13th, 1845, they played before His Excellency the President of the United States!'

(Underneath is a picture of seven men, dressed in old style costume, standing behind a table on which can be counted 37 large and small handbells. Several of the men are wearing long moustaches!) The excerpt continues:—

'The third ringer from the left is the late Mr. Isaac Ogden, grandfather of Mrs. Macdonald of Werneth, who has a photo and a silk programme for each of the Washington concerts. The band's repertoire included the Overture to "Fra Diavolo," "The Bell Waltzes" arranged expressly for the band. "Meet me by Moonlight Alone," "The Bluebells of Scotland" with Variations, "Hail Columbia" and "Yankee Doodle".'

PHOTOGRAPH AND PROGRAMME DESTROYED

I have recently been in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald who, much to our mutual regret, have not long since destroyed the photograph and programmes as being of little interest now to their family, and they did not then know of anyone else who would have valued them. When I told them of my interest in anything of this kind, they expressed their sincere regrets at having made away with these relics, as they would have liked to have passed them on to any person who would have treasured them. I blame myself for not getting in touch with these good people earlier. It is quite possible that there are no more of these programmes in existence now, except perhaps in the earlier records of the White House at Washington, while it is fairly certain

that there will be no more copies of the photograph extant. Mrs. Macdonald told me that they wore a kind of white smock, gathered at the wrists and waist, but otherwise similar to a surplice but with a collar attached, worn with a thin black tie, knotted at the front. They must have looked very striking when in action!

Well, now, what can we deduce from all the foregoing facts? The caption under the photograph stated that these Ringers were 'all Hollinwood men.' Hollinwood is a parish and district within the boundaries of the borough of Oldham, it lies about two miles from the town centre, and it seems more than likely that there would be some little local rivalry between the Hollinwood men and the Campanologist Band. The members of the latter would probably hail from nearer the town centre, and it has occurred to me that some of them if not all, could have been tower bell ringers at Oldham Parish Church which at the time possessed the only ring of bells (12) in the town. The Coach and Horses Inn, Church Lane, would not have been many yards from the churchyard gates, but it has since been superseded by a much more modern hostelry.

FIRST TOURIST

The Hollinwood band seem to have been the first in touring the U.S.A., as they played at the White House on December 4th, 1844, and again on December 13th, 1845, two years before Barnum took his band of Lancashire Ringers to the U.S., as Mr. Parr states. It seems to me that the Campanologist Band could have been the ringers that Barnum introduced to the States, following in the wake of their Hollinwood rivals, but in the absence of any other information, this can now—12 years later—be only a matter of conjecture.

Nevertheless, of one or two things we can be absolutely certain. These two bands of ringers must have played a leading part in introducing the art of tune ringing on handbells to the New World. Theirs would be no easy comfortable journey, such as would be provided for the humblest third class traveller of today. From the time of leaving the Mersey Bar their vessel would be entirely at the mercy of wind and wave until the Western shores were in sight. This might be in four weeks under good conditions; it could take four months if the weather was at all adverse. Once on the other side, in between periods of comparatively luxurious living, they would no doubt have to "sleep rough" at times, but devoted to their art they must have been, to undertake a tour of this magnitude in those days at all.

START OF TUNE RINGING IN U.S.A.

Otherwise, I do not think they would differ very much from the ringers of today; who, like them, enjoy 'a bit of a do' both with the handbells and around the festive board.

The present popularity of tune ringing on handbells in the U.S.A. at the present time must have its roots in the soil they tilled so long ago, and little would they think then that their exploits would still be noted over a century afterwards. Englishmen, and those from Lancashire in particular, have often in times past, and at the present day, demonstrated to the world their skill and aptitude, both in the spheres of commerce, and also that of the arts, and these Lancashire ringers of so long ago were no exception in their own particular art. Their music would bring pleasure and happiness to audiences wherever they went, and from such as them has been handed down to us this way of making music, so traditionally English, that affords so much pleasure to us, today.

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THE PROFESSOR DISCUSSES 'THE RINGING WORLD'

— And Makes An Offer

On calling on the Professor the day before the day before yesterday, I found him pacing his cell with a troubled frown on his face and his sensitive hands tightly clasped behind his back. He glowered at me unclasped his hands and placed them against his temples, kicked the cat from the hearthrug and the dog into the coal cellar.

I began to think that something had upset him.

The current issue of 'The Ringing World' (November 10th) I could see lying on the table. He pushed it at me and ordered: 'Read it!'

'But I've already done so.'

'Read it again.'

I read it again, peering through a haze of smoke issuing from what was apparently a mixture of bindweed and twitch grass that Mr. Dodge had stuffed in his pipe. I enjoyed once more the leading article, perused the peal columns, chuckled over Belfry Gossip, followed with interest the touches given by Mr. E. C. Shepherd (on which I made mental notes), digested with fascination Mr. E. Morris's account of 'Bells and Ringers in Stained Glass,' glanced through F. T. Blagrove's 'First Peal Performances,' read the letters and the reports of the various functions and pondered over the Obituary notices.

'Dull, uninteresting stuff?', demanded the Professor, when I had finished.

'Quite the contrary,' I said. 'I enjoyed reading it—but then I always enjoy my "Ringing World".'

'Pre-cise-ly.'

I then saw what was troubling him.

'Oh, you are thinking of the report of the Oxford Guild,' I said. 'where one or two people criticised the "R.W." as uninteresting?'

'Yes,' he replied, 'I wonder what they want? Strip cartoons? Pictures of film actresses in technicolour on the front page? Exactly how do they propose to make it more interesting?'

'Perhaps,' I offered, 'better-written articles?'

'That may help,' agreed the Professor, 'but I have frequently noticed that the persons who most criticise the "R.W."s' articles are usually those who, in spite of the Editor's pleas, have never attempted to write one themselves. The chappie who once described one of yours as "tripe" is quite capable of writing a much better article than you, although, so far as I can remember, he never has done.'

'I'll have a word with him.'

'Do. Mind you,' he went on, 'I am not saying that the "R.W." is above criticism; constructive criticism is a good thing—but it must be constructive. Writing to the Editor isn't much good, either, unless such letters are accompanied by sensible suggestions as to improvements. I have heard a suggestion that the paper should be divided into different sections: one for learners, another for advanced ringers and another for compositions, and so on.'

'Do you think that that would make it more attractive?'

'It may do. It could be tried, anyway, although it doesn't do to take all criticism too seriously. Whatever is done there will still be some people unsatisfied. It is important that the general "tone" of the paper is maintained so that it does not fall into the cheap sensationalism of some of the common newspapers. Imagine seeing a headline in half-inch type:

"See next week's 'Ringing World' for the inside story of the latest dispute between the ringers of Slocum-in-the-Puddle and the new Vicar"; or, "Order your copy of the NEW 'Ringing World,' the paper with bags of ZZZIP!!".

'I don't think there is much fear of such a thing happening,' I observed, carefully.

'Neither do I!', responded Mr. Dodge, 'but before drastic alterations are made I think we should consider whether these criticisms are general throughout the Exercise or emanate from a minority of ringers.'

'Ringers,' he continued, 'are a most peculiar set of animals. You, for instance, will spend pounds on outings, peals, dinners, etc., cheerfully expend £2 or upwards for an L.P. of Beethoven's "Fourth," all for your own enjoyment, but grumble when the price of the "R.W." rises by 2d. a week!'

'Not me!', I protested.

'Well, others like you,' he said. 'Ringers sometimes forget what a privileged class they are! Expensive instruments and equipment provided free of charge—'

'Yes, yes!', I said. 'but what about "The Ringing World"?''

'Here I have a suggestion to make,' said the Professor. 'I will give a prize for the best suggestion for improving the "R.W.".'

'That is extremely noble of you,' I exclaimed, 'and what is the prize?'

'I will name an hitherto unnamed irregular Minor method after the tower of the winner's own choice, and undertake to get a band to ring a peal of it!'

I could scarcely conceal my admiration of Mr. Dodge's magnanimity. H.C.

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ENGAGEMENT

EARLE—RICHARDS.—The engagement is announced between Terence Earle, of North Lodge, Stisted, Essex, and Wendy E. Richards, of Ilford, Essex. 5375

MARRIAGE

CLOUSTON—PAGE.—On Saturday, November 21st, 1959, at Lavenham Parish Church, Suffolk, Ranald Warren Monteith, elder son of Dr. Olive and the late Dr. Eric Clouston, formerly of Lavenham, to Christobel Fountain, daughter of Preb. and Mrs. M. F. Page, of Stowupland, and formerly of Lavenham Rectory. Mr. and Mrs. Clouston's address is Lavenham, 1, Canons Close, Radlett, Herts. Telephone Radlett 6286. 5380

DEATH

CHAPLIN.—On Wednesday, November 25th, 1959, Arthur C., of 25, Exeter Road, Dagenham, Essex, for 60 years a ringer at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, Essex. 5374

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'The Ringing World' of December 25th will be on sale at newsagents on Thursday, December 24th. Notices for this issue must be sent in much earlier than usual as 'The Ringing World' will go to press on Saturday, December 19th. Will secretaries and others remember that mails are invariably delayed during the period of ten days preceding Christmas Day.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Dec. 12th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott, Sec. 5342

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Skelton on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens; Hon. Sec. 5379

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Fairwarp, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tea at The Foresters Arms. 5352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 5351

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5371

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m., Hertingfordbury.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Newington, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5304

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, Greasley, Notts. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5359

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, St. Paul's, Hounslow, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m., Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, followed by service and further ringing, All Saints', Isleworth. 5353

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, St. Aldate's. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—A. J. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5350

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, will be held at Storrington and not Angmering as previously arranged. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 5389

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Pickering (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 5369

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewkerne (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Please notify early for tea. Usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, local Hon. Sec. 5390

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Luton, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea (own arrangements) 5 to 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards.—K. G. S. 5392

BEVERLEY AND SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting to be held at Goole, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Christmas tea (kindly provided by Mrs. J. J. Taylor) 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Names, please, on or before Dec. 17th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—K. Kirk and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 5347

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkerton District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. 5399

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5396

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, Mangotsfield, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol. 5398

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting, Painswick (12), Saturday, Dec. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 15th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 5387

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, Herts.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Dec. 19th, at the Cathedral. Bells (10) available 4.15 p.m. till 9 p.m.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 5403

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Western District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5372

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 19th, Burgess Hill (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 16th, to Mrs. S. M. Knight, 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill.—Geo. North, Hon. Div. Sec. 5378

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Wootton Hill (6), on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room. After tea at Highclere (8). Names for tea by Dec. 15th to Mr. J. S. Scott, Andover Road, Highclere, Hants. 5400

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Batley, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parrotts Café, Commercial Street, followed by business meeting in School, near church. Names for tea by Thursday, Dec. 17th, to Dr. D. Atkins, c/o Staincliffe General Hospital, Dewsbury.—A. E. Marsh. 5357

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Maldon All Saints', Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5385

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST JOHN JELLEY

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ernest John Jelley, of Wigston, Leics, which occurred on December 2nd. On December 5th, the day of his funeral, a quarter peal of Grand-sire Caters was rung on the bells of St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, a tower he served with great faithfulness. An appreciation of his services will appear in a later issue

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Sheila A. Beal (first quarter) 1. Blanche M. Hunt 2. J. H. Hunt 3. C. W. Philpotts 4. R. C. Beal 5. F. G. Barron 6. H. A. Nobles (cond.) 7. M. Walker 8. For Evensong.

BECKFORD, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: A. Halling 1. F. Hawkes 2. E. T. Newbury (first in method) 3. M. Hawkes (cond.) 4. E. W. Penn 5. D. Williams (first in method) 6. Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Martin.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,428 Grand-sire Triples: Tonie Crichtley 1. Linda M. Hughes 2. Mary Funnell 3. Susan Funnell 4. Veronica Miles 5. Alma M. Greaves 6. R. L. Gay (first of Triples 'inside') 7. B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For morning service.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: Susan Bell 1. G. Marriner 2. Catherine Powell 3. A. H. Smith 4. Hilda Oatway 5. R. Davies 6. Rev. C. Marshall 7. B. Hawkins 8. W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9. H. V. Young 10. First quarter on 10 for 1 and 3. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who moved to Somerset on November 17th.

LEICESTER.—On Nov. 15th, at the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Tovell 1. P. W. Atkins 2. J. J. Goode 3. T. J. Fraser 4. A. D. Grant 5. P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6. First quarter peal by resident members of the University of Leicester Society.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Old London Singles, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): T. Dunkley (first quarter) 1. A. Henman 2. L. Battison 3. R. Henman (cond.) 4. A. Ford 5. Rung half-muffled for the festival of Remembrance.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Burgess 1. J. Lowman 2. M. Long (cond.) 3. A. Williams 4. D. Baker 5. C. Trenchard 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

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Rung at Overseale, July 4th, 1959, conducted by D. P. Jones.

QUARTER PEALS

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Nov. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Senior 6, E. Mashiter 7, F. Hodgson (cond.) 8. For evening service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,272 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Spliced: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, C. Button 3, E. Coulsdon 4, H. Gardner 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. First of Spliced for all the band and on the bells by local ringers. A farewell to E. Coulsdon, who is going to the Far East.

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THE VOICE OF THE CHRISTMAS BELLS

By THE REV. CANON C. CAREW COX

NOT everyone, not every Christian even, goes to church on Christmas Day, hears the organ and the choir, or joins in the carols and the hymns. And, whatever music or jollity may be going on in countless homes celebrating the season, the world outside has no voice which is peculiarly capable of stirring the hearts of men to the Truth which makes the Festival.

For such broadcasts of a Christmas nature as are made are not blazoned from the hill tops, or in the public places of our towns and cities, say Trafalgar Square or Hyde Park in London. They are only heard really at the discrimination of people in their homes. Apart from that, generally speaking, Christmas would be wrapped in silence were it not for the church bells.

And those church bells, discordant and annoying as they may seem to a certain section of the people, are there to drown the yet more discordant voices and the turmoil of discontent and strife which are unhappily sounding over this earth.

Imagine Christmas without the church bells! Imagine them silenced by a national authority, not as a precautionary measure against an enemy invasion, but as the consequence of a wholly materialistic, God-denying policy, such a policy as in the early years of Christianity drove Christians underground to gather for worship—if they could—at the risk of their lives! We would cry, perhaps, that the chances of anything like that happening here are far off indeed. But, whatever might happen, it is well to remember that the Christian Church endured and spread by virtue of those very attempts to silence her and clip her wings.

'Silent Night' it was on those hills around Bethlehem when the Babe was born who was to revolutionise human ideas and hopes. There the proclamation of Christmas Day came, but *not* from the lips of men. And that gave it its wonder and its drive. So unfamiliar then, so thrilling and astonishing! But now, so familiar, so usurped by mundane thoughts and customs that the purpose and wonder, of the observance does not affect people in the same way. They shrug their shoulders as if to say 'We are not any more on the level of the simple shepherds! We are a sophisticated generation. We can create our own satellites in space; we can split the atom; we can transport ourselves from one end of the earth to another in a few hours; we

can hear and see what is going on miles and miles away!' Indeed, yes: what intelligence; what brilliance of ideas; what cleverness in working them out! What a power man wields! What *is* there that man cannot accomplish? Well, is one to believe that there is no time for the religion of the Incarnation in this enlightened age while the echoes of Swinburne's ecstatic chant reverberate in widening clamour from our workshops, our technical training centres, even from our universities and schools?

'Thou art smitten, thou God, thou art smitten.

Thy death is upon thee, O Lord;

And the love-song of earth as thou diest,

Resounds through the wind of her wings:

Glory to man in the highest,

For Man is the master of things.'

But, as Alfred Noyes wrote: 'The splendour of those words was, after all, a stolen splendour. The beauty of that *Gloria in Excelsis*, true or false, was not Swinburne's property.' As a greater poet suggested: 'It is hardly just to abuse the Deity in language whose beauty is entirely borrowed from the Bible.' Yet the fact is that Swinburne was unconsciously asserting one more isolated fragment of the philosophy of Christendom. For 'man in the highest,' strange as it may seem, is acceptable to human reason, but only on those conditions which are illustrated in the majestic structure of the Christian religion. 'God was in *man* reconciling the world to Himself.' 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth,' said the triumphant living Jesus. And, 'After He had spoken to them He was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God.'

'Not thine to understand

How the two worlds accord:

The Will of Love, our Lord,

With this dark wheel of Time.

Yet thou didst hear them chime

Like one deep sanctus bell.'

Who can picture what the world would be like if the new light of Christianity had never dawned upon the human mind? For one thing, there would be no church bells. And Art, for example—as one has written—'would have lacked the spiritual light that haunts the eyes of "The Madonna and Child," a light that is like no other. We should have lost, too, the deepest musical harmonies of the world. There would have been no Passion music from Bach, and ten thousand choirs of Europe would have been

dumb. The very stones of her cities and towns would have been more silent, for they would never have soared into her great cathedrals. Not a child on the face of the planet would ever have been taught the Lord's Prayer or heard the magic word "Christmas".

But these expressions and joys *have* come into being, and they do live today to live on into the dim distance. Therefore in the 'Silent Night' the church Christmas bells will herald the dawn once again; defying the threatening and selfish voices of the world; catching up the heavenly anthems of the past; proclaiming the simplicity of long ago Bethlehem; witnessing to that maturity of soul which the Son of God laboured and suffered as Man to bequeath.

And, unseen as the ringers may be, they will know they are moving the earthly accompaniments to the Angels' praise at the birth of the Prince of Peace: 'Glory to GOD in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.'

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On Fri., June 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4), (6) and (7) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob.

T. T. LEWIS (Cardiff) .. Treble	D. G. ASTRIDGE (Swansea) 4
B. R. KINGSTON (Cardiff) .. 2	D. K. WALKLATE (Aberyst.) 5
D. J. LLEWELLYN (Cardiff) 3	N. BENNETT (Aberystwyth) Tenor

Conducted by D. K. WALKLATE.

Fastest peal on the bells.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being four extents Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

*M. HART (Lampeter) .. Treble	N. BENNETT (Aberystwyth) 4
*A. R. HUTCHINGS (Swan.) 2	D. K. WALKLATE (Aberyst.) 5
*M. HOLT (Lampeter) .. 3	D. G. ASTRIDGE (Swansea) Tenor

Conducted by D. K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 9
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. 10
STEWART F. KIMBER .. 5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 11
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6	JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all except the conductor.

LONDON, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	*STEWART F. KIMBER .. 7
*JOHN D. ROCK .. 2	†TERRY EARLE .. 8
JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 9
*ALAN J. FROST .. 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 10
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 11
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First of Maximus. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fenn, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 6th, 1959.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
*EDWARD POTTS .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
ALAN A. POTTS .. 4	PETER LAFIN .. 9
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise.

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 2	*CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 7
ROGER BALDWIN .. 3	*MICHAEL R. BLORE .. 8
GORDON A. HALLS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERNS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. Treble	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. 3	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 8
*JEAN L. LAVENDER .. 4	JOHN CHILCOTT .. 9
RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. 5	ALAN ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Stedman, also on ten bells.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER AYRE .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 6
AUDREY M. BAILEY .. 2	REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 7
*REGINALD D. HAYDEN .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. 8
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 4	*EDWARD J. ROCHESTER .. 9
†KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

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At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*EILEEN M. FEARN Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
BASIL JONES 3	ALAN A. POTTS 8
†CAROL FERNLEY 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Peter Laffin on his 70th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
IAN H. ORAM 2	RALPH BIRD 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in the method as conductor.

In memoriam Cecil V. Ebberson and Cecil J. Matthews.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	*HUBERT H. FURMINGER .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
JOHN R. COOPER 4	PETER F. BORER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

GEOFFREY W. MAYES .. Treble	FRANK H. BRISCOE 5
ALAN S. SMITH 2	PETER G. SMITH 6
SHEILA PERCIVAL 3	JOHN G. HOBSON 7
JILL MAYES 4	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

Rung as a compliment to Alan and Sheila Smith on the birth of their daughter.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. Treble	A. J. GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 5
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 2	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 3	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 7
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 4	P. B. HODSON (Emmanuel) Tenor

Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. Treble	*RICHARD HALL 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
JACK BRAY 3	SEPTIMUS NEAVE 7
HARRY HALL 4	MICHAEL CROWDER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
MAURICE BENNETT 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by T. E. SONE.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all except conductor.

BLOXHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. Treble	†DENNIS C. BOWEN 5
*CHRISTINE V. PULLIN .. 2	†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
EDWIN T. NEWBURY 3	†PETER D. WARREN 7
†MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4	†EDGAR S. HITCHCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First tower-bell peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Stedman Triples.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR GIBBS Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY 5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	GERALD C. HEMMING 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F

JACK PILGRIM Treble	LESLIE N. MELTON 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 2	PETER S. BEDFORD 6
ERNEST G. PEARCE 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
C. JACK GIBSON 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN AND THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILDS.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER 5
FREDERICK SEAGER 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 6
*FRANK R. MORTON 3	JOHN E. BROUGH 7
FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 4	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

A compliment to Mr. Frank Stenson for his 71st birthday on the 29th, which he would like to share with Miss 'Pam' Bailey (Nantwich) and his young neighbour, John Harding, married this day at St. Paul's, Crewe.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. Treble	HAROLD LONYON .. 5
ALAN A. POTTS .. 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 6
EDWARD POTTS .. 3	BARRY CORBISHLY .. 7
*DENNIS HENSHAW .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

EDMUND MALIN .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 6
*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 3	*DAVID W. FRIEND .. 7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
*JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. 6
HAROLD BARSLEY .. 3	BERNARD H. DALTON .. 7
FRANK TAYLOR .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.
*J. RICHARD PERKINS .. Treble	DEREK M. SAWYER .. 5
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 2	HUGH MATTHEWMAN .. 6
ROYSTON WILMORE .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7
H. LESLIE WYKES .. 4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal of Grandsire Triples. 100th peal on the bells.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

STEPHEN F. DOLLEY .. Treble	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5
RICHARD G. BELL .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
WALTER G. PAUL .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
Rung to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Hertford County Association.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 3	JACK A. WAUGH .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

BRIAN SMITH .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
*PATRICIA WARDLE .. 2	*TERRY I. ROPER .. 6
*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 3	*PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by H. POYNOR. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Andrew.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOSEPH MARKS .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
HARRY SEAR .. 2	ROGER CADAMY .. 6
WILLIAM A. YATES .. 3	DONALD J. MEAGER .. 7
*JAMES LINNELL .. 4	HARRY V. SEAR .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal of Triples. Donald J. Meager has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal of Triples on the bells, and believed to be the same composition. Harry Sear has the distinction of ringing the second in both peals. Also rung to mark the 82nd birthday of Francis Hedges, the only other survivor of the 1899 band.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. Treble	*JOHN H. OWENS .. 5
ARTHUR RIGBY .. 2	*PETER BARRAND .. 6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE .. 7
THOMAS BARKER .. 4	STANLEY WALMSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GODLEN. Conducted by STANLEY WALMSLEY.
* First peal in the method. First of Major in the method as conductor.

Rung for the 73rd birthday of John H. Gartside, as an appreciation of his past and present services rendered to the Preston Branch.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*MAUREEN CANDY .. Treble	RALPH C. SPITTLE .. 5
*MARGARET HOWARD .. 2	ARTHUR S. BESANT .. 6
JOHN E. BEAMS .. 3	DEREK G. SPITTLE .. 7
JANET M. BESANT .. 4	CHARLES W. MUNDAY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to mark the christening of Martin Charles, son of Ralph and Pauline Spittle, members of the local band.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (second observation).	Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.
*RICHARD CHAMBERS .. Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK .. 6
*RONALD A. KNIGHT .. 3	WILFRED JARVIS .. 7
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS .. 4	LEONARD PRYKE .. Tenor

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.
* First peal on eight bells. † 50th peal.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Pryke. Also a birthday compliment to Jane Symonds, grand-daughter of the conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
NORAH M. BIBBY .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
*RONALD J. HILL .. 2	*J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. 6
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. 7
JOHN WALDEN .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
In memoriam the Rt. Rev. Arthur Ivan Greaves, Bishop Suffragan of Grimsby, 1937-1958, Archdeacon of Oakham, 1924-1934.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 WYMONDHAM BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

T. G. PAGE (Downing) .. Treble	A. R. WITHYMAN (Emma.) 5
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) .. 2	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 3	P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 7
J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by J. R. TAYLOR.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JILL MAYES Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

SIX BELL PEALS

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*NELSON F. S. BUSH .. Treble	MRS. R. T. JONES .. 4
†DOROTHY G. SMITH .. 2	*KEITH SANSOM .. 5
BETTY J. DAYSH 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. Treble	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
*MRS. J. RENDER 2	*JOHN POTTS 5
*ALAN EVANS 3	*ALAN SHEPPARD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* First peal of Surprise.
Birthday compliments to Mrs. Render and Mr. Sheppard.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B. and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb.

CECIL RADDON Treble	JOHN RYDER 4
REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 3	HENRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

Rung to mark the 61st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. Worrall, of Great Budworth (parents of the ringer of the second).

IGHTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

One extent each of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	*DEREK A. N. HOLLAND .. 4
*PETER J. MILTON 2	COLIN F. MCGILL 5
ANDREW M. MACVE 3	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in seven methods.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Hexham and Berwick, (3) London and Wells, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) York and Durham, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

CYRIL R. BURRELL Treble	CECIL WADE 4
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
*STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal in 14 methods.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER Treble	RAYMOND A. BROWN .. 4
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

JAMES R. NAPHINE Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 4
JACK PILGRIM 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
C. JACK GIBSON 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Edward G. Battle, ringer and clerk at this church.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*DAVID A. HOULT Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4
BARRIE HENDRY 2	*RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 5
*BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. 3	TREVOR TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.
A 21st birthday compliment from the Guild to Miss Margaret Ross.

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On Fri., Dec. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Wells and London.

*IAN WALKER Treble	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	†THOMAS COOKE 4
RICHARD BUSBY 3	W. NORMAN PARK 5
	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. † 50th peal together.

Rung in connection with the 121st consecration festival of the church and for the 68th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Chester, (2) Munden, (3) Cambridge, (4) Primrose, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM HARRIS Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
*CECILIA COWLEY 2	FRANK CHAMBERS 5
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in six Surprise Minor methods.

Rung as birthday compliments to Cecilia Cowley and Mrs. J. A. Underwood.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London Bob, Lytham Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	GEORGE PARTING Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	ALEC WILSON 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	RICHARD HOBBS 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harold Denman.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY B. FULLER Treble	ANTHONY H. ROBERTS .. 4
ERNEST WHITING 2	LEONARD J. MINNS 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HANDBELL PEAL

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1959, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

AT 29, FOREST DRIVE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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QUARTER PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marie Davenport (first quarter) 1, Sandra Chesterton (first of Triples 'inside') 2, P. Martin 3, Patricia Wardle 4, Christine Wakefield 5, T. Roper 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, A. J. Poyner 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. E. Parsons 1, Elizabeth A. Cooper 2, Kathleen E. Chilcott 3, F. E. Darby (cond.) 4, R. J. Cook 5, L. Bance 6, L. Reece 7, A. Rogers 8. Rung by members of the St. Mary's, Beddington, Society to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cook.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Taylor 1, Miss J. M. Rushall (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Nichols (cond.) 3, A. Campden 4, W. E. Burnell 5, T. H. Townsend (first quarter) 6. For Advent Sunday.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Bird 1, I. Goulter 2, D. Field 3, D. Beacham (cond.) 4, P. Baker 5, L. Aston 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. C. Simpson on his appointment as senior assistant curate at East Grinstead, Sussex.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Victoria Hawkins (first quarter) 1, Pamela A. Jones 2, D. E. House 3, M. J. Thomas 4, Janice E. Williamson (first as cond.) 5, Gillian Cottrill (first quarter) 6, B. Harvey 7, D. Hawkins 8.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Oliver 1, G. Wall 2, H. Aitchison 3, R. Skelton 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, N. Errington 6, W. Tyson (cover). For patronal festival Evensong.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Hall (first quarter, aged 14) 1, J. W. Dixon 2, T. J. H. Prince 3, C. F. M. Collett 4, W. J. Dixon 5, B. W. Hall 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, J. J. Westmacott 8. For Confirmation service.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. S. Anderson (first of Triples) 1, K. C. Knight 2, Miss R. A. Stevens 3, S. W. Brown 4, R. V. Johnson 5, H. W. Brown 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. A compliment to Mr. Harry Gravett of the local band on the completion of 55 years' service as a ringer at this church.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Cork 1, G. Hollis 2, G. Court 3, J. Kelland 4, W. H. Ware (cond.) 5, T. Woodley 6. For the centenary of the church school.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, Gillian Outhwaite (first 'inside') 2, Ann Buncombe (first quarter) 3, J. Parker 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Coleman 1, J. Baverstock 2, C. Redwood 3, T. Byford (first 'inside') 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, P. Waterman 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Sykes 1, J. M. Stretton 2, W. J. Cross 3, H. H. Morley 4, C. C. Clarke 5, R. A. Reeves 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, E. S. Hitchcox 8. Rung after the dedication service by the Bishop of Dorchester of the peal tablet erected in memory of Ernest C. Pearson.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Real 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, L. Mowell 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, S. Sweetland 6. For morning service, and also for the 700th anniversary of the church. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Penn (first quarter) 1, E. Maund 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, D. Williams 6.

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Ruth Kortright 1, Mary Powell 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: T. Lambert (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Branson 2, Miss M. Wilson (first of Caters) 3, Miss L. Bevers 4, C. C. Brown (first of Caters) 5, J. H. Martin (first of Caters) 6, R. S. C. Wilson 7, A. W. Lloyd 8, C. R. Raine 9, A. Best 10. For St. Andrew's Day diocesan festival.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Ivings 1, L. Wright 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, L. Nice 5, R. Rose (first of Major as cond.) 6, E. Nice 7, J. Paul 8. For evening service.

FOOT'S CRAY, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy (82) 1, F. Gorringe (80) 2, R. Beard (78) 3, F. G. Wheller (62) 4, B. Aldridge (72) 5, P. Braund (24, cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to 2, 3 and 4.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Gillian Coker 1, A. Rushton 2, Amy Coburn 3, G. Hawkins 4, J. D. Painter (cond.) 5, F. C. Jacklin 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Rowland 1, F. Bowden 2, C. Johnston 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, D. Mosley 5, H. Gauntlett 6, A. Queen (cond.) 7, J. McDermott 8. For Confirmation service.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Read 1, Rosemary Jarrett 2, J. Eisel 3, A. T. Wingate 4, A. W. Davis 5, T. Wood 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, M. Munn 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for 1, 3, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

HURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. B. C. Castle 1, H. Smith 2, R. J. Castle (first of Stedman) 3, W. J. H. Parker 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, W. Hunt 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. Hicks 8. For the patronal festival.

HUYTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Flanagan (first quarter) 1, Audrey Adshhead 2, Jean Flanagan 3, T. E. Gore 4, Rev. I. D. Campbell 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For the institution and induction of the Rev. J. H. Richardson.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. G. Lavers 1, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 2, W. Simmonds 3, G. Skinner 4, W. J. Harvey 5, D. J. Roberts 6, F. Wrcford 7, A. J. Garbett 8.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Dear 1, R. Castledine (cond.) 2, W. Critchley 3, C. Critchley 4, E. Buck 5, H. Woolven 6, C. Harwood 7, A. Riddington 8.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): J. Nelson (cond.) 1, R. Crowe (first quarter) 2, H. Hunter 3, J. Humble 4, J. E. Sumner 5, S. Walmsley 6. Rung to thank Mrs. France and her daughter for the gift of an electric clock for the belfry.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECONS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering) consisting of Grandsire Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and Stedman: E. J. Smith 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, E. Pugh 6, J. Parry 7, R. Rees 8. First quarter in 11 methods by all and in Wales. A compliment to Miss Margaret Parry and Mr. John Davies, both ringers at this church, who were married here on November 28th.

LLANGATTOCK, BRECONS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sandford 1, A. R. Hutchings 2, D. K. Waiklate 3, N. Bennett 4, M. Holt 5, M. Hart 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, O. King 8. Rung by the University of Wales Change Ringers' Association after the loss of a peal caused by a rope breaking.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Crampion 1, A. B. Peck 2, W. Rawlins 3, R. F. Deal 4, M. P. Moreton 5, G. W. Cecil 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. A. Waugh 8. For the installation of the Very Rev. Eric S. Abbott, D.D., as Dean of Westminster.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. N. Bagworth 1, Anne C. Garnett 2, E. A. Barnett 3, I. H. Oram (cond.) 4, A. Bagworth 6, G. P. T. Peters 7, R. G. Leale 8. For Evensong.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. B. Mann 1, A. Hubble 2, J. Clarke 3, J. Towler 4, F. White 5, S. C. Easter (first as cond.) 6. For evening service.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 28th, 1,404 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. P. Smith 1, P. Dale 2, Miss E. M. Fearn 3, Miss C. Fernley 4, W. H. Dowse (cond.) 5, F. Osbaldiston 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan M. Cheney 1, J. R. Haycock 2, W. C. Budd 3, A. G. Grant 4, T. J. Frodsham (cond.) 5, T. Pittham 6. For Evensong and to mark the engagement of the tower captain, Mr. A. G. Eveleigh, to Miss G. Thomas. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Haycock (first of Minor) 1, L. A. Whewall 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, T. J. Frodsham 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3. For All Saints' Day Evensong.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Phillips 1, F. S. Slatford 2, P. W. J. Harding 3, J. Case 4, A. Knight 5, F. Ross 6, L. E. Hitchings 7, E. J. Hitchins (first as cond.) 8. For patronal festival.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Miss H. Pound (13) 1, Miss C. Willis (15) 2, W. Herrett 3, A. E. Pound (first in method) 4, W. Hitch (first in method as cond.) 5, Miss E. Willis (12) 6, Miss J. Sanderson 7, R. Day 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Ann Hancock 2, S. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For the first Family Communion service at St. Andrew's Church.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Crosby 1, R. Jackson 2, Mrs. L. Warner 3, A. Woodhead 4, W. Ellerington 5, P. Wishart 6, T. M. Cox (cond.) 7, C. E. Oldfield 8.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 29th, at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. G. Moore 1, D. R. Stoddard 2, N. I. Allnatt 3, J. G. Pusey 4, A. N. Stubbs 5, W. C. Porter 6, C. J. B. Taylor 7, J. H. Pailing (cond.) 8. For morning service. Also on Nov. 29th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, J. R. Harris 2, E. G. Moore 3, Christine Woodward 4, C. Coles 5, R. Elliott 6, N. I. Allnatt (cond.) 7, J. Adams 8. For thanksgiving service.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Alderton 1, W. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, R. Chambers 4, L. Wright (first in the method) 5, H. Horricks (cond.) 6. For evening service.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Bacon 1, Mrs. J. Saddler 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, B. Saddler 4, J. Belcham 5, P. King 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7, P. Sloman 8. First in method by all except conductor. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. Sloman 1, Miss J. Rowe 2, D. Belcham 3, Mrs. M. King 4, B. Saddler 5, G. Bacon 6, J. Belcham 7, P. A. Saddler 8, W. A. Smith (cond.) 9, P. King 10. For Evensong.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Aley 1, C. W. Sams 2, R. Hayden (first in the method) 3, B. G. Burton 4, S. Clark 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian D. Sewell (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, J. Small 4, Judith Walker 5, E. Wood 6, S. Skinner 7, T. Longley 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Felicity M. A. Rooke 3, Linda M. Southerden 3, M. Winter 4, C. H. Knowles (first of Triples as cond.) 5, J. Small 6, A. Hicks 7, S. Skinner 8. For Evensong on Advent Sunday.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Paul's Church, Fisherton Anger, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. E. Manns 1, H. Prout 2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3, N. Smith 4, J. Orme 5, M. D. Lewis (first quarter) 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Nov. 22nd, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: R. G. Leale (cond.) 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Mrs. P. Lewington 3, J. D. Painter 4, J. D. Rock 5, D. W. Stone 6, F. R. Scott 7, J. Phillips 8, T. P. Edwards 9, S. F. Kimber 10, W. Hibbert 11, B. Baker 12. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Dec. 6th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Aldridge 1, L. G. Gates 2, W. Wainwright 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Wallman 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2 and 3.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 4th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (with 5, 6 covering): R. Peake 1, P. Naylor 2, M. Stanley 3, A. T. Collins (cond.) 4, A. Stratford 5, A. Sims 6. First quarter for 2, 5 and 6. First of Minimus by all the band.

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Because of the poor quality of the striking, the University of Wales Change Ringing Society are not claiming the peal attempt at St. Mary's, Swansea, when 5,040 true changes were rung.

Correction.—Yorkshire Surprise rung at Leiston on November 28th was C. J. Sedgley's No. 13, not 3 as printed.

Meeting one short for a Major peal attempt at Birstwith on November 28th, Mr. K. B. Sibbon gallantly stood down. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung.

Will the sender of postal order P1/24/231446 (14s. 6d.), purchased at Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, please send Mr. Jeater his or her name and address which, was omitted from the form.

Mr. A. Robinson, of Mirfield, who has completed 60 years' service as a member of the Yorkshire Association, has retired. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

At Kingsteignton, Devon, where really good 'call-changes' but not 'scientific' is rung, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung on December 5th. A quarter peal card is being printed to stimulate interest in 'scientific' ringing.

To mark the christening of Martin Charles Spittle, a peal was rung at Ewell on December 5th. Taking part were his godparents Margaret Howard and Ralph and Derek Spittle. Martin is the son of Ralph and Pauline Spittle, both members of the local band.

Many ringing friends and members of the Rochester and District offer their congratulations to Albert and Dorothy Dunk, of Stockbury, Kent, who celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on December 20th. Mr. Albert Dunk is a District representative of the K.C.A., and both he and Mrs. Dunk are held in very high esteem by all the Rochester and District.

RELFRY GOSSIP

The Southern Evening Echo, in its issue of December 1st, reports, under the heading of 'Clanger?', of a local resident, summoned at Southampton Magistrates' Court for exceeding the speed limit, admitting by letter that he was 'in a hurry because he was late for his bell-ringing practice'!

The conductor and ringer of the fifth in the peal at Wookey (see page 721) was Mr. Francis C. Mogford, and not as printed.

Mr. Douglas Hughes is lecturing to the Antiquarian Horological Society on 'Bells and Bell-founding' at the Science Museum, South Kensington, on January 8th at 7 p.m.

By ringing the third at Southwark Cathedral to a peal of Cambridge Maximus on December 5th, Mr. James G. A. Prior, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youth, has 'completed the circle' at this tower.

The quarter peal in 11 Doubles methods at Llanfeigan, Breconshire, conducted by D. H. Bennett, on December 5th, was the first in 11 methods by all the band, on the bells, and in Wales.

The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, whose publication is 'Overtones,' has decided to employ a part-time corresponding secretary, 'at the very modest expenditure of \$100 a month.' The individual membership fee of \$5 carries with it a free copy of 'Overtones' and all publications of the Guild.

In the long list of illustrious Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, no member has held the office longer than Mr. Ernest G. Fenn, whose period of office embraced nine years (1938-1946). In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fenn, his fellow College Youths rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Southwark Cathedral on December 5th.

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REDEDICATION OF FARNHAM, SURREY, BELLS

ON Saturday evening, December 5th, the Lord Bishop of Guildford (Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins) visited St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, to hallow the work of restoration, which has kept the church closed for several months and the bells silent for many more.

In 1955 the Rector of Farnham (the Rev. H. R. Wilds) made the first suggestion for restoring, cleaning and beautifying the church and in 1958, after plans and specifications had been approved a general appeal for £15,000 was launched by the Bishop of London (Dr. Montgomery-Campbell)—a former Bishop of Guildford and resident of Farnham Castle. This amount was subsequently increased to £20,000 of which two-thirds has been raised or promised, and remainder guaranteed.

The magnificent tower was the first part to be under repair and ringing ceased in May, 1958, when the scaffolding was erected. At that time no suggestion of any work on the bells was made, but when the clock was removed for overhaul, the ringers pressed for a report on the bells and carillon (which plays a tune every three hours). It was decided to retune and rehang the eight bells in the existing frame, but when Messrs. John Taylor, who were entrusted with the work, lowered the bells to ground level, it was found that under the old wooden headstock the fourth was badly cracked in the crown.

A LADY'S INFLUENCE

Whilst the bells were at Loughborough, the Church Council at Farnham were debating ways and means of finding about £2,000, additional to the general restoration, for recasting all the bells and putting the carillon in order again. With the exception of the ringers' representative and one influential lady, the council were despondent, but within a fortnight of that meeting this lady had, by her own efforts, persuaded various local firms and families to give the money for the whole of the work.

A new faculty was necessary, but a complication set in. The Diocesan Advisory Board had not been consulted before the bells had been removed and refused a faculty until the reports and proposals had been discussed. The P.C.C. had been advised that the general restoration faculty covered the rehousing of the bells! But this was not so.

Following many weeks of letters and meetings the faculty was at last granted and work commenced. The return to Farnham tower of the bells was all worked in with the completion of the main work of restoration within the church, which consisted of two new chapels, a new high altar, baptistery, rebuilt and re-housed organ, new clergy vestry, new lighting and windows, the result being new cleanliness, a new light, a new simplicity and a new beauty, which gives a reawakened sense of worship.

A SEMITONE HIGHER

The bells originally were in the key of E flat with tenor of 20½ cwt. But are now a semitone higher (in E) with 19½ cwt. tenor. The third, fourth, seventh and tenor have been hung with wheels innermost, giving a closer circle for the ringers and considerably more seating in the ringing chamber. All the old inscriptions are on the new bells together with the new donors' names:—

Treble: 'Recast at the cost of their families in memory of W. W. Williams and A. J. Steadman.'

Second: 'The Surrey Iron Company.'

Third: 'The Farnham Herald Newspaper.'

Fourth: 'H. C. Patrick, Ltd.'



Farnham Parish Church

Fifth: 'William Kngham and Sons, Ltd.'
Sixth: 'Mercari, Ltd.'
Seventh: 'Taylor and Anderson, Ltd.'
Tenor: 'Laus Deo.' In memoriam Lt. A. C. P. Caspar, R.M., killed in action 1945, given by his father, Lt.-Col. E. H. Caspar. The tenor also carries a general inscription: 'This ring of eight bells, recast Loughborough, 1959, as part of the general restoration of this Parish Church.'

Hedley R. Wilds, Rector

C. W. Denyer, captain of tower

H. C. Patrick

B. H. Ogbourn

W. R. Wilkinson

H. Becker

Church wardens

As the dedication of the bells only occupied a small part of the main service of the restoration hallowing, and there was only an hour's ringing afterwards, it was not considered advisable to issue a general invitation to ringers everywhere to attend but about 40 were present and Major E. J. Bragg, District Ringing Master, organised the touches. The improved 'go' and musical qualities were much praised, although the light set of several bells caught out many experienced ringers present. On Sunday ringing took place for three services and again many visitors arrived, and in spite of torrential rain. Twenty-three ringers were present for evensong.

Experiments are being made to get more sound into the ringing chamber, but with the old drum and housing of the existing carillon in the clock room between the bells and ringers removed, it is expected that this improvement will be accomplished.

A strong and enthusiastic band has already been re-formed at Farnham and practice night has been fixed for Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., and on Sundays ringing will be 9-9.30 a.m. and 5.45-6.30 p.m. A meeting is to be held at Farnham at the end of January.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Town Hall, Folkestone, Kent, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1960.

Headquarters will be the Princes Hotel, Bouverie Road West. Inclusive terms, 42s. a day plus 10 per cent. service charge.

All ringing arrangements for towers in the area during the Whitsun week-end are in the hands of Mr. J. R. Cooper, 39, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent. Full details will be announced later, but members wishing to take part in peal attempts are requested to communicate with Mr. Cooper, stating any preference regarding method, number of bells, etc.

Further details will be published at a later date.

E. A. BARNETT,

Hon. Secretary.

GIFT OF HANDBELLS TO GREENWICH TOWER

For more than 60 years the name of George H. Daynes was prominent as a ringer and conductor in South East London. Mr. Daynes was born at Leeds, near Maidstone, into an old Kentish ringing family (his grandfather called the first peal by the Kent County Association at Frittenden in 1881).

Between the wars Mr. Daynes was in charge of St. Nicholas', Deptford, where he was also churchwarden. This church was badly blitzed, and when Greenwich Church and bells were restored he was invited to take charge of the tower, a position he held until his death some two years ago, at the age of 87.

In 1951, at 81 years of age, he called Holt's Original at Eltham, and in 1952 he rang the tenor at St. John's, Deptford, to an octogenarians' peal of Bob Major which was conducted by the late Frank Bennett.

Members of Mr. Daynes' family recently presented his set of 12 handbells to Greenwich Church, and these were received and dedicated by the Vicar (Rev. J. N. Higgins) on December 5th at a special service, which was attended by 40 ringers and friends.

After the service, those present were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall by members of the Greenwich band, during which Mr. J. Dafters, in well-chosen words, thanked the family for their gift, and paid tribute to Mr. Daynes as a ringer and a man, to which his son, Mr. S. E. Daynes, replied.

Mr. Dafters also conveyed the thanks of the band at Greenwich to Mr. E. Jones, of Lewisham, for his gift of a case for the bells and a suitably inscribed brass plate.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District nomination meeting at Benhillon on November 28th was attended by 44 ringers from 17 towers. The Vicar (Rev. Marcus Donovan) conducted the service. Tea followed in the Schoolroom, under the supervision of Miss Pat Collins and Mrs. Christine Harbott, assisted by the local young ladies.

At the business meeting, Mr. Gordon Peters, the District Master, welcomed the local band and also ringers from St. Martin's, Epsom. Two Benhillon ringers were elected to membership. Mr. F. E. Collins was nominated for the position of Master, the existing secretary, treasurer and auditor were nominated, and the Rev. C. Marshall, Mr. N. Bagworth, Mr. W. F. Oatway and Mr. N. Steere were nominated to the committee. The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks and further ringing.

Society For The Archdeaconry Of Stafford At Dinner

This year the Society held its eighth annual dinner at Stafford on November 14th, and despite the gloomy autumn weather 96 members and friends made their way to the county town. The long room at the Swan Hotel provided an ideal setting and an excellent meal was enjoyed. The Society's president (Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford) presided over the gathering and proposed the toast of 'Her Majesty the Queen.' In his comments afterwards he announced that, consequent upon his being appointed as Suffragan Bishop of Shrewsbury later this year, this would be the last Society dinner that he would be attending as its president. He spoke of the very happy association he had had with the Society during the past 15 years, and expressed the hope that it would continue to flourish.

The toast of 'Church and State' was, at very short notice, due to the sudden illness of a speaker, ably proposed by Mrs. Joan Bennett. She spoke of the happy relationship which exists between the Church and State today. In replying, the Rector of Stafford said how proud he was to belong to the English Church and of the community feeling between his church and the town of Stafford. This community feeling was far more evident in this part of the country than in his previous parish in London.

DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

The president then called upon Mr. Ewart H. Edge, a former secretary of the North Stafford Association, to propose the toast of 'The Society.' Mr. Edge spoke of the survey of Sunday service ringing, which had been the first real census of ringers to be undertaken. It revealed, he said, that there was a vast amount of positive work for Associations to do and that there must be co-operation between towers, ringers and Associations. One of the great problems of ringers was the recruitment and instruction of beginners in the face of competition from television and other counter-attractions of today. He went on to say that his Association welcomed the proposed diocesan ringing festival, and were looking forward to future co-operation between the three Associations in the Lichfield diocese.

A BURGESS HILL VETERAN

The ringers of Burgess Hill, Sussex, could not let the 79th birthday of Mr. Harry Gravett pass on December 5th without some record of appreciation. When the eight bells were installed at St. John's, Burgess Hill, in 1904, Harry learnt to ring. A brother of Mr. Arthur Gravett, who was for many years tower captain at St. Peter's, Brighton, he had rung several peals with Keith Hart and his band from Brighton years ago.

It is at Burgess Hill where his interest has been constant for the 55 years. When ringing was at a low ebb he gave all his support to the new band formed in 1958, together with one or two of the other old ringers in the town. He is very popular with the young ringers, and one of his biggest thrills was when this new local band struggled through a plain course of Grand-sire Triples.

His completion of 55 years as a ringer was marked by a quarter peal, which is recorded on our quarter peal page.

N. C.

In his reply, Mr. John Dinenage, assistant Ringing Master of the Society, thanked the ex-secretary from the 'Barbarous North' for his very kind remarks. It was, he said, very encouraging to go to meetings these days and see all the lassies and lads there with their mums and dads.

Mr. George W. Hughes, a Central Council representative, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He extended a welcome to all the visitors present and related to the company some amusing anecdotes about the habits of ringers generally. The Rev. C. J. Raby (Vicar of Claverley), in a witty speech, replied on behalf of the visitors and thanked the Society for its kind hospitality.

Once the speeches were over, the evening's entertainment began, and comprised a concert party. Mr. Frank Duggan entertained everyone with amusing stories, and Messrs. E. and A. Wiggins, accompanied by Mr. W. Robson on the pianoforte, sang well-known songs. During the interval Grand-sire Triples was rung on hand-bells, and the ringers from Penn. Wolverhampton, afterwards gave a new variation of 'lapping' which they called 'St. Bartholomew's Shuffle.' The evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Devil's Knell

At 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve the ringing of 'The Devil's Knell' will take place on the Mitchell Tower chime at the University of Chicago. This consists of tolling the tenor bell, followed by 4x4 strokes, which represent 'The Devil's Knell.'

During the Middle Ages it was believed that the Devil died each year at the birth of Christ. 'The Devil's Knell' will be followed by a chime and carillon concert of Christmas carols, preceding the annual Christmas Vesper service in the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

About 25 members attended the Southern District meeting, held at Sketty on December 5th, when the service was conducted by the Rev. D. W. White and the address given by the Vicar (Canon Garfield James). Tea was provided by the ringers and friends, who were thanked by Mr. Arthur Hoare.

At the meeting the Vicar took the chair and asked all to stand in silent sympathy with Mr. William Dobbins, captain of Gorseinon ringers, in the loss of his wife, and also in sympathy with Mrs. Witworth, of Sketty, in the loss of her father.

In welcoming the Guild to Sketty he agreed that the Guild should hold a yearly meeting there. The secretary and auditor were both re-elected. Five new members from Gorseinon and one from Porthcawl were elected. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Gorseinon in March, 1960. Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

J. T. W.

LIFE OF ARTHUR I. HOLMES COMMEMORATED AT EDENHAM

On December 5th, a somewhat grey and cold afternoon, a gathering of some 50 ringers and friends from a wide area attended a commemoration and dedication service in the ancient and beautiful Church of St. Michael, Edenham.

The service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Stainsby), took the form of dedicating a plaque to the memory of Mr. Arthur I. Holmes, who was for many years connected with Edenham Church and its bells. The Vicar paid a great tribute to Mr. Holmes for the many years of faithful and untiring service he had rendered to the church.

The plaque, which is of stone, bears the following inscription: 'Arthur I. Holmes, 1878-1958, Sexton, Bell Ringer and Steeple Keeper.' It is placed immediately above the door in the ringing chamber.

Arthur, as he was widely known, combined these three duties to his church most conscientiously. As a ringer he was always genial; an active peal ringer in his younger days, a good striker, and always ready to help the beginner; in fact he had probably instructed more beginners than any other in Lincolnshire.

He started his ringing at an early age, and when Edenham had only five bells. In the early part of this century he was chiefly instrumental in getting the bells augmented to six by the addition of a new treble. Six-bell ringing in South Lincs then began to take shape, the Edenham tower being a great stronghold.

The year 1911 saw the first peal to be rung in 14 methods at this tower, conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James. In 1931 he was again instrumental in getting two more trebles to complete the octave and the old tenor recast, thus making an excellent ring with a tenor of 16 cwt. A joiner by trade, he spent many hours in his spare time making improvements in general to the belfry, and in this respect he was most successful in adding to the comfort of ringing in this tower. The bells are perfectly heard inside the tower and out; they command the approval of the greatest critic.

Thanks must be accorded to the band of lady helpers who provided tea in the Village Hall, which was much appreciated. Before leaving, the hon. Branch secretary (Mr. G. Vickers) paid tribute to Mr. Holmes for his good work. Handbell ringing was then participated in, followed by further ringing at the tower. Some of the methods rung included Cambridge, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise. C. T. H. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Special interest was taken in the Devizes Branch meeting at Warminster on December 8th as the bells are shortly to be removed to the bell foundry for retuning and rehanging. It is hoped that they will be back in time for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury next summer. The 40 ringers present included visitors from Swindon and Newcastle. In the absence of the Vicar the service was taken by the Rev. Mr. Whitford, and at the tea, served by ringers and their wives, he and the two churchwardens gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. Methods to suit all tastes were rung.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MOST PEALS IN A TOWER

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. F. J. Cullum (265 peals at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith), to Mr. Edwin Barnett (264 peals at Crayford) and to Mr. George E. Fearn (250 peals at Birmingham Cathedral).

In reply to Mr. G. F. Butcher, Northfleet, my peals at St. Martin's, Birmingham, are as follows: 12 bells, 220; 10 bells, 18; 8 bells, 6; total, 244; conducted 104. (The first peal: Stedman Cinques, January 31st, 1899).—Yours sincerely,

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

PLAIN BOB CATERS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article of the front page of 'The Ringing World,' please find below a copy of the composition of the peal of Plain Bob Caters referred to.—Yours faithfully,

Warwick.

P. FAULKS.

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By W. H. MALE

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First rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, September 26th, 1959.

TAKEN A RINGING PAPER SINCE 1901

Dear Sir,—After being in hospital for a time, I was surprised when I picked up 'The Ringing World' to see that the price was to be 8d. in the New Year. Well, I am afraid it will be goodbye to ringing and the 'R.W.' I started ringing when I was 15 years of age and am now in my 83rd year. I started taking 'The Bell News' in 1901, and the 'R.W.' from the start. I have always looked forward every week to my 'R.W.', and as my eyesight is getting very poor I have to ask the wife to read it for me.

The other week there were 70 peals published. We like to see how the ringing is going on, but we do not ask for these peals to be rung. There were 356 ringers taking part: surely these ringers who ring the peals could scrape another 1d. or 2d. each to help the paper along. As to the gentleman who would willingly pay 1s. for his copy, I am afraid he could complain after 60 years.

If half of the towers took a copy for every ringer belonging to the tower there would be no price problem. Wishing the 'R.W.' every success.—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

Ilkeston, Derby.

PEAL RINGERS NOT A DIFFERENT BREED

Dear Sir,—Before reading the P.S. to Mr. Soper's letter, I had come to the conclusion that he had reached the age of intolerance. He is obviously an anti-peal ringer.

Speaking for myself, although not a prolific peal ringer, I would much rather read of other people's peals than of their meetings or outings. Do we follow Mr. Soper's suggestion to its logical conclusion and fix a charge for reporting all ringing activities? If so, dear Editor, your worries would soon be over, as a monthly leaflet would suffice.

I am sure Mr. Soper is under a wrong impression in thinking that peal ringers are a 'different breed' to the ordinary Sunday service ringer. In my experience, the peal ringer is usually the backbone of his Sunday service band.—Yours faithfully, M. J. BUTLER.

Southampton.

ST. NICHOLAS, HARWICH

Dear Sir,—I wonder if you would be so kind as to allow the use of your columns for an appeal on behalf of the Restoration Fund of Harwich Parish Church.

The church, which has a tower surmounted by a steeple is one of the largest in Essex. It has a ring of eight bells and can seat approximately 2,000. It forms a landmark that can be seen many miles out to sea. In view of its size and ample accommodation it serves not only as a parish church, but also as a borough, deanery or district church on national or other occasions when large crowds gather together for a united act of worship.

Harwich was once a very prosperous little seaport but now has lost practically all its trade (Parkeston Quay, though called Harwich, is outside the borough) and owing to war and flood damage is partly derelict. Its 4,500 citizens are all of working class families having very little money to spare.

A recent survey of the church revealed extensive damage by dry rot to the roof, and much needed attention in the fabric as a whole. The repairs were originally estimated to cost about £4,500, including £750 for the roof, but the damage was later found to be far greater than at first supposed, and it has already cost £2,500 for the roof alone and probably £15,000 will be required to put things right.

Just over £1,000 has been raised locally, which figure includes £300 from diocesan sources, but £1,500 is still owing to the builder, a local firm in a not-very-large way of business. He must be paid before any further work is contemplated. There is little more that can be done by local people beyond what they have already done, or are doing in fund-raising efforts; thus we are hoping that through your columns our needs may come to the notice of a wider circle of sympathetic friends who may be in a position to help.

We should be grateful of any donations, however small, and these should be sent to the Treasurer St. Nicholas', Harwich Restoration Fund, care of Lloyds Bank, Dovercourt, Essex.—Yours sincerely,

H. G. W. BACHE, Vicar.

Harwich, Essex.

PEAL AT COLLINGBOURN KINGSTON

Dear Sir,—A peal was rung at the above church on Sunday, November 15th, and recorded as rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Did the band know that this tower is affiliated to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, or is this a case of *rank bad manners*?—Yours, etc.

W. C. WEST, Hon. Sec.,
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

'SPORTS REPORT' SHOULD BE PAID FOR

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of this paper, be permitted to pen a few words in support of the letter from Mr. M. J. Soper, published in the issue of November 27th.

We all know, I think (although I am sometimes doubtful), that the primary purpose for the ringing of church bells is to call the faithful to worship. Any ringing other than this, with the exception of practices, is done purely for the enjoyment of the ringer, and could come under the heading of 'sport.' I consider, therefore, that if the first three or four pages of the 'Ringing World' are to continue to be a 'sports report,' then the participants of peals and quarter peals should be prepared to pay for the publication of same.

Please do not think I am against peal ringing. I have enjoyed taking part in several peals and hope to continue to do so. However, I would be fully prepared to make a contribution to publication expenses, and I would suggest a levy of one shilling per rope for peals and sixpence per rope for quarter peals. Assuming that this were the case, the peals and quarters published in the issue of November 27th would have produced the sum of £28 2s. (that is if my mathematics are correct). I agree that this is not a vast sum, but it would certainly go a long way towards bridging the gap.

Surely no one is going to quibble about paying sixpence or a shilling for forty minutes or three hours of pleasure: after all, we must consider ourselves lucky that churches do not make a charge for wear and tear on ropes, etc. I agree that not all peals and quarters are rung 'just for the heck of it': indeed, many are rung for church festivals and other important occasions, and rightly so, too! But all the same, we should still be prepared to pay.

I know of many West Country call-change ringers who take our paper purely because they share with us a common love of bells and bell-ringing. They, like us, would much prefer to read articles of common interest, such as the dedications of Great Yarmouth and Carbis Bay bells, or to read some witty and interesting report of an outing. Let's face it: is it fair that they should be asked to pay more for their paper just to read that so-and-so has scored his 500th peal, or that someone else has 'circled' a tower to peals? I know that I am not particularly interested.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Truro.

We are sorry to learn that the Ladies' Guild name peal attempt at Loughborough came to grief. There is to be another attempt shortly, a little nearer London.

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CLERGY SCHOOL GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO BELLS & RINGING

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, vice-president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, gave the following address to the Norwich Diocesan Clergy School in April this year. We ask readers to show the copy of this address to their incumbents. All who have the care of bells under their charge should be familiar with the points raised.

WE shall have the privilege later this week of hearing lectures on Christian Sacrifice, which no doubt included the offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies in service to God. The chairman of your committee invited me to talk this evening about what may be described as a rather specialist form by which about 42,000 churchpeople in the British Isles offer their service, by ringing the bells of our churches. May I attach part of what I have to say to the tale of three of our brother clergy, one of whom suffered disaster and the other two considerable inconvenience, which they might have avoided had they heard this talk.

One Sunday afternoon a few years ago some terrified Sunday School children at Okeford Fitzpaine in Dorset fled down the stairs of their church tower, to find the nearest grown up, to whom they gave terrible news—'Please, something dreadful has happened to the vicar, in the church belfry.' Investigation snowed the worst. There was the vicar's body, torn asunder, beneath one of the bells. Poor man, he had evidently taken the children up to explore the belfry, and one can only presume he didn't know anything about bells, for instance the important fact that before bells can be rung they must be 'raised' and set up (as in model), and when in this position it is extremely dangerous for anyone to go close to them. So, as any worker must begin by understanding his tools, anyone who wishes to know about ringing must learn a little about his bells.

FORCES OF BELLS

The forces set up by bells when ringing are surprising. A bell weighing X cwt. presses the tower sideways 2X and vertically 4X cwt. when ringing. So Mancroft tenor presses its tower nearly 4 tons to left and right and 8 tons downwards during ringing. In fact a ring of bells forms a valuable and important piece of engineering, whose maintenance needs the attention of a skilled mechanic at frequent intervals. It would do us good to know how much loving care is expended secretly on our bells by our steeplekeepers, who mostly do their work for nothing. We all should know just a little about belfry maintenance, for there are 5,422 churches in the British Isles with bells hung for ringing, of which about 187 are in this diocese, in 59 of which I am ashamed to say the bells are out of order and unringable. This is a poor show compared with many other parts of the country, thus in the rural deanery in which I began my ministry, in Berkshire, every parish church save one had a proper ring of bells regularly rung.

The things we should know are these points: The bells themselves are often valuable both intrinsically and historically. Bell metal is an alloy of copper and tin, and a bell is worth roughly its weight in pennies. The contents of many of our belfries form a remarkable historical record, for many of them were cast 500 years ago, and the oldest in this diocese is the 13th century bell standing on the floor of Snettisham Church. The achievements of the mediæval bell founders in overcoming transport and other technical difficulties to produce bells still of excellent tone, are remarkable and deserve a lecture to themselves.

About the time that Despencer the Fighting Bishop was hanging Lidester and giving Norwich Cathedral its priceless retable, William de Norwico was casting a bell still to be seen in St. Peter Hungate and still good

enough to ring. But bell casting and tuning is a very modern art as well as an ancient one, and a course of lectures could be devoted to the science of bell tuning as understood today, involving as it does the task of getting about ten different notes to sound harmoniously together in each bell. The 13 bells in Yarmouth Church were tuned so that each sounds best when heard in concert with all the other bells, for we shall normally ring 12 together, and the clock chimes will play a theme by Bach (from the B minor Mass). A rather different method is used for a bell which sounds by itself, such as Norwich City Hall bell which has a richer individual tone.

EXCESSIVE NOISE

The bell frame is a valuable piece of engineering, subject to deterioration through rot, beetle, rust, etc., according to what it is made of. It needs to be kept in good order, the bells need to be kept well lubricated, birds must be rigorously excluded—but as this is not an Archdeacon's Visitation charge I will say no more on these lines. It is worth noting, though, that the excessive noise which some bells make can be easily remedied, thereby lessening a very real source of annoyance to neighbours. It is quite wrong for bells to hang on the level of the belfry windows, so that a fiendish clatter emerges. Thus at Mancroft, the police can hardly hear themselves telephone when the bells are ringing. All that is necessary is for the belfry windows to be blocked up inside, by thin brickwork or sound resisting material, and if you can afford it, block these windows completely and arrange sound openings in the roof. The pleasing effect is notable at Lincoln Cathedral.

One more thing we ought to know about our bells. If your bells are out of order and can't be rung, they can at least be made to chime for very little cost. It is curious how terrified some people get of doing anything to their bells. An incumbent in this diocese recently invited me to address his P.C.C. about their bells. I found to my astonishment that they had raised £600 towards the £700 needed for the complete rehanging of the bells, but they were so worried about raising the remaining £100, and so deceived by the specious words of a salesman, that they wanted to spend £500 of their £600 on erecting a hateful electric machine to make noises supposed to resemble bells, whilst they were going to start all over again raising the £700 needed for

proper rehanging! and the gadget would only last 20 years whilst the bells would last several hundred. Strangest of all, the only reason why their bells wouldn't chime was because during the invasion scare in 1940 someone had tied the clappers up. They are now chiming their bells gaily without having spent a penny.

The Vicar of Okeford Fitzpaine needn't have known all these facts to save his life, but they are worth knowing nevertheless.

THE RINGING FRATERNITY

Now for the second cleric who suffered considerable inconvenience. It was Whit Tuesday morning, at a great and famous Cathedral in the north. The secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers had written to the Cathedral authorities to say the Council was holding its annual meeting in that city, and it would be deeply appreciated if the members might receive Holy Communion at the Cathedral that morning. They were told that they would be most welcome. But the celebrant had not been told, or else those concerned had no idea what the Central Council consists of. The celebration was in a small side chapel as usual with one priest. But when between one and two hundred communicants appeared, the Cathedral was hard put to it, to deal with the situation with dignity. It was a pity the priest concerned did not know a little more about what ringers are like, as a body nowadays. The 42,000 ringers in the British Isles are a highly organised fraternity. The band of ringers in each tower is normally affiliated to their Diocesan Ringers Association, and all the Diocesan Associations are in turn affiliated to the Ringers' Central Council. The Central Council meets annually on Whit Tuesday, normally in an English Cathedral city.

In view of the fact that occasionally people expose their ignorance by describing ringing as a dying art, I note that when the Norwich Diocesan Association was founded in 1877 membership was small, and the optimists dreamed of the day when there would be 400 members; that was when the diocese included East Suffolk also. Since the war we have had a remarkable increase in membership; during the last three years 200 new members have been elected, and membership today for Norfolk alone is about 500. So much for the dying art. And you must be a competent change-ringer before you can be elected; this means many months of hard learning and practice.

(To be continued.)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Melton District Dinner

Ringers of the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild held their annual dinner on December 5th in the Midland Woodworkers' Canteen, Melton. An excellent dinner was served by the canteen staff, 66 ringers and friends being present, including the Vicar of Melton (Canon C. M. S. Clarke), the president of the Guild and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Canon Clarke, in proposing the toast, 'The Leicester Guild', said he was very pleased to see such a good mixture of young ringers together with the older ones; it was good to see the young ones taking up the art. He also had a special word for Mr. E. Littlewood, of Asfordby, now 86 years of age and still able to carry on.

The president replied for the Guild and thanked the Canon for his words of encouragement. A very enjoyable social evening followed, led by the famous Kirby Harmony Twins, with dancing and the usual fun and games.

J. H. C.

ONLY A FEW LEFT

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OBITUARY

MR. E. J. JELLEY

As briefly recorded in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of December 11th, it is with deepest regret that we have to record the passing on December 3rd, of Ernest Jelley of South Wigston, Leicester. This has come as a great shock, not only to the ringers at South Wigston, where he had served the belfry for over 40 years, but to ringers all over the country, especially his many friends in the Midland Counties Guild and in Devon and Cornwall.

On October 31st he was present at the opening of the ten bells at Carbis Bay, and as recently as November 29th he was attempting what was destined to be his last peal attempt—Stedman Caters at Buckfast Abbey. He made the long journey back to Wigston on the Sunday, just at the start of a week's holiday. On December 2nd he visited his doctor who diagnosed angina, and in the evening he set out with his son John to the weekly practice at South Wigston. But he never arrived, for he turned back through feeling unwell leaving John to come alone, and during the night he passed away.

Ernest rang his first peal (treble to Plain Bob Major) at South Wigston on May 31st, 1919. Between then and November 20th, 1926, he rang 22 peals. In this period are included 10.912 Kent at Thurcaston on January 6th 1923, 9.120 Ilkeston variation at the Bell Foundry on February 16th, 1924, and an 'all-Ernest' peal at the Bell Foundry on May 1st, 1926.

His work as a driver for the Midland Red buses kept him away from peal ringing until May, 1944, and from then until June, 1953, he rang 11 peals, all at South Wigston. Then the writer came to South Wigston as choir-master and organist and through Ernest's influence also came to be Ringing Master. From then Ernest rang 320 peals. There was no stopping his enthusiasm, largely aroused through his son, then aged 15. Both father and son made rapid strides together and through the writer's leadership peals in a variety of new Surprise methods were scored. The enthusiasm did not stop at new methods. New towers in Leicestershire were visited for peals and also for 'tower snatches' and by his enthusiasm the writer was able to visit many out-of-the-way towers which would not otherwise have been possible. In addition many of the young ringers at South Wigston had good experience in visiting these towers. What was probably the most famous of these expeditions took place on August 27th, 1956, when five ringers set out for a 'snatch' at Saddington. Yes, was the reply to Ernest's enquiry, 'ring as long as you like.' 'For 2½ hours,' said Ernest. 'Yes! I'll come and listen.' And so a peal was the result. Perhaps the peal that caused the greatest satisfaction was on November 7th, 1956, when after much hard work and preparation a peal of Braunstone Surprise Major was rung at the tiny hamlet of King's Norton. This peal came round at 9.55 p.m. and the nearest 'local' two miles away. The famous black van never travelled so fast!

In all Ernest rang 353 peals: over 225 were with his son and 208 with the writer. At South Wigston he rang 61 and 146 at the Foundry (including over 100 on the ninth).

At South Wigston Ernest was latterly deputy Ringing Master and his experience and wise counsel often proved invaluable. Not given to voicing his opinion too often, he had the knack of saying the right thing at the right time, even if it did mean disagreeing with someone else. His presence in the belfry will be sorely missed. Another tower also will miss Ernest very much. For many years he had been a regular visitor at the practice at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, and his help and experience there had been responsible for the training of the band.

In his spare time Ernest repaired watches and many ringers at South Wigston and elsewhere have taken their timepieces to Ernest to be repaired. He was also a pianist.

To his widow, his son, John, his daughter and son-in-law we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and we at South Wigston mourn the loss of a great friend and ringer.

The cremation was at Gilroes cemetery on December 5th. It is a matter of regret that it was not possible to ring a peal to his memory at South Wigston, where he had served the belfry for so long, but a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung there on December 8th. A quarter peal was also rung at St. John-the-Divine on December 5th. Peals were, however, rung at Mountsorrel on December 5th and at the Bell Foundry on December 7th, both conducted by the writer.

The most appropriate epitaph is a poem composed by Ernest on February 19th, 1922, after ringing 504 Stedman Triples for morning service.

Eight bell ropes in a chamber hang.
Eight strong men went up and rang.
5-0-4 of Stedman Triples.
Oh! how sweet the music ripples.

This took place on Sunday morning
Just as service time was dawning.
When those men all walked away
The place around was twice as gay.

Good bell music is always pleasing.
But change ringing is often teasing.
For if one nian a mistake should make
The music often tends to break.

For on the very last change but one
A mistake will often come along.
And so you will see it leaves a doubt
As to whether a touch is coming out.

B. G. W.

MORRIS ALFRED TURNER AN APPRECIATION

With the death in Philadelphia last month of Mr. Morris Alfred Turner, there came to an end a most interesting and unique ringing career. Unique, because it was divided into two parts by a period of forty seven years, when the only contact with ringing matters was in correspondence with his brother Bob in Kettering.

Starting ringing in 1900 at Kettering Parish Church, Alf progressed quickly in the art, and rang many peals, conducting two. One peal, of Stedman Triples, was conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Alf would relate how after the peal the conductor congratulated the Turner brothers on their ringing. In December, 1908, he rang what was to be the last peal for him for many long years—Superlative with the local band at Kettering. In 1909 he set sail for the United States, where he married, and where for the past few years his grandchildren had been a great joy to him.

After retirement from his painting and decorating business, his thoughts turned again to England, and in 1956 we in Kettering were delighted to learn of a planned holiday here. We could not, however, anticipate the boundless enthusiasm for ringing which we were to see rekindled in this 70-year-old! Within a very few weeks, with the encouragement of his brother the old mastery of the rope returned, and Alf was soon ringing as well as ever. Before long there was talk of a peal, and the first took place at Brampford Speke, Devon. Shortly afterwards Bob Major, at St. Edmund's, Northampton, was rung.

It was not surprising that this taste of the old love should lead to a visit to one of the ringing towers in the United States, and shortly after his return home we heard of visits to Kent School, Connecticut, where

Alf was able to be of considerable help and was made very welcome.

In 1958, a second visit to England came, during which a tour of the Canterbury district gave him his first ringing week. A heart complaint, however, was to limit ringing this time to short touches, but the long climb to Canterbury Cathedral belfry, taken in easy stages, enabled an ambition to be realised. York Minster, too, was visited in the September, and what a joy it was to us all to see the pleasure it brought Alf to be able to ring on those magnificent bells. What a joy indeed to have had the privilege of meeting and ringing with such a man.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

GAVE INSTRUCTION TO 44 PEOPLE

Most encouraging reports were presented at the annual meeting of St. Peter's Guild, Staines, held at the Vicarage, Staines, on Dec. 2nd, with the Rev. R. W. Carter in the chair.

The Secretary (Miss Jean Williams) and the Ringing Master (Mr. R. I. Shepherd) reported that the first year since the reconstitution of the Guild, after a lapse of a quarter of a century, had been a very successful one and gave hope and encouragement to the officers for the future development of ringing in the Staines area.

A total of 44 persons had been given instruction in bell handling and control during the year including two persons from St. Matthew's, Ashford, where there are three bells! Sixteen Girl Guides had not, however, stayed the course leading to the Guide's Bell-ringer Badge, as they found that more was required of them than a few evenings' instruction. Five Guides would shortly be taking their badge and a further ten were waiting for the next course in January. Two Scouts had passed their first Bell-ringer Badge and four more were under instruction. The Scouts were regular and staunch members of the Sunday band. Twelve new members were elected to the Guild.

Income for the year from weddings and donations was £44. Expenditure totalled £38 and included the complete redecoration of St. Peter's belfry and the laying of lino tiles, also the provision of a set of bell muffers. Four persons rang their first quarter peal during the year and it was to be hoped that the band would score its first peal in the new year.

The bell-ringing exhibition at the Town Hall in October had been a huge success, 1,600 persons having seen the exhibits and heard the handbells or the recordings. As a direct result of this the Guild had been invited to affiliate to the Staines and District Arts and Civics Council. The meeting decided to affiliate at an annual fee of one guinea. Some of the younger members were preparing for their part in Benjamin Britten's 'Noye's Fludde' at St. Matthew's, Ashford, and a regular weekly handbell practice was to be arranged in the new year.

The Rev. R. W. Carter closed the meeting with prayers and expressed his pleasure in seeing so many young people present at their first business meeting.

R. I. S.

NEW RING OF SIX IN DEVON

Upon the advice of the American Air Force, Dunkswell, Devon, tower and bells were taken down in 1946. They were said to be unsafe because of the excessive vibrations from the activities of Liberator bombers which flew from the airfield a few hundred yards from the church.

The tower has now been rebuilt and the five bells, augmented to six, rehung. The reopening ceremony took place on December 5th, the 700th anniversary of the church.

Dunkswell has now one of the finest small parish churches in the county, and a good ring of bells. The splendid organ is the gift of Americans in memory of the airmen who lost their lives in missions from Dunkswell Airfield.

Christmas Greetings to all Readers

The Ringing World Committee, the Editor and staff send their Christmas greetings to all readers. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

A happy Christmas to all ringing friends, and may the New Year be one of many a joyful gathering. From the ringers of ST. MARY'S, APSLEY. 5424

Miss J. S. ARMSTRONG, of 21, Duncan Gardens, Morpeth, sends Christmas greetings to the many ringers all over England who are familiar with the bells of Morpeth Watch Tower.

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends, both old and new, wherever they may be, from Mr. and Mrs. ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Broadclyst, Devon. 5425

A happy Christmas and lots of good ringing and pleasant company in the New Year, to all our friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5450

Mr. Peter N. BOND sends every possible good wish for Christmas and New Year to all his ringing friends, especially to fellow members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 5454

To all Suffolk ringers at home and away. My season's greetings on Christmas day.

To old friends, and new, that often one meets With memories of Southport, and kind Norman Heaps—Les. BRET, Suffolk. 5435

Christmas-time is greetings-time, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, of Handsworth, Darley Dale, Nr. Matlock, take this opportunity of wishing all ringing friends a merry Christmas and all the best for 1960. 5423

A happy Christmas with good health and prosperity in the New Year to all ringing friends, old and new, is the wish of Marjorie and George H. CROSS. 5433

The ringers of DANBURY Church tower send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all their ringing friends, both near and far. 5442

The ringers of IMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, send best wishes for Christmas and 1960 to all old friends at home and abroad, to many new friends made during 1959, and to those it is hoped to welcome to the belfry in the coming year. 5412

To their many ringing friends, Paul and Flo FIELD, of Marshfield, Knole, Langport, extend best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Many thanks for good companionship in 1959. 5448

Happy Christmas, good ringing, and a prosperous New Year to Aldenham, Monken Hadley, and Cromer bands, and to all our other bell-ringing friends, from Donald, John and Ian FRANKS, of Radlett, Herts. 5394

The Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association wishes all ringers heartiest Christmas greetings and a very happy New Year, with lots of good ringing.—Frank SKIDMORE, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5. 5428

From Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS to all friends, greetings and best wishes for 1960.—Norman's Cottage, Groombridge, Sussex. Tel. Groombridge 438. 5416

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends, especially to members of the Winchester and Portsmouth and Sussex Guilds.—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. HARDING, Catherington, Portsmouth. 5445

To all ringing friends—greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—J. Arthur HOARE, Swansea. 5461

Christmas greetings to all members of the Sussex County Association, remembering especially at this time those who are ill, and those no longer able to ring.—From Reginald V. JOHNSON. 5409

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, is the sincere wish of Edward H. and Winifred KING, 371, Margate Road, Northwood, Ramsgate, Kent. 5422

Seasonal greetings and good wishes to members of the Railwaymen's Guild and ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, Swindon, Wilts. 5446

Christmas greetings and happiness in the New Year to all our ringing friends.—From David, Frances, George and Hilda MASSEY, Parbury Bungalow, Frome, Somerset. 5384

Wishing all our ringing friends a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and bright New Year.—N.S.T.G., Nailsea, Somerset. 5426

Christmas and New Year greetings with best wishes to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. D. POOLE, Marlow, Bucks. 5437

To all our friends a happy Christmas and good health in 1960.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred. PRICE, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 5413

To all ringing friends from far and near my sincere greetings and best wishes for your happiness at Christmas and throughout the New Year is the wish of Mrs. E. H. PULLING. 5417

A merry Christmas and a very happy and Prosperous New Year to all our friends, both near and far, is the earnest wish from all members of the ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, Barking, Essex. 5438

Mr. Albert E. SELLERS, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley, wishes all his ringing friends, especially those of the Beverley and District and Eastern District of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. 5407

A merry Christmas to all ringers and a special one to remaining members of 'Great Adventure' party, also congratulations to Australians on wonderful progress in change-ringing.—C. SHARPLES, 157, Preston Old Road, Blackpool. 5427

Hearty Christmas greetings and good wishes to all ringing friends everywhere, and may 1960 bring us happiness, peace and goodwill.—William SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank SMALLWOOD send to all ringing friends greetings and best wishes for the festive season, and for prosperity, health and happiness in the coming year.—Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Matlock. 5429

To all my ringing friends, may you have a Christmas season that brings you special cheer, and then enjoy twelve pleasant months through a very happy year.—Evelyn STEEL. 5439

To all our many ringing friends old and new, everywhere, now too numerous to mention individually, my many Guilds and Associations, our 'Ringing World'—cheap at twice the price—our Editor (Mr. White) and staff, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New and succeeding years; also our grateful thanks for many, many happy times and years.—W. Frank and Mrs. STENSON, Crewe. 5382

Best wishes to all ringers and friends for Christmas and the New Year. From Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 5415

A happy Christmas to all our ringing friends and best wishes for the coming year.—Martin, Paddy, Katharine and Penny THORLEY. 5453

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CLOKE.—On December 6th, 1959, to Daphne (nee Castell), wife of Malcolm Cloke, a son, Nicholas Malcolm Geoffrey, 27, Cedar Road, Botley, Oxford. 5445

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DUNK—SOPP.—On December 22nd, 1934, at the Church of St. Mary-of-Charity, Faversham, Albert John Dunk to Dorothy Edith Sopp. 5408

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHENSON.—In ever-loving memory of our dear elder son, C. Michael Stephenson, who was called to higher service December 16th, 1957, aged 20 years.—Father, Mother and Rodney, Ossett, Yorks. 5402

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5396

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5391

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Western District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5372

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Burgess Hill (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. North, Hon. Div. Sec. 5378

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room. After tea at Highclere (8). 5400

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Dec. 21st, 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, Strand, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Business 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 5441

BABWORTH, one mile from Retford, Notts.—Ring of three rehung and augmented to six by Taylors. Dedication by the Bishop of Southwell, Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, 7 p.m. All welcome. 5440

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, North Petherton, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 5460

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 3.15 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 20th.—B. P. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 5418

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Ringing from 2.30 in the afternoon. Tea at 5, followed by social evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 5451

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Maldon All Saints', Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5385

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent District).—Joint meeting, Sevenoaks, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please note this will be the annual District meeting. Names for tea to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5377

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m., in St. John's School Room. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 30th, please, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester. 5434

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Social evening, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Dinner and entertainment 6.15 to 11 p.m. in Lea Women's Institute. Tickets, 7s. 6d. Lea bells in afternoon.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 5421

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bearsted, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cantrill, 4, Royston Road, Bearsted, near Maidstone.—Pamela J. Osborne, Sec. 5431

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 5436

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sheffield, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. St. Marie's bells 3 to 5 p.m. Tea in Wosterholm Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsword Road, Sheffield, 8. Cathedral bells after tea.—J. Seager, Sec. 5459

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. in the belfry. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5414

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Hull, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (10) 2 till 9 p.m. Service 3. Tea 4 p.m., in Manor Café, Market Place. Names by Wednesday, Dec. 30th, to Mr. F. G. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5404

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dartmouth, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing: St. Petrock's, 2 p.m.; Townstal, 3.45 p.m.; St. Saviour's, 7 p.m. Service, Townstal, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 5393

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 9th, Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 12s., from E. Brunger, Lower Flat, Dunorlan, Tunbridge Wells. St. Peter's bells available 4 to 5.30 p.m.—C. A. Bassett. 5449

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Dinner Day, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing: Stoke Bishop, 9.15 to 10.15; Christ Church, 10.45 to 11.45; St. Philip's, 12 to 1; Cathedral, 2.15 to 3.15; St. Mary Redcliffe, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Michael's, 5 to 6. Service 6 p.m. Dinner 7 for 7.15 p.m., Senior Common Room, University Refectory. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from Jane Cook, 4, Cotham Lawn Road, Bristol, 6. 5447

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's last meeting of recent months was held jointly with the Chesterfield District of the Derby Guild at Bolsover on December 5th. In addition to a good representation by the local company and surrounding towers, visitors were present from as far afield as Howden, Yorks., and Loughborough.

Bolsover is indeed a Mecca of ringers, and for years has been associated with high standards of ringing, established in the days of John Flint, when a peal of London Surprise Major by the local band was an almost commonplace event. In keeping with this fine tradition, the ringing throughout the afternoon and evening was of a generally high standard. Although good courses of London, Bristol and other Surprise Major methods were rung, there was also ample opportunity for the many keen young learners.

About 40 ringers enjoyed an excellent ham tea, after which a brisk business meeting was held with the president (Mr. H. O. Chaddock) in the chair. It was announced that the next meeting would be at Sheffield on January 2nd, when the fine eight at St. Marie's and the heavy 12 at the Cathedral would be available.

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FROM MINOR TO MAJOR

WITH the exception of those issued in 1917 and 1918. I hold nearly all the 'Ringing Worlds' published.

No. 1, volume 1, appeared on March 24th, 1911 and the title of the leader is 'Our Aim.' In this we read that it was intended to use the columns for the information, the instruction and, it was hoped, the elevation 'of all who take an interest in the art of Change Ringing and in the business and social side of the organisations which promote the art.'

Also, it is mentioned that 'there is a demand for a journal which shall record faithfully and promptly the doings of those engaged in the pursuit of bell-ringing'; it refers to the legion of bell-ringers throughout the country who have long been awaiting a journal which . . . shall reflect their opinions, which shall keep them in touch, week by week, with the doings of their colleagues throughout the country and which shall cater for all grades of the Exercise—for those struggling with Grandsire Doubles as well as for those who have reached the goal of their ambition in the achievement of London Surprise or Cambridge Maximus.

Then there appear references to the items to be published, that the paper relies largely on ringers for such matter, that a short account of an occurrence published in the issue following the event if possible is better than a lengthy account published weeks after it when its freshness has departed, and that the paper will be open for the fair and impartial discussion of all matters appertaining to the interests of ringers. The leader ends thus, ' . . . we place the first number of 'The Ringing World' before our readers, content to leave it to their judgment and the hope that the spirit in which the work has been undertaken will perhaps be recognised and appreciated.' That was in 1911—sixteen pages, price one penny.

As I have said, I have no 'Ringing Worlds' of 1917 and 1918, but I notice that the price of the issue of August 1st, 1919, was twopence—twelve pages. (We must remember that this was just at the end of a world war.)

Next, in 1921, the Editor gave notice of another increase—to threepence on February 18th, 1921—but the pages were to be increased to sixteen. Making the announcement the Editor said 'Everyone agrees that, if interest in ringing is to be maintained, there must be a ringing paper, and, without it as a link between ringers in all parts of the country, the art would probably cease to flourish. For nearly fifty years we believe there has been a journal which has been the medium of information between ringers, and it would be a reflection on the Exercise if, in these days of progress, neglect or apathy (or whatever one cares to term it) left the art without its own paper.' The paper had to be bigger because its twelve pages would not accommodate all the matter which was being sent up then, and more pages meant more money.

On January 5th, 1923, the Editor gave notice that the sixteen-page journal would not hold all the matter coming to his hands, but a larger paper could not be produced without more expense and this could be met by either a dearer paper or greater circulation. In 1921 he had appealed for an increase of 1,000 more sales per week but this had been only half met by 1923.

However, the price remained at threepence until January 6th, 1950, when, still providing sixteen pages, it went up to fourpence, a decision made months before because of rising costs of production.

The Editor comes to us again on the front page of the last issue of 1954, giving notice of a forthcoming charge of sixpence—still sixteen pages. Here he stresses that the only revenue-producing side of circulation is our obtaining the paper by postal subscription, instead of through a newsagent, yet there were then twice as many of us who bought our 'Ringing World' through newsagents as did by post.

Now, recently, we were given notice of an increase in 1960 to eightpence. I suppose a few who now take the paper will drop out: I imagine that always happens when anything anyone takes goes up in price. But those of us who are really interested in ringers, ringing and bells will pay the extra money. We can help if those of us who buy through newsagents switch to postal subscriptions—much as I hate to suggest taking trade from anybody, but this is rather vital here—and try to get new subscribers.

If only the financial position of the paper were to become firm, undoubtedly the troubled Editor (I am sorry for him!) could improve the matter in it and the size of it too. It seems that it has had a passage by no means easy for many, many years and, so far, nobody has thought of something big to ensure its existence and enable it to be more attractive. I admit it could be more attractive.

If the paper were to fail it would take some starting-up again and the chances are that it never would. It would also be a great task to launch a successor. Even so, there would be a gap which none of us wants. For the sake of those who run 'The Ringing World,' as well as for ourselves, **keep it going!**

What should we do without it! May we never have a Friday without being able to read what has happened at so-and-so or to so-and-so, where so-and-so rang the other day, what so-and-so says, did, thinks and is going to do!

If we are lovers of ringers, ringing and bells we would feel very empty and lost without our paper. We should remember that it exists at present and that its continued existence is up to us. It is more than a national paper: it is world-wide.

Think of something big, somebody! If you can't don't quibble at the coming eightpence, although it will be eight times as much as it was in 1911. I venture to suggest that a garden shed would cost eight times as much for the wood and nearly the same for the carpenter to put it up as it did in 1911. So is there need for much alarm?

CLAUDE RUSH.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN WORTH Treble	DEREK OGDEN 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
*†BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
BRIAN HARRIS 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6	†EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* 300th peal. † 200th peal together. First in the method.

A 61st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham. Also a 91st birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Jones, of Eccleston, Cheshire.

LINCOLN

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

In St. Hugh's Tower

At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

RAYMOND F. SMITH .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 7
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	HERBERT LOWMAN .. 8
PETER A. SHARPE .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. 10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 11
JACK BRAY 6	JAMES W. RAITHBY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. A. I. Greaves, M.A., D.D., Sub-Dean of Lincoln, 1934-1937, Bishop Suffragan of Grimsby, 1937-1958.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

ANDREW D. GRANT .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 7
ANN BARR 3	ALAN E. JACQUES .. 8
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 4	WILLIAM J. WROOT .. 9
PAUL W. WEBB 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

In memoriam Ernest J. Jelley.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. Treble	†M. GEORGE NORTHWAY .. 6
*JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. 2	†CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE .. 7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 8
ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 9
†AUDREY J. KNIGHT .. 5	JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

† First 10-bell peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. HUGHES .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6
*ALBERT D. COLLINS .. 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 7
*HARRY BOSWELL .. 3	RODERICK J. LEES .. 8
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4	EDMUND A. MALIN .. 9
CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* 80th peal together.

In memoriam Herbert Knight, who was for over 60 years tower keeper at this church, and who died in January, 1959. He would have celebrated his 87th birthday on December 3rd.

LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

3T x 3T.14 x 12 x 3T.14 x 14.5T.16 x 16.5T.16 x 18.9T.18 x 18

H.L. 9. L.E. 2.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit LV).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

In memoriam Ernest J. Jelley (South Wigston, Leics), a one-time member of the 'Monday band.'

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. Treble	†JANE K. A. COOK .. 6
*BERYL W. ABBOTT .. 2	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 7
†EDWARD F. HANCOCK .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 8
†ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 4	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 9
*JOHN BRAIN .. 5	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN.

* First peal on ten. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Caters. First as conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Traditional.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HERBERT SUTTON .. Treble	†GEORGE A. PACKER .. 6
*HAROLD F. WHITE .. 2	†IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 7
†JOHN S. DEAN .. 3	*RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 8
†FREDK. S. SUTTON .. 4	*GEOFFREY PARTING .. 9
THOMAS PRICE .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method. First of Little Bob Royal on the bells.

Rung in honour of the Rev. Basil Stratton, of Market Drayton, being appointed Archdeacon of Stafford.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

D. KENVYN WALTERS .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 6
MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 7
NOEL J. DISERENS .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 8
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 9
REGINALD W. REX .. 5	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal of Royal in the method by the Guild, and for all the hand except G. K. Dodd.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a welcome to Nicholas, recently born to Daphne and Malcolm Cloke.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Treble	MARGARET E. BEAMISH .. 6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 2	TOM CHAPMAN .. 7
*†JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 8
*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 9
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. 5	CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First 10-bell peal. † First of Grandsire.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Southampton, on the first anniversary of his induction to this living.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN...	Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	5
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD ..	6
CAROL FERNLEY ..	3	DEREK TAYLOR ..	7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band except the seventh ringer.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

PATRICIA M. BOURN ..	Treble	LEONARD B. SCOOT ..	5
JACK S. DEAR ..	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ..	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 25, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.			Tenor 16 cwt.
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ..	Treble	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	5
*DOREEN MURFIN ..	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	6
SIDNEY W. FOSSEY ..	3	‡BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	7
JOHN ROBINSON ..	4	ARTHUR B. COOPER ..	Tenor

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

VICTOR GRIFFIN ..	Treble	*HAROLD E. BLACKER ..	5
BRIAN R. TILLER ..	2	†HARRY HEATH ..	6
ERIC J. HITCHINS ..	3	ERIC SUTTON ..	7
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ..	4	DENNIS H. COMLEY ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples in the method.

Rung to mark the Patronal Festival, and for the 225th anniversary of the bells.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JANICE E. WILLIAMSON ..	Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY ..	5
BRIAN MILLS ..	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	6
REGINALD W. REX ..	3	REGINALD F. CROOK ..	7
MICHAEL J. THOMAS ..	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN ..	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal of Oxford Bob Triples by all the band, and for the Guild.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*†BRIAN SMITH ..	Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	5
*PATRICIA A. WARDLE ..	2	*TERRY I. ROPER ..	6
*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	3	*PETER J. STANFORTH ..	7
ERNEST MORRIS ..	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Andrew.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

SHEILA PERCIVAL ..	Treble	JOHN HOBSON ..	5
JILL MAYES ..	2	MARTIN MAJOR ..	6
GEOFFREY W. MAYES ..	3	*JOHN HULME ..	7
*DAVID NEWIS ..	4	PERCY W. TOMPKINS ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE WATCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN E. ANDERSON ..	Treble	CHARLES N. LEA ..	5
EDMUND P. CROWDY ..	2	GEORGE S. DEAS ..	6
ERIC N. HARRISON ..	3	BRYAN PATTISON ..	7
DENIS A. BAYLES ..	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

JOHN G. PUSEY ..	Treble	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN ..	5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT ..	2	ANDREW N. STUBBS ..	6
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT ..	3	JAMES H. PAILING ..	7
DAVID T. DARBY ..	4	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR ..	Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in A.

*BRIAN SMITH ..	Treble	*ROYSTON WILMORE ..	5
†BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	6
ERNEST MORRIS ..	3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	7
*‡DEREK M. SAWYER ..	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 61).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 500th peal on tower bells. ‡ 50th peal. In memoriam Ernest J. Jelley, of South Wigston, Leics.

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NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	JOHN R. COOPER 6
JOHN O. WELLER 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
TREVOR A. CROSS 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

The conductor's 300th peal for the Association.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, KING EDWARD-THE
CONFESSOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.
JOHN ARBURY Treble	CYRIL C. DEEM 5
CHARLES J. TURNER 2	*COLIN C. TURNER 6
*JAMES AYRES 3	JOHN QUICK 7
JOHN W. MANLEY 4	†CHARLES W. GLANVILLE .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. TURNER.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the seventh centenary of the church.

RANMOOR COMMON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	JOHN D. ROCK 6
STANLEY G. PONTING 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	DAVID A. CORNWALL 5
MRS. PATRICIA LEWINGTON .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 6
*MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
GLYN F. JENKINS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas, and within the octave of the Feast of St. Andrew.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE DAWSON Treble	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN 2	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
*MAURICE BENNETT 4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (2).

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

ST. PETER'S IN ISLE OF THANET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MARY ELDON (16) Treble	*ROBERT G. DADDS 5
MRS. N. BRIDGES 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
SONIA DAVIES 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES 7
*CHRISTINE COBBOLD (17) .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

A 17th birthday compliment to the third ringer.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

W. ROSEMARIE HIDE, Guild Assistant Secretary Treble	
CHARLES W. DENYER, Guild Master 2	
CATHERINE POWELL, Leatherhead District Assistant Secretary .. 3	
CLIFFORD J. BEADLE, Farnham District Secretary 4	
STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL, Guild Secretary 5	
EDWARD J. BRAGG, Farnham District Ringing Master 6	
P. ROY COLLINS, Chertsey District Ringing Master 7	
E. JOHN WELLS, Guildford District Ringing Master Tenor	

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

A thanksgiving peal for the restoration of the church and bells.
hallowed the previous Saturday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester variation.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
JOHN A. ACRES Treble	E. ALAN JACQUES 5
JOHN V. TEMPLE 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
PETER J. HAWCOCK 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBLY.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW 5
*DAWN V. ELSON 2	†HARRY V. SEAR 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob. (2) and (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) and (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

ERNEST J. JELLEY Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES 4
IAN J. FRASER 2	PETER J. CHILTON 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	A. JAMES POYNER Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNER.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being a 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.

*MALCOLM FOSTER Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
JAMES T. ROOKE 2	DENNIS SMEDLEY 5
S. LESLIE BARLOW 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

MRS. N. BRIDGES Treble	*MARY TAYLOR 4
*SONIA DAVIES 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
*PAULINE FENNELL 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal—all aged 16.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. GEORGE AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, in six methods: 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 2 of St. Nicholas', 10 of Grandsire, 8 of Plain Bob, 4 of St. Simon's and 4 of St. Martin's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*DAVID EAMES (14) Treble | DAVID W. BRUNNING 3
WILLIAM H. CURSON 2 | JOSEPH W. COTTON 4

DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells, augmented to five in February, 1959.

Rung as a welcome to Penelope Joy, infant daughter of the Vicar (Rev. K. Roy Upton) and Mrs. Upton.

**GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY Treble | JOHN MEREDITH 4
REGINALD W. REX 2 | REGINALD F. CROOK 5
BRIAN MILLS 3 | GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*JAMES DAVEY Treble | ALBERT J. DUNK 4
JOSEPH E. GREYSTED 2 | ERIC T. EADES 5
GEORGE KENWARD 3 | GEORGE A. NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal.

Rung on St. Nicholas' Day, prior to the service of Confirmation, conducted by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON Treble | KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 4
KENNETH LAWSON 2 | J. ALAN AINSWORTH 5
GEORGE S. DEAS 3 | ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Tues., Dec. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE Treble | *MRS. M. CROSSTHWAITE 4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE 2 | CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE 5
DONALD LAWSON 3 | JOHN JOLLEYS Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal.

Rung for the anniversary of the opening of the Parish Hall.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEDFORD DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

MARGARET M. GODLEY .. Treble | DENNIS LAUD 4
MICHAEL HATCHETT 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 5
RAYMOND G. SMITH 3 | JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. Treble | JAMES BENNETT 4
HUBERT A. MITSON 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3 | RONALD W. STEWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*FREDERICK H. MUSSETT .. Treble | HUBERT A. MITSON 4
ROBERT E. LESTER 2 | GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal, and first local ringer to score a peal for a considerable number of years.

DANBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 60 methods: (1) Double Bob, Windermere Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden (19 plain methods by C. K. Lewis); (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (3) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Stamford and Netherseale Surprise; (4) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise; (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; 127 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD J. HARRISON .. Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST 5
PETER J. EVES 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

The most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

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EASTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three different extents of Kent T.B. and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. Treble	EDWARD PHILPOT 4
JOHN S. RANK 2	DAVID JOHNSON... .. 5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in two methods.

GREAT THURLOW, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.. Treble	THOMAS BIRD 4
*ROGER J. PALMER 2	WALTER G. PERRY 5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	*ANTHONY R. MANN Tenor

Conducted by ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. First of Minor on the bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Anthony R. Mann.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents, in four methods: (1) and (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) and (5) Oxford Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED E. HINMAN Treble	RONALD RUSSEL.. .. 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR.. .. 2	J. HARRY COOK 5
PERCY BALDOCK 3	ROLAND H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 4
ROBERT WAKE 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S R.C. BASILICA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

*WILLIAM D. WATSON .. 1-2	THOMAS W. GOODYER .. 5-6
*JOHN H. FRYER 3-4	*ROBERT J. KLIMA 7-8

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

* First peal. First of Triples as conductor on handbells. First of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' in Australia.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

J. REGINALD HEATH 1-2	ANTHONY R. MANN.. .. 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	THOMAS F. VARNEY 7-8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Ann Shiels 3, J. Harrison 4, M. Broadley 5, J. Meads 6, D. Lamb 7, A. Bridges 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, R. Broadley 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. For Evensong, and for the birthday of Charles, Prince of Wales. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Ann Shiels 3, R. Broadley 4, J. Harrison (cond.) 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Anne Burton (first quarter) 1, Patricia Collins 2, Christine S. Rowland (first 'inside') 3, Christine M. Harbott 4, P. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, Martyn W. Harbott 6. Rung for the birth of Martin Stuart, son of the conductor.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Stone 1, A. H. Reed 2, W. H. Tarr 3, F. Matravers 4, F. Morris 5, H. Churchill 6, P. N. Tubbs 7, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Eland 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, Marion Eland (first 'inside') 4, F. E. Godden 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Claude Corderoy 8.

RUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, T. Clark 2, Mrs. M. Bartholomew 3, N. Jenkins 4, J. E. Rootes 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, A. Leeming (first quarter) 8. Rung for the opening of St. Peter's Christmas sale.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Proctor 1, G. Scott 2, W. Dale 3, E. A. Cole 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, J. Cragg (cond.) 7, F. Pinchbeck 8. Rung to commemorate 60 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by John Cragg, and for his 80th birthday.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Paton 1, A. Thomas 2, H. Blick 3, J. Thomas 4, R. E. Coles (cond.) 5, E. Carter 6, I. D. Davies 7, L. Groom 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Roger Morris and Miss Ann Phillips, married this day at Cowbridge; also in honour of the birth of a son (Stephen) to Mr. and Mrs. L. Groom.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Josephine Pole (first 'inside') 2, P. Woodgyer 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrot 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. Salisbury 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Arthur C. Chaplin, for 60 years a ringer at this church, who died on November 25th.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sage 1, A. J. Crabb 2, Miss M. P. Barnard (first of Doubles) 3, C. Churchill (cond.) 4, L. Marker 5, T. E. Thorne 6. A contribution by Luppitt ringers to the 700th anniversary celebrations of St. Nicholas' Church.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 13th, at the Church of Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. R. French (first quarter) 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, H. J. Eldred 4, G. M. Harvey 5, F. Ranson 6, D. Theodora 7, Miss J. Scrutton 8. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Munton 1, Carolyn D. Cockman 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, W. Parrott 5, Sylvia Marsh 6, D. J. F. Oakshott 7, D. Herschell 8. First on eight for 1 and 8. For the dedication festival.

FARNWORTH, LANCs.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Anderton (first in method) 1, J. Thornley 2, N. Tompkins 3, G. Fothergill 4, R. J. Johnston 5, B. Tomlinson 6, A. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, P. Crook, sen., 8. Rung to welcome the new Bishop of Middleton (formerly Canon Wickham) to the Diocese of Manchester.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Welman 1, S. F. Haffenden 2, M. Northwood 3, Miss K. Stenning (first 'inside') 4, M. J. Newth (first as cond.) 5, R. V. Parton 6.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.—At St. James' Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: N. Pashley (first quarter) 1, W. Longbottom 2, C. Moon (first of Major) 3, J. Sutherland (first of Major) 4, H. Mineay 5, J. B. Budd 6, F. Kennington 7, A. Pashley (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. A. Greaves, Bishop of Grimsby.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Burgess (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Puttock 2, Miss E. Honnevet 3, N. Matthews 4, E. Breed (cond.) 5, A. Goldsmith 6. For evening service.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Grainger 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, C. Abbott 3, B. Huddleston 4, P. E. Parry 5, G. Locke 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss R. Blackshaw 2, M. Harrison 3, B. Mills 4, J. Meredith 5. Conducted by B. Mills and J. Meredith. First of Doubles for 1, 2 and 3.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. E. Graney 1, K. D. Waples (first as cond.) 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, B. M. Barker 5, G. E. Hazlewood 6. For Evensong.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Morgan 1, D. Downing (12) 2, C. Peakman 3, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 4, R. A. Peakman 5, F. E. Jukes 6, C. F. Jukes 7, T. Facey 8. For Evensong; also a farewell compliment to the curate (the Rev. V. Edwards, M.A.), for 3 years' faithful service, who is leaving to take up the living at St. John's, Tipton.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, Kent and Plain): A. Gargrave 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, T. East 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. For Matins, and on the occasion of the 86th birthday of Mrs. E. M. A. Saunders, a resident of the parish for 47 years and mother of the second ringers.

LONDON.—On Dec. 13th, at St. Clement Danes' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss J. Scrutton 1, G. M. Harvey 2, J. Mudd 3, S. Croft 4, J. Marks 5, R. Cademy 6, F. Ranson 7, D. Theodora 8, C. Ottley 9, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal for 1, 6 and 8. For morning service.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Carter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Cracknell 2, B. Cracknell (cond.) 3, R. Russ 4, J. Carter 5, A. Burt 6. First in method for 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. Croall 1, Miss J. Wallace 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, G. Hawkes 5, Miss S. Kimmines 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 6; also four other members of the local band.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Thatcher 1, Miss H. Young 2, E. Brown 3, D. Eades 4, F. Carter 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6. For Evensong on the occasion of the patronal festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Hatch (first in method) 1, G. Sandwell 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, E. J. Blower 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. White 1, M. J. Pointer (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. P. Coffin 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, M. D. G. Northway 5, D. Greenlaw 6, C. M. White 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For Advent.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,008 Plain Bob Major: R. Young (longest length) 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Miss C. Rodgers 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, F. Fisher 5, P. Walker 6, G. S. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Cleeve 1, Valerie Bundy 2, Jill Lane (cond.) 3, Pamela Jervis 4, Catherine Powell (first of Minor) 5, Christine Harbott 6. Rung by members of the Ladies' Guild as a compliment to Douglas May and Jill Lane on their engagement.

STOKE PRIOR, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather M. Pullon 1, Gillian Jackson 2, M. D. Fellows 3, M. J. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, J. E. Pullon 6. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of St. Goldwald's, Finstall, a daughter church of Stoke Prior.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Fernyhough (first quarter) 1, V. Griffin 2, Miss C. Lansley 3, Miss M. Wright 4, R. Purnell 5, Dr. G. Roworth 6, A. T. Collins (cond.) 7, C. Jones 8. For morning service.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Sutton 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, M. Stanley 3, T. R. Collins 4, B. Bladon 5, A. T. Collins 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 6. For Advent Sunday.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Langsdon 1, B. V. Collison 2, Miss A. George 3, Miss M. Ladd 4, J. E. Warner (first 'inside') 5, E. J. Ladd 6, S. Jenner 7, E. J. Brunger (cond.) 8. For evening service.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. H. Lawson 1, Miss E. Loveland 2, Miss S. Buchanan 3, D. G. Blows 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, C. Hudson 6. A compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Ure) on his retirement.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: A. J. N. Boyack 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, E. E. Holman 4, D. Hewitt 5, F. W. Sykes 6, T. Hawkins (first in method as cond.) 7, P. D. Chapman 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Sykes 1, H. Rumens 2, P. D. Chapman 3, E. E. Holman 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. Willmington 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 13th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: A. J. N. Boyack 1, P. D. Chapman 2, H. Rumens 3, T. Hawkins 4, M. Hayes 5, E. E. Holman 6, B. R. Downes (cond.) 7, F. W. Sykes 8, D. Hewitt 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nita Fricker 1, R. N. Clarke 2, Janet Miles 3, L. Mitchell 4, J. Dugran (cond.) 5. First quarter by the London Training Colleges Guild of Bellringers. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (2nd Hunt Bell): F. Cook 1, G. Oakley 2, M. Foster 3, J. T. Rooke 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,252 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spliced: F. Cook 1, M. Foster 2, J. T. Rooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Prime 1, Freda Phillips (first in two methods) 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, F. Sweet 4, R. Short 5.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. James 1, M. D. Bishop 2, W. M. Mann 3, J. G. Underwood 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, J. Woolley 6. Rung by the Nottingham University Society for the birth of John Ingram Douglas Cleasby, son of the chaplain to the University.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Jones (first of Minor) 1, M. Jillian Brierley 2, P. J. Hayward 3, J. D. Smith 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir F. J. West and Mr. H. Gent, who served this church for many years.

WOOTTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Marlow (first in method) 1, C. Osler 2, Pat Warner (first quarter) 3, J. Weaver 4, H. Balaam (cond.) 5, J. Chesterman 6. For the induction of the new Vicar.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Stanier 1, I. Goulter 2, G. L. Bowen 3, W. Sidwell 4, R. G. Morris 5, D. Beacham 6, G. E. Evenden (cond.) 7, H. Neill 8. Rung on the back eight for Evensong on St. Andrew's Eve.

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From on board S.S. Strathaird in the Indian Ocean Miss Florence C. Brown writes: 'This morning the Stedman recording of St. Margaret's, Westminster, brought the passengers to the captain's service and reminded me again of how much I regret the lack of time I had to say good-bye to my ringing friends in England. I particularly want to thank all those who helped me and welcomed a stranger into their bands—especially my "home" towers at Ealing and Stoke Bishop, Bristol.' Her temporary address will be c/o Australian and New Zealand Bank, Ltd., 351, Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Mr. John F. Killick, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, has been ringing at Sydney, Australia, mostly at the Basilica.

Reference was made at the Lincoln Diocesan Guild Diamond Jubilee to one of the two surviving founder members, Mr. John Cragg, of Caythorpe. John was 80 years old on December 9th, and on December 12th he conducted from the seventh 1,260 Grandsire Triples in honour of the occasion.

Six Isle of Thanet ringers are to be congratulated on ringing their first peal. Five of them are pupils of Mrs. N. Bridges, who is to be commended on her untiring efforts in the area. She states that Mr. Bob Dadds helps her a lot, and he also rang his first peal with the young first-pealers.

Rotherham ringers' recruiting drives at Penistone, Yorks, and Clay Cross, Derbyshire, have borne fruit. At both towers some six to eight recruits are forthcoming. Those at Penistone will be trained by Mr. Arthur Champion, one of the old band and at Clay Cross by Mr. Price, who along with one or two other ringers has been trying to keep things going lately.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The first peal on the new five at Church Gresley, Derbyshire, has been rung, and 14-year-old David Eames, who is the first of the young team being trained to achieve this standard, rang the treble very competently for his first peal attempt. The band would like to associate the peal with the memory of Ernest J. Jelley, whose sudden death came as a sad shock to those of the Midland Counties Guild with whom he had shared so many happy ringing experiences, and to extend their sympathy to his son, John M. Jelley, and all members of the bereaved family.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Edgar Shepherd, of Solihull, has for the time being to take things very quietly—no ringing, no cycling and not walking too far. He is awaiting the specialist's verdict.

Miss Ann Brown, of Sydney, leaves Australia on December 28th for approximately five months in Great Britain. She hopes to renew acquaintances with ringing friends in Epsom, Kent, Leicester and Bray, Ireland.

Ringers attending the induction of Rev. Alfred Jowett, to the living of St. George's, Doncaster, on January 30th at 2.30 p.m. should note that car parking will be in the Technical College School yard with entrance by St. George's Gate.

A query from Mr. John H. Gilbert, Long Ashton, Bristol: 'Will the Central Council recognise the peal which Professor Dodge offered to arrange in the issue of December 11th? After all, it would be directly connected with a publication under their control.'

A band from the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild rang a quarter peal at Walburton, Sussex, as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Ure) on his retirement. Afterwards the Vicar entertained the band to a 'wonderful' tea.

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'NOT SO OLD' TIMER'S REMINISCENCES OF LONDON RINGING

By JAMES A. HALES

I DID a good deal of ringing in the 1920's. For some years I was the Northern District Secretary of the London County Association. Contemporary with me and all in our teens were Jack Waugh, Ray Cousins and Jim Prior. I saw the rise of the Stepney band with the brothers Fox—what a grand lot of chaps they were. 'Taft' was our mentor (Thos. H. Taffender to you) and now in his 83rd year. A year or so back, I had the honour to propose a toast to 'T.H.T.' and I wondered how many ringers there were of whom 'Taft' had called their first peal. I would go further and query how many Masters of the Ancient Society have had their first peal called by him.

In East London, we had some varied ringing in the 1920's. Bethnal Green and Leytonstone practised on Mondays. The latter had about the finest six bell band in the South. Lamberhurst and Trumpington were useful, but I think Leytonstone with the brothers Pye, Theobald, Prior, Millar and Ted Smith, to name but a few of the band, got the palm. Ted Smith is still with us and just as good a striker. Last year at Poplar, just about halfway through a quarter of Stedman Caters, the tenor clapper fell out and chased poor old Ted down the stairs.

ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY

To return to the 1920's. St. John-at-Hackney's night was a Tuesday. Harry Alford jun. ('Bodkin') was the steeplekeeper, there being a certain amount of paid ringing and the band was built up by the Upper Clapton ringers, the leading light of whom was W. J. Kemp. Billy Kemp taught me to handle. He was an excellent ringer who unfortunately died very young. He rang a peal at Hackney, went off home on his motor-cycle combination, contracted a chill and died. His was a sad loss. At St. John's, I did not like the way we young fellows had to stand on the sidelines, especially on paid occasions, and more so as we were all keen members of St. John's, so I started up some acrid correspondence in 'The Ringing World' the upshot of which was that Alford was asked to resign as steeplekeeper and we took over. We revived the old society and the bells of Old Hackney (as they are called) rang right up to 1939. Some of my readers will be aware that St. John's was completely gutted by fire and has now been rebuilt. Mears have put in a fine eight, and Denis Neal, the Master of the present Clapton band, has taught a really fine lot of chaps to handle, and I had the pleasure of seeing them open the bells last year at the dedication.

SWEETS AT SOUTHWARK

Southwark Cathedral was the venue for Wednesdays. Mr. Seabrook always saw that a bag of sweets was on the table (other towers please copy!) Dear old Bob Newton was there, with his apple-checked complexion and his white head. I can see him now, he was always with a learner. I can remember him holding the rope, whilst the 'rookie' waited for the sally and hoped for the best.

There was nothing I liked to do more than ring for the Saturday monthly musical service at Southwark. Seats were always reserved for the ringers and I have heard some lovely music there—'Messiah' at Christmas and Bach's Passion Music in Holy Week. Apropos Southwark, I had a wonderful experience there last year. When a peal attempt is made, the lights in the nave are switched off and a couple of hurricane lamps are left by the belfry door to light the way out. I was not in the peal attempt, but I heard the start and then had the experience of walking through the darkened cathedral with history

pressing in on me from all sides, the fitful light through the stained-glass windows and the majesty of the bells overhead. I doubt if I shall ever capture such a moment again.

Thursday was the night of St. John-at-Jerusalem, South Hackney; Ike Attwater was the master and Riley the steeplekeeper. Dear old Riley was one of those rare birds who could 'plain hunt' faultlessly but make a dodge—never. The Bethnal Green band always attended at South Hackney. Hills, Fred Smith, Sid Penfold, the standard was good—Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

TOUGH IN THE EAST

Friday night, St. George's-in-the-East. This really was something, with a tenor of about 30 cwt., and she felt it! Knots in the ropes as big as fists, some stayless bells, and so on. I went up there one night and was told that the tenor had been bumped and had jumped out of her bearings and was resting on the frame. As I reached for my hat I was told not to go as they were putting her back. They did too—they were mighty tough in the East.

St. George's ringers practised at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on the old six. Many's the chore I did there. I remember cleaning the lovely bust of Mrs. Pepys. There was a fair eight at All Hallows', Barking, but alas, this was a war casualty and now has a carillon. I did a deal of ringing at St. Olave's on Pepys' Day, the Trinity House service and harvest festival. Tom Wellard, the priest, I knew well for he had been vicar of St. Luke's, Hackney, before he went to St. Olave's. I was a member of the band that opened the bells when the two trebles were added there. I missed my chance of immortality (one's picture in 'The Times') for Preb. Wellard asked me to get the ringers together as the Bishop, dear old Winnington-Ingram, expressed a wish to have a photo of himself and the ringers. I dashed across the road to the place where the ringers are wont to gather, but in the meantime some choirmen had been collected, the ropes placed in their hands with the Bishop in the middle and the photo duly appeared in 'The Thunderer' the next day.

Lord Mayor's Show day was great fun. The College Youths, as they still do, rang at St. Paul's, Cornhill, Cripplegate. For us lesser fry there was always St. Clement Danes', St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, St. Magnus', Jewry, or Barking-by-the-Tower, depending on the course of the route taken by the procession.

VETERAN RECTOR

About St. Magnus the Martyr, the Rev. Fynnes Clinton, who was the rector in the 1920's, still holds the living. I should think this must be a record for the City, at least my friend Bill Grainger says so; he visits the reverend gentleman regularly and says that he is in his 86th year and has altered very little. The Rev. Fynnes Clinton was a good friend to us and we managed a monthly quarter peal attempt for evensong and always rang for the Christmas Eve and annual parish procession. In return, the bells could be had for peal attempts.

Peal attempts have no great attraction for me. Quarters, yes. I would go a distance for a quarter peal but as for peals—after half-way through a peal attempt I would wonder I was in this Such a lot I could be doing in other fields. So although I have rung a number of peals, I never collected them. I am very proud of Holt's Original called by Bill Judd at St. Mary's, Woolwich. The steeplekeeper was anxious to score his first peal at his local tower, and this attempt was a real joke amongst London ringers for it would not come home and if it had been attempted once it had been attempted twenty times to no avail.

I only went twice. The first time, after two hours, one of the band (who in later years became Master of the Ancient Society) fainted, and on the second occasion we scored the peal and great were the rejoicings thereof.

I remember standing in a peal attempt at St. Magnus-the-Martyr with a most exalted band, including James George, Bill Fussell and F. E. Dawe. It was a half-muffled peal for, I believe, the steeplekeeper of St. Mary Abbots. It came to grief just over half-way and Frank Dawe's bell came down. 'Taft' went up top and found a clocking hammer bent and went in search of the verger. We had forgotten to tie the rope of the Angelus bell and the verger, quite irrespective of the bells ringing, had come out at six o'clock and tolled the bell and that was the end of the peal attempt. We rang it later, but not with all the 'top brass.'

Those old ringers fascinated me. Is their like about today? An abler pen than mine has written about Frank Dawe and how he set about his ambition to score a peal on all the cathedral bells in the United Kingdom. He always took a cab, carried a gladstone bag, and prior to a peal attempt he would produce a duster, some powder and a chamois leather sleeve that he would put round the tail of the rope almost up to the sally.

JIMMY GEORGE'S ALBERT

Jas. George had an enormous gold albert, loaded with ringer's badges and emblems. It hung down in a great loop from his top waistcoat button. Prior to ringing, he would gather the whole lot up and thrust it into a trousers pocket. He was keen to ring a peal at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel. I stood in several attempts there, but no luck. What a ring of bells! No one could make out why the whole lot would suddenly come down. It was said the cause was two District Railway trains passing, or when a bell was bumped, or the wind, I do not know but this I do know, many a wet shirt I had up there. Dear old Ted Wallage was the steeplekeeper. How old was Ted? I don't know but to me he was the oldest man I have ever seen, and ever will, but he could tap the treble to his beloved Stedman.

St. Mary's was a war casualty. The rector, the Rev. John Mayo, was a real character. He kept a good table, and many's the meal I have had with him. He was the originator of the Wayside Pulpit and had about five small notice boards and every week would have a 'five-minute sermon,' some well-known verses of a hymn and a prayer. Knowing how he loved his church, I doubt whether he long survived its destruction.

I remember the Rev. Pennington Bickford and his devoted wife. What a tragedy when St. Clement Danes' was destroyed and their world came to an end. They were good friends to London ringers and the L.C.A. annual meeting at St. Clement's was always well attended and the church full for the service, for Pennington Bickford was a good ringer's parson.

THE THIRTEENTH BELL

Sad to hear of the passing of Alf. Pulling. He was a fine fellow and I remember one year I was on a cycling tour of the West Country and I knew that Alf. had a peal attempt at Exeter. I had never rung on the cathedral bells and I met him outside the tower and asked if I could come up. 'By all means,' said he, so up I went. I cannot say what I rang but it was about the fifth or sixth. I struck it perfectly, but everyone was shouting at me to stand. I did, and to my amazement the twelve still rang out—I had taken the odd one of the thirteen.

CLERGY SCHOOL GIVEN INSIGHT INTO RINGING

By Rev. GILBERT THURLOW

(Continued from page 760)

May I plead for a certain degree of patience and understanding in dealing with our ringers. A new vicar came to Mancroft 50 years ago. He demanded that all who rang at Mancroft should attend the services for which they rang. He didn't realise that good ringers are experts living far apart and with years of experience behind them, like Cathedral Lay Clerks. Nor did he know that several of the ringers were either churchwardens or parish clerks at other Norwich churches. So Mancroft bells were silent for a while. If we know nothing about ringing or about the problems ringers face, we must not cavil if they show a certain degree of independence. The very independence of ringers is an advantage in some ways. As vice-president of the Central Council, I am offered my travelling expenses and accommodation at Southport's best hotel for the meeting on Whit Tuesday, which shows a more courageous financial outlook than for instance the Central Council for the Care of Churches can show, relying as it does on Church Assembly funds. That's how ringers behave. Whilst too many choirs in Norwich Diocese cannot afford it seems to pay their fares to Norwich Cathedral for the annual Choral Festival ringers think nothing of paying their fares to ringing meetings all over the land. That's how you behave when you are really devoted to something.

A SOCIAL ACTIVITY

The clergy often tend to think of ringers as an irreligious body. This is to some extent true, but to a far smaller extent than you may suppose. You must remember that change ringing as a scientific art began to develop at the very time when the church was least interested in the arts. Fabian Stedman, the Cambridge printer who was the first to realise the great mathematical possibilities of ringing bells in changes, that is in a varying order every time they sound, was born in 1631, the College Youths, which society might be called the leader of Change Ringing, was founded in 1637, and what we know as Change Ringing, the order changing every time the bells sound, was first practised in 1642, of all decades in church history! Change Ringing shared to the full the gaiety of English life in good King Charles's golden days, the days of Purcell and the Bell Anthem, the days when Stedman was in his prime, and when the dandies of Cambridge and elsewhere who would be rowing a few generations later, spent much time ringing in the University Church and St. Bene't's. We only have to look at the 18th century churches, which are so much more remarkable for their architectural charm than for their sense of worship, to see that the bond between worship and art was slender in the time of the Georges, so ringing was still a social rather than a worshipful activity. Norwich was outstanding as a ringing centre at that time, and the first long peal of over 5,000 changes ever rung is commemorated by a fine peal board in Mancroft tower, dating from 1715.

It was during the growth of the Oxford Movement that change ringing came into its own as a definite part of the service of worship. It was during the 70's of last century, and since then, that the diocesan ringers' associations have been founded, most with the

bishop of the diocese as the patron or president, and other clergy as active members or supporters, and today ringing takes place for more religious occasions and perhaps fewer secular occasions than ever before. The bells are today thought of as one of the adjuncts of worship, as they were in mediæval times, and we look forward at Yarmouth to the blessing of our new bells by the Dean in June, and their opening for ringing by the Bishop of Thetford in August.

Lest any still think of ringers as irreligious, may I note that amongst the ringing societies there is the Guild of Clerical Ringers. Its 76 members include two diocesan bishops and three archdeacons, and though neither of our bishops can claim membership, they shine by the glory of their children, for a son of one and a daughter of the other are ringers. If the cathedral celebrant that Whit Tuesday morning had known all these things, he would have been more prepared.

THE HEAD THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR

Now for the third cleric who suffered considerable inconvenience, which might have been avoided had he heard this lecture.

Many years ago eight strong members of Cambridge University Guild were three-quarters of the way through a peal in an intricate method. Behind their achievement were many years of experience, and through the brain of each man there was flowing a highly complicated train of thought, somewhat similar to what goes through an organist's mind when he is playing a fugue. Their muscles were tensed and active in a manner reminiscent of the Cambridge crew on their way to victory. They were facing something difficult, something worth achieving, their minds were elated by possible victory as when Sir Edmund Hillary was at last on the summit ridge of Everest. And then the thing happened. The trap door admitting to the ringing room began to rise. Beneath it appeared the fresh young face of the curate. He had come to say Matins. He couldn't say it with this hurly-burly going on overhead. Who were these bucolic old men disturbing the church's peace? Hadn't his theological college taught him the greater importance of the Daily Office? So he must stop the noise. But those above thought otherwise. What would happen to anyone who dropped a branch into the Thames just as Cambridge were rowing past? What would happen to anyone who fired a shot into the ball just as Norwich City's winning goal was about to be scored? An old Prebendary of Lincoln, who happened to be ringing the bell nearest to the trap door, jumped upon it. A thud was heard below. A sadder and wiser cleric complained to his vicar. But the vicar took a more philosophical view. I remember how the Dean of St. Paul's at a College Youths' annual dinner said 'When I was Dean of Exeter, when Exeter Cathedral bells were halfway through a four hour peal and when I was half-way through a chapter in philosophy, I would pause and think . . . but then I would think again—what is a philosopher compared with a ringer of bells?' Now this is the lesson that young priest learnt that day: he learnt that ringing is a sacramental thing. I mean this.

THE INNER MEANING

Every human cultural activity has its outward form and its inward meaning; the inner meaning is only appreciated by those who have become initiated into it. Most games seem a pointless throwing about of a ball until you are initiated into their meaning. Music is a foreign language as far as real appreciation is concerned, until you have something of its theory in your mind. And as with games and music, drama, architecture, and sculpture, so with ringing, there is the inner meaning only appreciated by those who take the trouble to learn to understand it, and we need the humility to admit that we cannot appreciate the inner meaning of the activities in which we do not happen to specialise. Now ringing has a vast and complicated inner meaning, which one cannot explain in ten minutes. You can't learn anything big in a day, and those who wish to learn something about ringing seriously have their opportunities; thus there was a residential course on ringing from Friday to Sunday recently at Dillington House, the adult educational centre in Somerset, and there is the obvious course of learning at the nearest church where the art is practised. I would merely say that the essence of the art of change-ringing is that, starting with the bells ringing rounds, that is straight down the scale, when change-ringing begins each ringer causes his bell to proceed along a predetermined path amongst the others, each bell pursuing its own path and yet fitting in with all the others to form a rhythmic pattern of sound, different every time, so that the order of the bells never precisely repeats until they come back to rounds again. In its simplest forms this is easy after a few months' practice, but at its most complicated it is quite difficult enough for the brain of the Astronomer Royal, with whom incidentally I rang my first peal, hand-bells in Trinity Great Court.

If the curate under the trap door had known all this he might have acted differently. I wonder which theological college he attended. I recently, at the request of the Central Council of Ringers, sent a questionnaire to all the theological colleges, inviting them to say what they do to encourage their men to take an interest in ringing. It is regrettable, though perhaps not surprising, that seven of our colleges have no time at all to devote to the art. In nine colleges the door is open, as the missionary societies would say; that is to say, they either have lectures on the subject or they encourage their men to ring with the ringers at a nearby church, or they wish to begin doing so. Through the ringers' organisation, we are arranging for these colleges to take part in whatever activities they desire. Four colleges are happiest of all. At Cheshunt, Cuddesdon, Lichfield, and Salisbury, ringing is a flourishing activity amongst the students, and has been for some time. At Cuddesdon the Bishop of Lincoln, when he was Principal, set ringing really on its feet amongst the immediate post-war generation, and today of the 55 students there, 29 can handle a bell, 24 can ring rounds and 5 can ring Bob Doubles, that is simple changes on 5 bells. In August last year only one of them could ring. So the theological colleges do do something! At Cheshunt the Principal, Canon Trillo, is himself learning to ring.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MOST ESSENTIAL PART

Dear Sir.—After reading the very fine leading article by 'P.G.' in 'the Ringing World,' of December 11th. it came as rather a disappointment to find another half page wasted on H. Chant's rubbish.

The suggestion that ringers are a 'privileged class' getting something for nothing is just not true, as anyone lucky enough to work in a parish where 'planned giving' schemes operate will know. In addition, many ringers spend all they can afford (and more) on fares etc. to teach and/or learn.

David Heighton says he doesn't mind how much his 'Ringing World' costs, but very many ringers have to mind. That is why it is easier to pay 8d. a week, rather than £1 15s. just after Christmas.

Oddly enough, the part of the paper which is of most value to the Exercise, meeting notices, is passed by anyway!—Yours faithfully,

ROY COLLINS.

Chobham, Surrey.

PAGE OF PEALS IS CHEAPER

Dear Sir.—I would like to say that at the increased price of 'the R.W.' in 1960 I shall still be pleased to take it every week. I see that the argument with regard to a levy on peals continues despite the decision of the Standing Committee. Personally I would have been prepared to pay the increase either way quite willingly, and I feel sure this is true of the majority of peal-ringers. However, I think it would be interesting if a few figures on cost could be presented to the readers, e.g. what it would cost to print 'the R.W.' without peals, compared with the cost including them. It might also be an eye-opener to many readers to see what the Editorial staff gets out of all this!—Yours sincerely,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Southampton.

NOTE.—It is cheaper to print a page of peals than a page of 7pt. letterpress, the difference being 9s., a page.—Ed.

HALF-A-CROWN A ROPE!

Dear Sir.—Peal ringing is one of the cheapest of hobbies, but we would enjoy our peals and pleasure more if all societies were to charge 2s. 6d. a rope for all peals rung. Half would go to 'The Ringing World' and the remainder to the society concerned to do as they think best. There would then be fewer shaggy ropes in the towers.—Yours, etc.—

Rotherham, Yorks.

G. E. LEE.

£10 LEVY ON GUILDS!

Dear Sir.—Quite a number of letters have been written about levies on peals. If 'The Ringing World' is in such troubled waters surely a request could be made by the Central Council to its affiliated Guilds and Associations, for an annual subscription of say £10, to be passed to 'The Ringing World' as a form of subsidy.

This would enable every ringer to help 'our paper' continue its long life.—Yours faithfully,

F. SLATFORD.

North Bradley, Wilts.

PUBLICATION OF PEALS

Dear Sir.—I am afraid the arguments put forward by Mr. David Heighton, in his letter in your issue of December 11th, do not appear to hold much water.

He proposes that the Central Council should pay for all peal publications. Where, I ask him, is the Central Council going to find this money? Probably from Guild affiliation fees, paid out of the personal Guild subscription made by everyone.

He also states that he rings peals for reasons other than seeing his name in print. Why then, does he send his peals up for publication? Is it just to provide the C.C. with facts and figures. I think not.

Most of us, if we are honest with ourselves, like to see our names in print occasionally. Why should the C.C., or anyone else for that matter, have to subsidise our pleasures. I suggest that those who stoutly insist that their pleasure is derived purely from the peal itself should not bother to submit their peals for publication, and so leave room for other articles of interest.

I shall continue to ring the occasional peal and see same in print, partly for the pleasure of seeing my own name, and also to cut out the peal report for my scrapbook. I will always be prepared to pay my share of any peal levy—a levy which I am sure none of us would be too mean to pay if it would help to solve the financial difficulties of the 'R.W.'

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Truro.

PEAL RINGERS AND DONATIONS

Dear Sir.—The views expressed by N. Robinson are timely, and there is no doubt that similar views are held by thousands of ringers. The feeble red herrings produced by Messrs. Corby and Heighton are mildly amusing.

Peal ringers have the venue, tools for their hobby, and free publication of the results of their hobby, provided as the old saying goes—'free, gratis and for nothing.' I enclose donation to cover cost of inserting this letter.—Yours faithfully,

WM. C. BOUGHTON.

Clent, Worcs.

'AMBRIDGE BELFRY'

Dear Sir.—The identity of 'Ambridge' belfry is St. Mary's Church, Hanbury, Worcestershire. Also the tower in the 'Borchester Echo.' The back six were recorded by the B.B.C., and are periodically broadcast in the Archer programme.

Your readers may be interested to know that the farmhouse pictures are of a farm in this parish, also the drawings of the Ice House and Dove Cote are actual buildings in Hanbury.—Yours sincerely,

BETTY BIRCH (Mrs.).

Captain, Hanbury Bellringers.

NOTE.—We thank other correspondents who have also supplied this information, particularly Peter J. Brown (15), of Norton.—Ed.

ANOTHER FOR THE LADIES' GUILD

Dear Sir.—With reference to the 'Summary Analysis of Peals rung during 1958,' published on December 11th, may I just point out that a peal of Minor was rung by the Ladies' Guild on May 9th, 1958, at Ash, Surrey. This peal does not seem to be included in the Ladies' Guild section. No doubt the convener will want to correct this point.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTINE HARBOTT (Mrs.).

Ashtead, Surrey.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Dear Sir.—The handbell peal rung at Gainsborough on October 30th, 1909, and recalled in a local paper recently, was not the first handbell peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, as a peal of Superlative was rung at Bolsover seven days previously. The Gainsborough peal however, still remains the first handbell peal rung in the county of Lincoln.—Yours sincerely,

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

MORE ABOUT SALVAGED BELLS

Dear Sir.—So friend Arthur Bigley thinks this business about salvaging small bells from scrap yards is a 'leg-pull'! I know there are people who think the same about Mr. Wagstaff's octave of bicycle bells.

Allow me space to say that had Mr. Bigley been at the Northampton Branch meeting at Kingsthorpe last Saturday, he would have seen some of these small bells demonstrated in scale to those present. These small bells, though given various titles by laymen, are generally known by the bell-founders as criers' bells.

Although sold singly, and probably cast as maiden bells, it is known that they are not all of one note as some people imagine. It is quite possible to get tones and semitones as with large church bells, and a keen collector can, in course of time, build up a scale of various kinds, sizes and keys to form a miniature carillon, or a smaller number for tune playing, as with handbells. Scrap merchants in the main are not concerned with that; to them, they are just scrap bell metal valued at 1s. 1d. per lb., £6 1s. 4d. per cwt.

Mr. Bigley may ask: 'Ah, but are they bell metal?' Those I have salvaged in several cases have, let in the crown, J.T. & Co., indicating they were made by John Taylor and Co., who I am yet to know made bells of anything other than of bell metal, which is 13 parts copper and 4 parts tin. Others have raised letters T.M. on the crown, indicating they are old bells of Thomas Mears. Others have raised letters A.B., showing they were probably the work of Alfred Bowell. One I have has just (B) let in the crown—maybe Barwells? Yes, Mr. Bigley, all these (with the exception of two) found their way to a scrap yard—23 in all, for the sum of 39s. 6d.

If Mr. Bigley cares to dispute it, I will willingly take him to the source of supply, on the understanding that if he is proved wrong he will give £5 to the Blind or some such worthy cause, and I the same if proved wrong by Mr. Bigley—will he accept?

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

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LETTERS—Continued**HORNCHURCH'S THANKS**

Dear Sir.—I should like very much to thank publicly through the columns of 'The Ringing World' all those towers and individuals who have so willingly made their bells available to us at Hornchurch through 1959.

It is now eighteen months since we rang our own bells and to keep a band together over that period requires a high sense of loyalty and devotion and this has been helped considerably by the many people who have let us have their bells for our Sunday excursions.

News of our own tower is not good and the work is likely to be protracted. One often reads of the workman at the bench 'going slow' but if anybody can go slower than a diocesan architect I should like to meet him!

So with at least another twelve months of a nomadic existence ahead may I, on behalf of us all at Hornchurch, say thank you once again to everybody, old friends and the new friends we have made in 1959.—Yours faithfully,

F. V. GANT.

Hornchurch, Essex.

'AFTER THOUGHTS ON PEALS'

(See page 726)

There was quite a lot more to it in between 'That is all—Stand'; there was the calling and the caller, who's going to call it and what is it to be, Stedman or Grandsire?

One of the older ringers said 'We fluffed my Stedman last year. I would rather someone else call it.' One of the younger ones said 'I don't think I am sure enough for Stedman.' Grandsire was thus decided.

The day arrived. Transport was laid on to pick up at 1.30 p.m.: when the car arrived—believe it or not—one had 'just run out for a shave.' Fortunately the other car went to the station to meet in the 1.36 which arrived without the ringer; his train was half-an-hour late and he had missed his connection:—and it was a lovely day, no fog—just 'Our British Railways,' and a railwaymen's peal. However they did broadcast over the loud-speaker system that the train was late and Mr. Pitman was on it—but that was in between going down on to the station twice. It was now past 2.15 and we must start not later than 2.30 as tea was laid on for 5.30, and we had 20 minutes ride.

So off we set for Nantwich with one short. At Willaston, we called to see if our reserve was available.—after writing to him only the night before, and he had been standing by for three weeks. Fortunately he was in bed after working nights, and more fortunate, he had had his dinner and intended coming in to hear the peal. Frank was in Nantwich—on his bike—ten minutes after our car, stood in for his 'first' of Grandsire Triples, and rang very well. Well done Frank! and thank you!!

At 6.5 p.m. we assembled for a lovely tea of lamb chops. Alas, one had to get back to Crewe to catch the 6.30 for Leeds and his wife had left a note on the tower keyhole that she would be there! Our host and hostess very kindly packed up two complete teas—less the trifle—and he left at 6.15 and caught his train—(thanks to his driver)—with one minute to spare.

One of our school mottoes—60 years ago—was 'Punctuality is the Politeness of Princes.' That is all, fall them.

There are several Morals
It was worth every bit.

Crewe.

FRANK STENSON.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on December 12th, to the memory of the late Bishop of Grimsby, was Mr. G. H. Randles' 100th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and his 100th peal with Mr. Jack L. Millhouse.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**North Dorset Branch**

The annual meeting took place at Blandford on December 5th, with 26 members from 14 towers present. After the service, at which the Rev. R. A. Wells, vice-chairman of the Branch, gave the address, a substantial tea was provided at Hick's restaurant.

The Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Branch, the Rev. R. A. Wells vice-chairman, and the other officers as before, namely, hon. sec., the Rev. R. N. Longridge; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. Shute, B. Ridout and A. E. Woods; committee members, Mrs. D. M. Wright and Mr. J. Ralph.

The sum of £5 was voted to Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service as a contribution to the World Refugee Year, and it was agreed to make an annual contribution to 'The Ringing World' of £1 ls.

Five new members were elected, making the total Branch membership 202, including life and honorary members.

Meetings in 1960 would be at Shillingstone, Lillington, Maiden Bradley and Gillingham, other things being equal, and it was hoped that more ringers might be encouraged to come to these quarterly meetings, which would be on the first Saturday of March, June, September and December respectively.

Ringing was later resumed at Blandford, Shillingstone and Shroton. R. N. L.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The visit of the Barnsley and District Society to Conisbrough, near Doncaster, took place on December 12th when 11 towers were represented. The Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Braithwaite) gave the society a hearty welcome and told the story about Wortley bells having been left up on one occasion. It rained hard that night and water came through the roof into one of the bells. An unexpected drenching was experienced by the ringer when he pulled off the bell!

The business transacted included the election of the Vicar and Messrs. Dennis and Barry Holland, of Sheffield, as honorary members and the renomination of the present officers for election at the annual meeting at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 9th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Douglas Stables, who mentioned the excellent tea provided.

SOUTH WALES NOMADS

Although bad weather prevailed, 20 ringers attended a practice meeting at Llanblethian, Glam., on December 5th. The bells went very well considering that they had only been rung about twice in the last 14 years, and then by a band from Cowbridge. Mr. Robin Lee and some helpers kindly cleaned out the ringing chamber. (Thanks, Robin; and the best of ringing when you arrive at Chester.) Thanks are also due to Mr. J. James, of Newport, for loaning some ropes, without which the bells could not have been rung.

Publication Of Miscellaneous Performances

At the Christchurch Branch meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Bournemouth on December 5th, discussion took place on the publication of 5,040 Plain Bob Caters rung on nine bells at Basingstoke being published under the heading of a miscellaneous performance. A suggestion was made that the Editor should be requested to refrain from publishing performances not recognised by the Central Council. Mr. Charles Kippin disagreed with this. No resolution was put to the meeting and it was agreed to discuss it at the annual meeting in February.

CLERGY SCHOOL GIVEN INSIGHT INTO RINGING

(Continued from page 774)

Some theological colleges have the advantage of being in or near a University. Ringing is flourishing in the Universities as it has never flourished before. Cambridge University Guild dates from 1882 and Oxford University Society from about the same date. But in recent years it has spread much more widely, and it appears that of the 22 Universities in England today (I haven't verified this figure), 14 have their University Ringing Guild. And these do not consist of a few cranks. Bristol University Society mustered 91 including guests at their annual dinner on January 24th, and the combined Universities Association mustered 80 at a similar function recently. Most of these University Guilds have an annual ringing week, as do various other groups of ringers in some part of the country.

Perhaps this had better lead me to my peroration. What is the peculiar fascination of ringing, apart from the supreme fact that it is a part of the sacrificial offering of worship? Many of the arts and activities of man seem to exist for their own sake—football, cricket, chess, some kinds of architecture, painting, music—I would venture to put these in the second grade of human culture. Does not art at its best exist not for itself but for something higher? When Ictinus designed the Parthenon he was not just glorifying himself or glorifying the Doric style; he was glorifying Athens and all she stood for. Even Margarita Laski in a recent Brains Trust had to admit that the finest choral music can only be what it is by having religious words. And the grandest thing about ringing would seem to be that it exists not for itself, but for something higher. In ringing you find yourself fulfilling the ambitions of the artists, the bell founders, the engineers over six centuries. They cast their bells not for their own sake but that they might be rung. You can identify yourself with England's history and art at its highest. In the glorious deep thunder of St. Paul's bells you express the spirit of the Commonwealth's greatest city, at York Minster you express in sound something of what the stained glass artists expressed in light, at Christ Church and Magdalen, Oxford, you express something of the spirit of what Oxford has meant for so many centuries. Above all, you proclaim the Christian Gospel, in tones simple enough for the simplest and grand enough for the grandest, you preach a sermon wordless and for that reason simple as the lilies of the field. You help to keep alive the romantic side of religion, that side of it which by its very vagueness and incompleteness speaks of visions and hopes above and beyond the everyday mind. You find yourself, in fact, offering your gifts of body and mind a living sacrifice, your reasonable service.

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THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, HARPENDEN

ITS BELLS AND RINGERS

Robert Oldfield, who has some claim to be a Hertfordshire founder and had a business in Hertford, cast the two remaining bells—the second and fifth. These bells, dated 1612 and 1613, bear the inscription most favoured by Oldfield: 'Prayse the Lord.' These two bells are the sole survivors of the old ring which was rehung and augmented. This work was carried out when major structural alterations were in hand to the church in 1898.

THE RESTORATION

A report in the parish magazine of October that year showed that 'the bells were in a hopelessly bad condition, and out of tune both in themselves and with each other.' It was decided to restore the bells and add a new treble to make a ring of six.

The inscription on the new treble was: 'Laus Deo, 1898. S. R. A. Buller, Rector.' The recast bells had 'Recast John Warner and Sons Ltd., London' added to their original inscription. The two Oldfield bells were quarter-turned and replaced in a new iron frame which had been made to hold eight bells.

The restoration work was completed in January, 1899, the 'enlargement of the church providing over 100 additional sittings,' and the bells were dedicated by the Bishop. Later this year the possibility of adding two more bells was under discussion, but was temporarily laid aside because of the expense.

A committee had been appointed by the Coronation Celebration Committee to carry out a permanent memorial of the Coronation. When sufficient funds had been collected the order was placed with Messrs. J. Warner for two new bells. These bells, the report in the parish magazine continues, were to be considered 'undenominational,' being the gift of the parish as a whole. The inscriptions on these bells read as follows: 'Treble.—'To make mind-

ful of the Sacring of Edward our King. Given by the Parishioners. S. R. A. Buller, Rector, 1902.' Second.—'To tell of the crowning of Queen Alexandra, 1902. Given by the Parishioners. S. R. A. Buller, Rector.' The work was completed by Easter, 1903, when 'a joyful peal of the full octave of bells at 6 a.m. heralded in a bright Easter Day.'

RULES AND FINES

In 1883 the ringers of Harpenden were ringing five bells with great regularity three times each Sunday. A register of attendances was kept, and a ringer late or absent was fined. Rules, which were signed by the ringers, included one forbidding 'alc. beer or strong liquor of any kind being brought into the church or churchyard.'

When a fine had to be paid the offender must have felt the loss, for the wages of the working man in this area at that time would seldom exceed 15s. per week. Any extra money that came by way of ringing for a wedding was very welcome. In 1884, £1 10s. was paid to the ringers for a 'Wedding Peal' according to the hours put in, these ranging from one hour to five hours.

One Sunday morning in 1888 three ringers were absent; they, it is recorded, 'walked to London.' Note, too, is made when a ringer overslept! One ringer was responsible for the ringing of one bell or two shared. From time to time the sharing was changed, and one man took over the much-to-be-desired position of 'one man, one bell.' No fine was incurred if a substitute was found in time of absence.

Early in the century names appeared in the books that are still with us today: Mr. G. Newson, the first local ringer to ring a peal, and father of Mr. R. Newson; also Herbert and Ralph Coburn, uncle and father of Mr. L. Coburn respectively.

THE FIRST PEAL

The first peal on the bells was rung in 1904 by the College Youths and the Hertford County Association; the second in 1906, with two local ringers taking part—Ben Jarman and David Deller. The local band, encouraged by these peals, agreed at their annual meeting to 'persevere and get on with change-ringing as much as possible.'

(To be continued)



THE oldest bell in Hertfordshire is possibly the third at Little Hadham: its founder is unknown, but it is thought to date from the early 15th century.

In 1552 the 'pyshe Churche or Chappell of Harpden' possessed: 'Imprimis iij Belles and a Saunce Bell in the steeple.' (That is, three bells and a Sanctus bell.)

This is from the inventory made in the reign of King Edward VI. Of these three bells, one must have been the fourth of the ring of five which were partially recast in 1899. The founder of this bell is doubtful, and may have been either John Danyell or John Walgrave. John Danyell was the 'servant' (employee) of John Walgrave, and took over his stamps and letters. The date of this bell was 1420–50, and the inscription reads: 'Intonat De Celis Vox Campana Michaelis.' (A voice peals from Heaven—the bell of Michael.)

In *Church Bells of Hertfordshire*, by Thomas North (1886), the following appears:—

'Harpenden.—There is a traditionary belief current in the parish that the church had originally one bell only, and some old people say the fourth bell was "stolen" from the adjoining parish of Redbourne.'

There are many churches that have a story of this kind, where either the tower was moved by the 'devil or faeries,' or where a bell or bells have been mysteriously lost, stolen or strayed.

AN ITINERANT FOUNDER

An itinerant founder was responsible for the treble and third of the old five. This was John Grene, whose place of abode has not yet been found. These bells bore these inscriptions:—

Treble.—'Johanes grene me fecit anno dni 1574.' (John Grene made me in the year of our Lord 1574.)

Third.—'In multis annis Resonat Campana Johannis 1571.' (May the bell of John [St. John?] sound for many years.) This is a pre-Reformation inscription and may have been copied from its predecessor.

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OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN

In the passing of Arthur C. Chaplin, at the age of 73, the Essex Association have lost a life member, and Dagenham Parish Church a loyal and devoted ringer.

His death was quite unexpected, for on the Sunday before he passed away he rang a quarter peal on the bells which he had loved for sixty years.

'Tich,' as he was known to all his friends, began to ring at Dagenham when he was 13, his father then being steeplekeeper. For the past 23 years 'Tich' had held this position, following in his father's footsteps.

The funeral took place at the parish church on December 1st, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. C. Paterson). Among those present were Mr. L. S. Woods and Mr. B. Samuals of the local band, Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary and treasurer Essex Association), Mr. J. Crampion (Master S.W. Division, Essex Association), Mr. E. G. Bailey and Mr. J. Carrot. On the following Wednesday, December 2nd, as a token of respect, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled by the following band: F. V. Gant 1, G. Richardson 2, J. Carrot 3, E. W. Furbank 4, E. D. Smith 5, C. Willmington 6, L. S. Woods (cond.) 7, E. G. Bailey 8.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

L. S. W.

AN APPRECIATION

In the passing of Mr. Arthur C. Chaplin, of Dagenham, another link with the past has been severed—one who maintained his interest, skill, keenness and youthfulness of outlook till the end.

It is a very sobering experience to ring a quarter peal for service with a person, and then in precisely another week to be ringing a similar muffled quarter for that person: such was the passing of Tich, sudden and unsuffering, the end that he would have wished.

He loved his bells, and through the years had managed to keep them going, Sunday by Sunday, with a seemingly never-ending supply of youngsters. Dagenham has always had, in recent years, a youthful band, a happy band, and the atmosphere and happiness of the tower was due to those same characteristics found in its tower keeper.

Of his own qualities as a ringer there can be no doubt, for his peal book shows some fine performances with the famous Pye hands.

Personally I shall always remember Tich for his humour, his merry, twinkling eyes, and the hours after practice at 'the bottom of the hill' at Hornchurch or 'across the road at Dagenham, where the time would pass all too quickly with his wealth of anecdotes of the giants of the past.

As he lies beneath the tower in the churchyard, the 'Old Fred' of his stories is going to become the 'Old Tich' of mine, for Tich was indeed a character.

F. V. G.

MR. ERNEST JELLEY APPRECIATIONS

It is with a very full heart that I write on behalf of the ringers of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, this appreciation of Ernest Jelley's association with our band over the last seven years. Through his passing, we have lost one of our most loyal and faithful friends.

He and his son John, first became interested in this tower when ringing here was at its lowest ebb. Scarcely were there enough to ring Doubles. One of his greatest desires was that St. John's should possess a first-class band, and to this end he spared no efforts. Seldom was he absent on practice nights.

Although a keen peal ringer, he was always ready to lend a hand on behalf of learners, and could always be relied upon to make up a band for any special ring, for service or otherwise. I once told him that I contemplated discontinuing practice owing to lack of support; but he said, 'No! persevere, you'll win,' and set to work getting others to come along. The present healthy state of the band is largely due to his untiring efforts. (we won the Leicester District Striking Competition this year).

Some time ago after practice when some of the learners had been neglected, he said to me, 'If you neglect them, I shall not come.' He was always ready to place his means of transport at the disposal of his fellow ringers, by which means many happy hours have been enjoyed. Nothing gave him greater joy than to take part in a peal in which were included one or more firsts. His passing has dealt a severe blow to us at St. John's, but we thank God for his service and friendship.

This was the true Christian Spirit in action.

S. H.

My first connection with Ernest Jelley was in 1922 (he had been a ringer at South Wigston long before this) when we rang quite a number of peals in most of the standard methods of which I had the privilege of conducting, including 9,120 (extent) of Ilkston Treble Bob Major and 10,912 Kent Treble Bob Major.

Shortly after this his work as a long-distance Red Bus driver precluded him from peals, but not from service ringing or practices whenever his duties allowed. Of late years, however, he was again able to join in regular peal attempts and took part in a number of Surprise methods—many rung for the first time. Altogether he had rung about 350 peals for the old M.C.A., and later for the Leicester Diocesan Guild and for other societies. He was one of the eight 'Ernests' who rang a Major peal in 1926, and a few months ago rang in the Royal peal by ten of the same name.

Our sympathy goes out to the widow and family and especially to John, his son, in this their sudden great loss.

ERNEST MORRIS.

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGES' GUILD OF BELL RINGERS

This Guild was formed on October 28th, 1959, with a view to bringing together all the ringers in training colleges within the London area. Membership to date is 30 with a number of learners, all being drawn from six colleges.

The inaugural meeting was held at Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, and was attended by 22 ringers. The aim of the Guild was set out as 'the promotion and advancement of change-ringing within the London Training Colleges.' The president of the Guild is the Rev. Canon Fenton Morley, chaplain of St. Gabriel's College. The Ringing Master is Mr. Julian Duggan, of the College of St. Mark and St. John, Kings Road, Chelsea, S.W.10. The secretary is Mr. Roger N. Clarke of the same College, and the treasurer Miss Janet Miles, of Whitelands College.

Practices are held on Wednesdays at West Hill for the present between 6.45 p.m. and 8 p.m. during term time. Sunday service ringing takes place every week. Mattins 10.20 until 11 a.m., and for evensong 5.50 until 6.30 p.m.

The secretary would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in the Guild. It is hoped to hold the first general meeting next term at Barnes and Mortlake on Saturday, February 6th.

R. N. C.

THE STORY OF THE BELLS

Hark! the bells to heaven are ringing.
Choirs of angels, echo singing,
Christ the King is born today.
Greet this holy Christmas Day.

As the year now grows old
And midnight strikes, a tenor tolis.
Now bells ring o'er a market square
To wish a peaceful bright New Year.

Silent now: the bells are still.
A cross stands high upon a hill.
Born to die, that we might live.
King of Kings, our sins forgive.

Thrush and blackbird, flowers of Spring
Greet the heavenly risen King.
Easter bells ring far and wide
O'er a waking countryside.

Now the great Ascensiontide.
Then pealing for the blushing bride.
At Whitsuntide we join the host
Praising God: the Holy Ghost.

Ringers, ring your bells of old.
Unfold the Christian story.
To God the Father, God the Son
And Holy Ghost be glory.

D. L. MOORE.

BEN BIRKITT OF ARKSEY

On Sunday, December 6th, at All Saints' Church, Arksey, the bells were rung to honour the 80th birthday of Ben Birkitt. A quarter peal was attempted but went astray somewhere. Touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent and Oxford T.B. Major.

Among those taking part were E. Stacey, H. Wagstaff and A. Staveley (Doncaster), J. Thorley (Thorne), E. Short (Spotborough), R. Stephenson (Barnby Don), E. Cooper, B. Birkitt and Mrs. I. Somerville (Arksey). We were disappointed in failing to get the quarter peal, but old Ben will stand in a full peal on his 100th birthday—we promise that.

Ben came to Arksey from Adwick-le-Street just before the war but he learnt his ringing at Silk Willoughby in Lincolnshire. He has been, up to now, a model of what a ringer should be, never absent and never late. Although we are passing through a lean time here at Arksey, he is still on the job as regularly and faithfully as ever, and we should often have done badly without him.

FIRE IN SOMERSET TOWER

On Sunday, December 13th, fire damaged one bell-pit, wheel and rope in the high 15th century tower at Westonzoiland, a landmark for miles on the flat Somerset plain.

Children leaving a special service spotted smoke coming from the tower and gave the alarm. The organ beneath the tower was hastily covered to prevent damage by water, and the outbreak was under control in an hour. The cause has not yet been determined.

The tower contains six bells (tenor 20 cwt. approx.) and the church itself a fine carved oak roof.

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5477

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. D. Brunning, 120, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent, by Jan. 7th. Business important. All welcome. — J. Cotton. 5476

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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Please note the following changes for the session 1959/60. Chairman and Master, Bruce Grainger; secretary, J. G. Underwood.—The Department of Chemistry, The University, University Park, Nottingham. 5465

MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Clement Dances', Strand, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Business 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 5441

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. General meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, Huddersfield Parish. Bells available from 3 to 5.30 p.m. only. All ringers welcome to make best use of limited ringing time. 5467

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 3.15 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th.—B. P. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 5418

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Ringing from 2.30 in the afternoon. Tea at 5. followed by social evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 5459

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Maldon All Saints', Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5385

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting at Upper Cam (8). Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 31st to Brian Cooper, 14, Coombe Road, Wotton. 5444

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent District).—Joint meeting, Sevenoaks, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please note this will be the annual District meeting. Names for tea to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5377

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Burnley, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Tower open for ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price nominal). Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. N. Smith, 103, Ormerod Road, Burnley.—John Pilkington, Branch Sec. 5452

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, Loughborough Parish Church, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Fearon Hall. Evening ringing at Parish Church and Bell Foundry. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough.—C. W. Hall. 5432

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bearsted, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cantrill, 4, Royston Road, Bearsted, near Maidstone.—Pamela J. Osborne, Sec. 5431

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 2nd. St. Martin's bells available 4.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 o'clock.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 5478

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes (St. John's), 8). Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. James' (6) and St. Mary's (6) also available. Names for tea.—E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 5363

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sheffield, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. St. Marie's bells 3 to 5 p.m. Tea in Wosterholm Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield. 8. Cathedral bells after tea.—J. Seager, Sec. 5459

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. in the belfry. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5414

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Hull, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (10) 2 till 9 p.m. Service 3. Tea 4 p.m., in Manor Café, Market Place. Names by Wednesday, Dec. 30th, to Mr. F. G. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5404

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th. St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 6th to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire. 5471

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dartmouth, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing: St. Petrock's, 2 p.m.; Townstal, 3.45 p.m.; St. Saviour's, 7 p.m. Service, Townstal, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 5393

DEVON GUILD.—North East Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tiverton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 5401

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 9th, Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 12s., from E. Brunger, Lower Flat, Dunorlan, Tunbridge Wells. St. Peter's bells available 4 to 5.30 p.m.—C. A. Bassett. 5449

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting, Brighton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. St. Nicholas', 3 p.m. St. Peter's after tea. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mrs. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. Ladies, please attend to help appoint new secretary. Gentlemen cordially invited.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 5468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 5th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 5462

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Kendal, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. E. Braithwaite, 7, Drovers Way, Burton, via Carnforth. 5411

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th. St. George's (6), Colegate, Norwich. bells from 2.30 p.m. St. Peter Mancroft after the meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous to C. Bird, 27, Warwick Street, Norwich. NOR 48F. 5456

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual general meeting at Burton Latimer, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, 5th, to Mr. B. Mutlow, Station House, Burton Latimer. No names, no tea. As usual, free to members. 5472

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North Western District.—Practice meeting, Elvedon (8), Saturday, Jan. 9th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5473

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Dinner Day, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing: Stoke Bishop, 9.15 to 10.15; Christ Church, 10.45 to 11.45; St. Philip's, 12 to 1; Cathedral, 2.15 to 3.15; St. Mary Redcliffe, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Michael's, 5 to 6. Service 6 p.m. Dinner 7 for 7.15 p.m., Senior Common Room, University Refectory. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from Jane Cook, 4, Cotham Lawn Road, Bristol. 6.

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